

Circumpolar Health
Bibliographic Database



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The Arctic Institute of North America

- Created by an Act of Parliament in 1945
- U of Calgary research institute; Membership organization
- Research Associates
- *Arctic* journal; *Northern Lights* series of books
- ASTIS; Library; Photo Collection; Art Collection
- Kluane Lake Research Station, Yukon
- Scholarships; Student Grants; Issuma Student Society

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Arctic Science and Technology Information System (ASTIS)

- Database containing 61,500 records
- Records describe publications and research projects
- Funded by contract work and donations; Available for free
- Covers all subjects; Emphasis on Northern Canada
- Many subset databases: Nunavut, Nunavik, ISR, NCP, etc.
- Contributes to *Arctic & Antarctic Regions* with 1.1M records
- Canadian component of the IPY Publications Database



Circumpolar Health Bibliographic Database

- Describes publications about all aspects of human health in the circumpolar regions
- Includes peer-reviewed and grey literature
- Records contain citations, abstracts, subject and geographic indexing terms, library codes and links to full text
- 3000 records total, of which 640 link to full text
- Has Simple Search and Advanced Search pages

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- Database is currently far from comprehensive
- We started with ASTIS's existing coverage, which was primarily about northern Canada
- We are using the INCHR website to identify high-priority publications. Have completed the Documentation Centre "Journal Articles" and "Reports and Monographs" sections and are currently working on "Researcher's Profiles"
- With the funding that is available we can add about 300 publications per year
- What should our priorities be? "Top Forty" lists?



- Have space on the Arctic Institute's publications server to store full text PDF files
- Require permission from copyright holders, which we can probably get for most grey literature but not for journal papers
- Have experimentally put 17 publications on the server from Canadian territorial government departments that have members on the CIHR Team
- What should our priorities be for obtaining PDF files for the server?



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- Please see me for additional search demonstrations
- Please suggest improvements to the website
- Please report publications
- Please submit PDF files of publications that can be put on our server
- The “Contact Us” page of the website contains details about how to report and submit publications

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