

Summary
International Polar Year
Arctic human health Initiative
International Advisory Committee Meeting
October 25, 2005.

National Public Health Institute
945 Ave Wolfe
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Room C5-18/C5-24

Agenda

9:00-Welcome & Introductions (Alan Parkinson/Neil Murphy)

9:15

- Update on IPY Proposal submission process
- Discussion on Proposal Submission
 - Planned activities
 - Planned deliverables

10:30-10:50 Coffee

- Participation by other (non Arctic) nations
- Structure and management
- Anticipated infrastructure legacy post IPY

12:00-1:30 Lunch*

- Participation by indigenous groups
- Linkages with other human health cores
- Data management planning
- Outreach & communication, website location

3:30-3:50 Coffee

- Funding options
- Discussion/organization of planned AHHI/ICCH13 activities

4:30 Adjourn

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Purpose of meeting: to further develop the concept, management and organization of the IPY AHHI, review the full proposal submitted to the IPY Joint Committee September 30, 2005, and plan specific activities for upcoming ICCH to be held in Novosibirsk June 12-16, 2006.

Review of the AHHI Proposal:

2.0 Summary of proposed activities. It was suggested that the human health Impact of oil and gas development should be added as a new focus area. In addition there should be an emphasis on community involvement, identification of research priorities, research planning, translation into health policy, and implementation of prevention and control activities. Under health communication education and outreach, it was noted that the Northern Forum was planning youth health sessions at the ICCH in Novosibirsk and during 2007.

2.1 Inter-disciplinarily nature of project:

Discussed. No additions or changes

2.2 What is the significant advances/developments/deliverables of AHHI?

In addition to proceedings published for the 13th and 14th ICCH, meetings it was suggested that a more comprehensive report (volumes) be published to provide a full report of IPY 2007-2008 AHHI activities and results. This could be an Arctic Council initiative/publication. Separate funding should be sought for this.

2.7 Contact with local indigenous groups

The need to encourage local community participation was again emphasized. In addition the need to circulate guidance documents on how to conduct research in indigenous communities was discussed. Guidance documents are available. (Carl Hild to provide these references so that they can be references in the next draft)

3.2 Management and coordination. The role of the IUCH working groups in the planning of IPY activities was discussed, and suggested that the working group chairs be notified about proposed IPY activities and working group roles. The role of indigenous peoples in working group activities was also discussed, and the need to find funding for representatives to attend meetings. This cost should be built into AHHI funding requests if possible.

3.3 Legacy of infrastructure

Discussed. No additions or changes

3.4 Involvement of non Arctic Nations

Discussed. No additions or changes

3.5 Linkage with other IPY core activities

AHHI should explore linkages with the Canadian Core proposal Resiliency Diversity and response to change. Alan will follow- up with principal authors, Canadian IPY Secretariat and contacts at Health Canada.

3.6 How will data be managed?

This is a large topic, complicated by the need to maintain confidentiality of data for studies using human subjects.

3.8 Development of next generation of scientists

Discussed No additions or changes

3.9 Education Outreach & Communication

Need to engage the Northern Forum on this topic.

3.10 Funding:

Canada allocated 150M for IPY Climate Change/Health research activities. Announcements being prepared and should be available before the end of the year. Other funding agencies in Canada are available such as the Walter and Duncan Gordon

Foundation. In other countries there appears to be no new money of IYP and researchers are to use usual funding sources for IPY activities.

Discussion of AHHI website.

There is a need to establish an AHHI website for AHHI information, activities, project plans, and progress. It was suggested that the NLM funded Arctic Health website be the official AHHI website. This would need additional support. Carl and Kathy Murray will put together a budget for NLM to consider. Alan, Carl, Neil will discuss what is needed for the AHHI website and if this fits with the concept of using the Arctic Health web site for AHHI. Alternatives include the use of the IUCH Website or a separate stand alone AHHI website.

13th ICCH Planning.

The 13th ICCH is planned to be the Human health “Gateway” meeting for IPY. It is planned to have Keynote speakers, present on day 1, days 2-4 separate sessions on IPY planned research activities, community/consumer and policy maker sessions. Day 4 will consist of a wrap-up combined sessions summarized by chairs of the three sessions. Topics of specific research sessions (ie infectious diseases, behavioral health, injuries, contaminants, surveys) will depend on abstracts submitted. More discussion needed.