

Joint NCP / AMAP Symposium on

Human Health and Arctic Environmental Contaminants

When: June 10-12, 2009

Where: Frobisher Inn, Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada

Who: Health professionals, Indigenous people, Scientists, Policy-makers, Young scientists

Symposium themes:

- Local Indigenous Perspectives on Contaminants and Health
- Human Exposure to Environmental Contaminants
- Arctic Health Effects Studies
- Risk Benefit Assessment, Characterization, and Communication

The purpose of this Symposium is to present, communicate and discuss the results of assessments of the human health effects of environmental contaminants conducted under the **Canadian Northern Contaminants Programme** and the international **Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme** during the past 6 years.

The symposium aims to bring together **scientists, health professionals** and **policy-makers**, and in particular, **indigenous and local people** from around the Arctic who are interested in health implications of exposure to **environmental contaminants** such as mercury and persistent organic pollutants. The symposium will also include a discussion of the **communication of risks** associated with these issues. Young scientists are welcome to participate.

The Symposium will be based around a number of keynote presentations by invited speakers. Participants are invited to submit abstracts for poster presentations (see deadline below) and will be given the opportunity for short oral plenary presentations of these.

The symposium language is English.

Iqaluit, the capital and largest community of Nunavut - Canada's newest northern territory - is located on the south coast of Baffin Island. It is easily accessible by regular daily flights from Ottawa, Montreal and Yellowknife.

Deadline:

1 May for submission of abstracts for poster presentations. Abstracts (max 300 words) should be sent to the symposium contact address (see right)

To (provisionally) register your interest in attending the Symposium ...

To submit a poster abstract ...

For further information ...

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Further information, including the provisional programme, and information on accommodations, etc. , will be sent to those who make a preliminary registration, and posted on the symposium web site at:

www.amap.no/Conferences/HHSymposium2009

