



Eighth International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS VIII)

22-26 May 2014

University of Northern British Columbia
Prince George, British Columbia, Canada

Fourth Announcement & First Call for Papers and Posters

The International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA) is pleased to issue the **fourth announcement** for the 8th International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS VIII) to be held at the [University of Northern British Columbia](#), in Prince George, British Columbia, from 22-26 May 2014. This is also our first call for papers and posters.

ICASS is held every three years, bringing together people from all over the world to share ideas about social science research in the Arctic. ICASS VII, held in Akureyri in June 2011, attracted 450 participants from 30 different countries.

ICASS VIII's theme is **Northern Sustainabilities**. By using the plural, we underscore both that 'sustainability' has social, cultural, economic, political and environmental dimensions, and that definitions of the concept vary. Yet, while debating specific definitions, most would agree that working toward sustainable ways of living in the North and on approaches to sustainable engagement with the North, are critical both to the North's and to the world's future. Community sustainability in the North, whether for small settlements or large urban conglomerations, requires new models of food and energy security, and of access to employment, health care and social and cultural services for residents. The North is faced with demographic challenges to sustainability. Appropriate governance regimes for renewable and non-renewable resources underpin sustainable development. We will welcome sessions and papers on all facets of sustainability in the North. And, as always, we also welcome sessions and papers on all other subjects of relevance to our members.

Call for Papers & Posters

This is our first call for papers and also our first call for posters. Please submit all paper and/or poster proposals using the *ICASS VIII Abstract Submittal Form* (available as a pdf or Microsoft Word document on the [ICASS VIII website](#)).

Submissions should contain:

- * name and contact details of the author(s)
- * title of paper or poster
- * a 150 words (maximum) summary / abstract
- * if a paper, an indication of which session(s) the paper should ideally be presented in (up to 3, in order of preference); if the paper is already invited by a session leader, please also indicate this. To view a preliminary list of sessions and their descriptions, please visit the [ICASS VIII website](#).

Please note: that some sessions due to special funding situations and programs are invited papers only and are marked as closed (these sessions are generally open to participation, though). Session proposers have been asked to fill out various data about their session proposals, but this information has not all been gathered, so please be aware that changes will occur and extra information will be added to some of the sessions later.

- * Prospects for the funding of your participation in the Congress. We hope to be able to provide some travel funding to students, early career researchers, indigenous participants, and participants from Russia (and countries who have limited means to attend). To apply for travel funding, please complete the appropriate sections of the Abstract Submittal form. If you are a Student or Early Career Researcher, please also complete the [ICASS VIII Student / Early Career Researcher Travel Funding Application](#) (this link will take you to the APECS website). You will need to provide a rough budget of your estimated travel expenses. We anticipate announcing the travel awards in late February 2014.
- * A maximum of two paper proposals per person please, although you may submit as many posters as you wish.

The above information should be e-mailed to:

- * IASSA Secretary, Cher Mazo (mazo@unbc.ca).

The deadline for submitting paper and poster abstracts is 17 December 2013.

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- * It is still possible to propose and include further sessions. Please e-mail IASSA Secretary, Cher Mazo (mazo@unbc.ca) for more information.

We encourage participation of indigenous peoples, northern residents, decision-makers and politicians, as well as academics, so that ICASS VIII provides a rich environment in which to advance discussions on sustainabilities in the North and on other Northern matters.

Please follow developments regarding ICASS VIII at our conference website:
<http://resweb.res.unbc.ca/icass2014/index.htm>

The University of the Arctic's Council Meetings (20-22 May) will directly precede ICASS VIII, at UNBC.

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