

Information

The 2nd Arctic Ungulate Conference (2nd AUC)

Preliminary information

The 2nd Arctic Ungulate Conference will be held in Alaska in 1995.

Like the First Arctic Ungulate Conference, held in Greenland in 1991, the 2nd AUC represents a merger between the International Reindeer/Caribou Symposium and the International Muskox Symposium.

The Conference organizers expect that the 2nd AUC will be held in late summer or autumn 1995 in Fairbanks, Alaska. Further information will be published in *Rangifer* later.

Grants from Nordic Council for Reindeer Research

Deadline for applications for grants is 28 January, 1994.

Applications to be sent to the NOR Secretariat, P. O. Box 378, N-9401 Harstad, Norway.

Seventh Nordic Workshop on Reindeer Research, Tromsø, Norway, 22-23 September 1993

The meeting was hosted jointly by the Department of Arctic Biology, University of Tromsø and the Centre of Veterinary Medicine in Tromsø.

The theme of the meeting was «Reindeer - Pastures and Environment in the Barents Euro Arctic Region (BEAR).»

Approximately 60 persons attended.

Program:

1. Opening session.

Session leader: Professor *Hans Kolbein Dable*.

The Workshop was welcomed by the Chief Administrative Officer of Troms Fylke, *Arne Heløe* and the Chairman of Nordic Council of Reindeer Research (NOR), *Öje Danell*.

Speeches:

Åge Grutle, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Foreign political viewpoints on reindeer husbandry and environment in BEAR.

Øystein Størkersen, Norwegian Directorate for Nature Management (NINA):

Biological diversity and environmental protection in BEAR.

Odd Erling Smuk, Chairman, Saami Reindeer Herders Association of Norway (NRL):

Perspectives and problems for reindeer husbandry in BEAR.

2. Panel discussion dealing with the main theme.

Session leader: Ass. professor *Svein Disch Mathiesen*

Panel:

Øystein Størkersen, NINA

Odd Erling Smuk, NRL

Hans Tømmervik, Russian - Norwegian Environmental Commission

Eldar Gaare, NINA

Bror Saitton, Swedish Saami Association

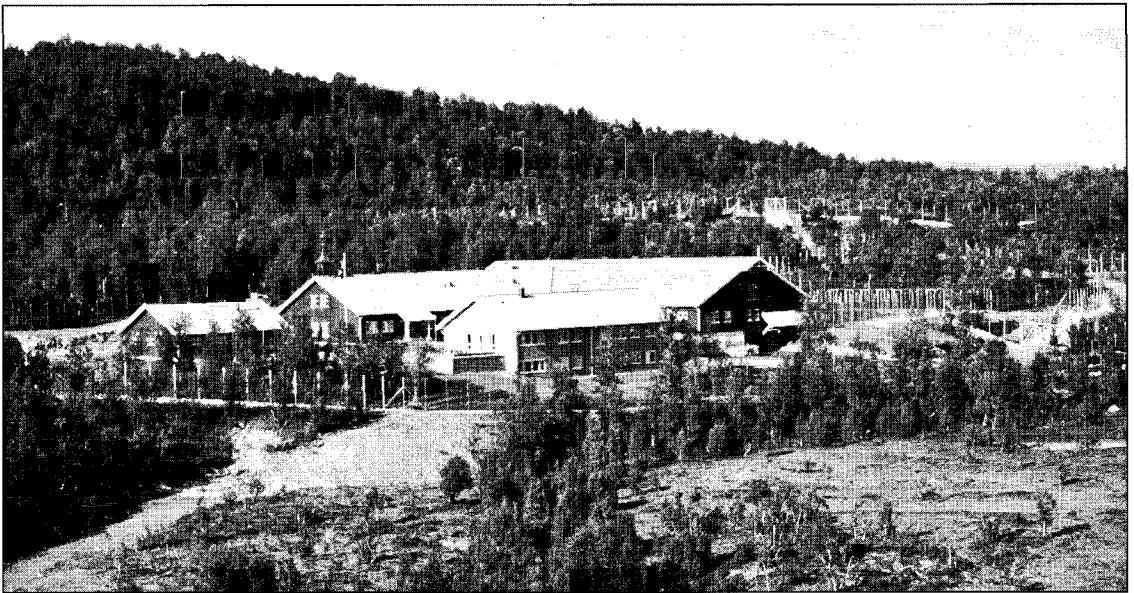
Timo Helle, The Research Institute of Northern Finland

Nikita Vronskii, The Scientific Academy of Russia

3. Presentation of the Centre of Veterinary Medicine in Tromsø and the new facilities of the Department of Arctic Biology, University of Tromsø.

4. Poster session.

Department of Arctic Biology - new facilities



The Department of Arctic Biology in the University of Tromsø is devoted to the study of polar birds and mammals and, in particular, to research in physiological adaptation to life at high latitudes in these species. The principal aim of the work carried out at the Department is to determine animals' basic requirements for growth and reproduction and to explore the homeostatic mechanisms which enable them to survive the apparent rigours of life at high latitudes, including long periods of potential undernutrition and intense cold. Such knowledge is fundamental for predicting how animals will respond to changes in their environment, be those changes of anthropogenic or of natural origin. Information is collected through experimental studies conducted under controlled conditions in the laboratory on a variety of species kept in captivity - including Arctic fox, muskoxen, reindeer, Svalbard ptarmigan and several species of seals - and on field studies on whales, seals and Svalbard reindeer.

New facilities for the Department of Arctic Biology were completed this spring and were officially opened by His Majesty King Harald V on the 5th of June 1993. These facilities, situated in woods only a short walk from the main University campus at Breivika, comprise 2 600 m² of offices, laboratories, workshops and temperature controlled animalrooms designed to hold any Arctic animal from a lemming