

The Fifth International Reindeer/Caribou Symposium: a success.

The Fifth International Reindeer/Caribou Symposium was held at Arvidsjaur in Sweden on August 18–22 1988. Approximately 170 delegates heard 25 papers, besides which 48 posters were displayed in a spacious «Poster Hall».

Well organized poster sessions were held, each guided by a session chairman, at which every author was required to present the actual poster and answer questions. Prizes were awarded for the best posters based on these criteria: clear, eye-catching format; clear and concise text; simple tables and graphs. The quality of the posters varied a lot. Unfortunately, the prizes were announced so late on the last symposium day, that there was little time to study and learn from the prize winning posters. The spacious display and well organized posters set a high standard, which we must try and copy at future symposiums. Minimizing the time used for oral presentations and concentrating instead on posters, gives delegates better time and opportunity to concentrate on their special fields, interests and problems in a relaxed atmosphere.

Next Symposium

Both Greenland and the USSR offered to host the next Reindeer/Caribou Symposium, the sixth one. The invitation from Greenland was made on behalf of the Government of Greenland. The delegation from the USSR, on the other hand, still has to get permission from their authorities before the invitation is valid. An *ad hoc* committee, appointed by the Symposium organizers, recommended that the USSR hosts the next symposium in 1991, if an official invitation is sent.

Proceedings.

Papers from the Fifth Symposium will be published as a Special Issue of the journal «Rangifer», as was the case from the Fourth Symposium. Deadline for delivery of papers to the Symposium Secretariat was set to September 30, 1988. Papers after that will be published in an ordinary issue of Rangifer. Editor of the Proceedings are: Claes Rehbinder and Olof Eriksson from the Symposium Executive Committee and Sven Skjenneberg as editor of Rangifer.



Panel debate: *Environmental threats within the Circumpolar Rangifer Region.*

From the left: B. Sveinbjornsson, Alaska; E. Gaare, Norway; interpreter; E. E. Syroechovski, USSR; O. Eriksson, Sweden; K. Jingfors, Canada.

Paneldebatt: *Trusler mot miljøet innenfor den sirkumpolare rein-region.* (Personene er nevnt fra v).



Symposium leader, Claes Reh binder at the Opening Ceremony.

Symposileder Claes Reh binder under åpningsseremonien.



Discussion group in Poster Hall.
From the left: R. G. White, Alaska; H. Staalnd, Norway; David and Susan Stevenson, Canada; E. Gaare, Norway.

Diskusjon i poster-salen.
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Conference of Arctic and Nordic countries on Coordination of research in the Arctic.

USSR, Leningrad, December 12–15, 1988.

The Academy of Sciences of the USSR together with other Soviet scientific organizations will hold the Conference of Arctic and Nordic countries on Coordination of Research in the Arctic from December 12 to 15, 1988 in Leningrad. The topics to be discussed at the Conference include the results of recent research in the Arctic and possible fields of cooperation in the study of this area of the Earth as well as measures for coordinating such cooperation. Representatives of research organizations, scientists and specialists from Canada, Denmark/Greenland, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, USA and USSR are invited to take part in the Conference.

The following plenary sessions and section meetings are planned to deal with the topics enumerated below:

1. Upper atmosphere and near space: variations in the Arctic ionosphere, the problem of ozone, magnetic processes and aurora.
2. Terrestrial and marine ecosystems of the Arctic, their development and changes; problem of the gene pool preservation.
3. Air-sea heat exchange and its role in the heat balance of the northern hemisphere; the Arctic climate and its changes.

4. Pollution of the atmosphere in the Arctic region; problems of nature conservation in the Polar region.
5. Geological structure and geological history of the Arctic, recent and ancient glaciations, their impact on climate and relief.
6. Socioeconomic and cultural problems of the indigenous peoples of the North; adaptation of man in the Arctic and Polar medicine.

The Working Group elaborating proposals for the establishment of an International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) will continue its meetings during the Conference.

In order to arrange the visit to the USSR, it is necessary to get in touch with the touristic agencies cooperating with the Intourist in respective countries and to buy an Intourist Tour. Rooms for the participants of the Conference are booked in Pribaltiyskaya Hotel, Leningrad. Besides the scientific sessions, an extensive entertainment programme will be organized for the participants.

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