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International Arctic research community gathering in Quebec City for global Arctic Change 2017 Conference

Québec City (Québec) December 8, 2017 – ArcticNet announces details of Canada’s [Arctic Change 2017](#) conference, to be held in Québec City from December 11 -15, 2017. Nearly 1,500 Arctic researchers, Inuit, First Nations and Northern community representatives, government and non-government organizations, students, and industry stakeholders from around the world will convene to discuss global challenges and opportunities arising from climate change and modernization in the circum-Arctic.

Arctic Change 2017 is presented by ArcticNet, a Canadian Network of Centres of Excellence (NCE) with the support of key sponsors The W. Garfield Weston Foundation and Institut nordique du Québec, and ArcticNet’s principal partners, Polar Knowledge Canada and the Northern Contaminants Program, both of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC).

During the Conference, several prestigious awards will be presented to honour excellence and leadership in northern science, including the 2017 Weston Family Prize for Lifetime Achievement in Northern Research, Polar Knowledge Canada’s Northern Science Award, the Inuit Recognition Award and the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists National and International Mentorship Awards. The Arctic Inspiration Prize will also announce finalists for their \$1 Million award with the winner to be announced January 2018.

QUOTES

- “The 2017 Arctic Change conference attracts dedicated scientists and their research partners to share results on environmental, health and socio-economic realities in a changing circumpolar region. Canada stands apart in Arctic research as a global leader in science excellence contributing to data-based public policy. This year in particular, as ArcticNet concludes its NCE-funded research program, we have seen tremendous interest from both the Canadian and the International research communities.”
- Leah Braithwaite, Executive Director - ArcticNet.
- “In the North, climate change and modernization increasingly impact entire ecosystems including their human component. Arctic communities, industries, governments, and the biodiversity supported by these ecosystems need evidence-based solutions. This is what the Arctic Change conference does. By bringing Canadian and international

scientists together with policy and decision-makers, we can offer the best available information to forge strategies and solutions.”

- Louis Fortier, Scientific Director - ArcticNet

QUICK FACTS

- Arctic Change is offered every 3 years as the international edition of the ArcticNet Annual Science Meeting. This year’s will be one of the largest trans-sectoral international Arctic research conferences ever held in Canada or globally.
- The conference will hear over 1,000 presentations across more than 70 thematic topical sessions including: Impacts of Arctic Shipping, Oil Spill Preparedness, Northern Education, Housing, Health and Food Security in the North, Impacts of Changing Glacier and Sea Ice, Arctic Marine Mammals and the Complexity of Climate Change, Northern Land Claims Co-Management Issues, Arctic Geopolitics and Security, Contaminants in a Changing Arctic, Arctic Marine Biodiversity and Discovery, Co-use of Northern Traditional and Scientific Knowledge, Arctic Council Reports on Adaptation Actions for a Changing Arctic, Arctic Disaster Risk Reduction and International Arctic Migratory Bird Conservation.
- ArcticNet is a [Network of Centres of Excellence of Canada](#) that brings together scientists and managers in the natural, human health and social sciences with their partners from Inuit organizations, northern communities, federal and provincial agencies and the private sector to study the impacts of climate change in the coastal Canadian Arctic. Over 145 ArcticNet researchers from 30 Canadian Universities, 8 federal and 11 provincial agencies and departments collaborate with research teams in Denmark, Finland, France, Greenland, Japan, Norway, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the USA.
- About ArcticNet: <http://www.arcticnet.ulaval.ca/aboutus/rationale.php>
- Media accreditation information for Arctic Change 2017: <http://www.arcticnetmeetings.ca/ac2017/pages/media.php>

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