

## **ARCTIC VIRTUAL FORUM**

A proposed outcome from the conference and report “A EURO-ATLANTIC ACTION PLAN FOR COOPERATION AND ENHANCED ARCTIC SECURITY: CONFERENCE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ARCTIC COUNCIL AND INTERESTED PARTIES,” held February 11-12, 2013, in Washington, DC.

The meetings were sponsored by the Institute of Arctic Studies at the Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College; the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; the University of the Arctic Institute for Applied Circumpolar Policy; and the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

The conference concluded with discussion about the possibility of creating an Arctic Virtual Forum to be developed and hosted by Dartmouth and the University of Alaska Fairbanks under the auspices of the University of the Arctic Institute for Applied Circumpolar Policy.

### **MISSION AND GOAL**

The Arctic Virtual Forum would serve as a quasi-think tank and foresight group for the Arctic Council and an asset on which Council participants could draw to flesh out the implications of various responses to questions before the Council. Members would be drawn from the IACP conference participants, but others could be added as needed.

The goal of the Arctic Virtual Forum is to establish a “permanent” community/conference that serves as a venue for information and continuous discussion and debate of issues before the Arctic community.

### **Components of the Arctic Virtual Forum will include:**

1. Policy documents produced by the Arctic Virtual Forum/IACP (and other related memos, reports, and papers, that showcase the collective products and ideas of the group for use by the Arctic Council and other stakeholders). To date, IACP reports include:
  - The Arctic Climate Change and Security Policy Conference (2009)
  - Considering a Roadmap Forward: The Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment (2009)
  - Climate Change and Human Security (2010)
  - A New Paradigm on Arctic Health (2011)
  - A Euro-Atlantic Action Plan for Cooperation and Enhanced Arctic Security (2013)
2. An interactive forum for IACP members to set forth policy recommendations as follow-ups to the various reports, where fellow members can comment on and debate the ideas and suggestions
3. A portal for three types of information about Arctic Issues
  - Events related to the Arctic Council, Arctic policy, meetings/conferences etc. (calendar, mailing list)
  - Web content that is hosted on other sites but could be useful for IACP members, Arctic Council members, but also a broader audience of users
  - Policy documents produced by partner organizations