

**Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (EPPR)
EPPR Progress Report to the SAO meeting in Narvik, Norway
November 28. - 29, 2007**

The last EPPR meeting was held at Svalbard, Norway 23 – 26 of April 2007. We will present the output from this meeting and the main activities of EPPR in this report. The next EPPR meeting will be in Luleå, Sweden in August 2008.

Mr. Tor Christian Sletner has as been Chair and Mr. Igor Veselov Vice-Chair for the period 2007 and 2008. Norway has established the EPPR secretariat for the same period according to information to the SAO in the report of March 27, 2007. The former EPPR secretary, Mr. Jan Nerland has retired for pension from October 1, 2007. Mr. Ole Kristian Bjerkemo is the new EPPR secretary. To improve the work of the EPPR Secretariat will start a process to update the Strategic Plan for the EPPR. The updated Strategic Plan will be discussed in the EPPR meeting in August 2008 and be presented for the SAO meeting in the fall 2008. In addition the Secretariat has prepared a draft procedure describing the work of the secretariat. Such a procedure will improve the handover of the Secretariat between the countries responsible for the EPPR Secretariat. The secretariat will give input from EPPR to the new series of brochures about the AC and the Working Groups.

The EPPR work plan for 2006 – 2008, endorsed by the SAOs was updated at the Svalbard meeting. The work plan for 2007- 2009 is attached to this progress report and the SAO meeting is asked to endorse at the updated work plan.

This updated work plan will be followed by the Chair. The status of the projects is listed in the work plan.

The EPPR Chair and secretariat attended the Working Group Chair meeting in Tromsø 13-14 September 2007. These meeting are very useful and contribute to better knowledge about the other WG and their projects. On 26 – 27th of September the EPPR secretariat attended the PAME meeting in Reykjavik. Some of the EPPR activities are connected to the PAME work as well as the work of the other AC working groups. EPPR received a formal request from AMSA to contribute with experts from EPPR to AMSA Chapter 8 on 'Infrastructure', which among other things includes such topics as emergency/incident response. EPPR secretariat participated in the first meeting related to this work. Canada will represent EPPR in the future work with this topic. EPPR secretariat will contribute as a member of a small, organizing committee for an Arctic workshop related to the AMSA work that will be held in February/March 2008 at the University of New Hampshire's Coastal Response Research Center (north of Boston, Massachusetts).

The cooperation between the AC working groups is important and is highlighted in the Salekhard Declaration. As announced in the EPPR report to the SAO-meeting in April, the work to improve the "Circumpolar map of natural resources at risk from oil spill". In cooperation with AMAP, EPPR will suggest to arrange a small workshop including representative of each of the AC WGs and also a number of other external parties that are interested/engaged in such activities, preferably early in 2008. The aim of the workshop will

be to scope the work and develop recommendation on what needs to be done, including funding issues. A more detailed plan will be presented in the next SAO meeting.

On request of PAME, EPPR will comment EPPR relevant chapters of the Arctic offshore oil and gas guideline.

The priority programme for the EPPR working group will be tied closely to the Salekhard Declaration and should focus on a set of problems regarding oil pollution, radiological and other hazards in the Arctic region. EPPR will initiate common projects, working groups and seminars to share knowledge and experience.

EPPR Workplan 2007 – 2009

OIL POLLUTION: L – LEAD P- PARTICIPANT

Project	Canada	Denmark/ Greenland	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Russian Federation	Sweden	USA
<i>Ongoing</i>								
Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technology (SCAT) Manual – next steps	L							P
Interactive Maps and Environmental information from Arctic Council Programmes on the Web	P		P		L	P	P	P
Arctic rescue						L		
Proposed projects								
Development of Safety Systems in the Arctic while Implementing Infrastructural and Other Economic Projects						L		
Waste removal	L							P

RADIOLOGICAL AND OTHER HAZARDS: L – LEAD P- PARTICIPANT

Project	Canada	Denmark/ Greenland	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Russian Federation	Sweden	USA
<i>Ongoing</i>								
Source Control Management Phase III – FSUE “ME Zvedocka” and FSUE “Atomflot”.						L		L

Community Radiation Information Project						L		L
Development of Brochure on far East Region of Russia						L		L
Portable analysis capability (Laptop based)						L		L
NOSTRADOMUS: real time computer system for estimation of atmospheric transfer						L		L
Proposed projects								
IBRAE Technical Crisis Center (TCC) support to the EMERCOM Crisis Situation Management Center.						L		L
Response Assistance Network (RANET)								L
Conduct of radiation emergency exercise						L		L

NATURAL DISASTERS L – LEAD P- PARTICIPANT

Project	Canada	Denmark/ Greenland	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Russian Federation	Sweden	USA
<i>Ongoing</i>								
Project to create a prevention system concerning catastrophic flooding on northern rivers						L		
“Managing the cold conditions – A systematic approach			L				P	P

Other issues	Canada	Denmark/ Greenland	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Russian Federation	Sweden	USA
<i>Host the EPPR web site</i>							L	
<i>EPPR secretariat</i>					L			
<i>Update the Strategic Plan of EPPR in process with the other EPPR countries</i>					L			