

AINA NEWS

ASTIS News

Canada's northern publications and research projects database, the Arctic Science and Technology Information System (ASTIS), continues to grow. ASTIS now contains 75 800 records, and provides links to PDF files of 19 600 publications. The database is available for free from the AINA website at www.arctic.ucalgary.ca. Most of the growth in ASTIS results from work on its 15 subset databases. Three of those subset databases were expanded significantly during the past few months.

The Hydrocarbon Impacts (HI) database at www.aina.ucalgary.ca/hi now describes 8350 publications and research projects about the environmental impacts, socio-economic effects and regulation of oil and gas exploration, development, and transportation in northern Canada. The database is funded by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. HI now includes all publications identified by the Environmental Studies Research Funds' Beaufort Seabed Geohazard Legacy Data Compilation, as well as all significant northern publications produced by or submitted to the National Energy Board's Arctic Offshore Drilling Review. Beaufort Regional Environmental Assessment publications are also being added to HI as they appear. Publications from these and other reviews and research programs can be easily accessed from the Report Group menu on the HI Simple Search page.

The Canadian IPY Publications Database at www.aina.ucalgary.ca/ipy now describes 3950 publications from IPY 2007–2008 and the three previous IPYs. The database includes publications from Canadian IPY projects, as well as publications from foreign IPY projects that have studied northern Canada. The database is funded by the Government of Canada Program for International Polar Year and Encana Corporation. Government of Canada funding will end in March 2012, but Encana funding will allow ASTIS to continue capturing the many Canadian IPY publications that will appear during the next few years.

The Northern Contaminants Program (NCP) Publications Database at www.aina.ucalgary.ca/ncp now describes 2600 publications. The NCP is a program of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada that works to reduce and, if possible, eliminate contaminants in traditionally harvested foods, while providing information that helps individuals and communities to make informed decisions about their food use.

Xstrata Nickel Supports the Nunavik Bibliography

Work has recently concluded on a major expansion of the Nunavik Bibliography funded by Xstrata Nickel, operator of the Raglan Mine in northern Québec. Makivik Corporation's Nunavik Research Centre (NRC) and AINA's Arctic Science and Technology Information System (ASTIS) worked together to add publications from the NRC Library and the collection of the Nunavik Mineral Exploration Fund to the bibliography. The Nunavik Bibliography now describes 6800 publications and provides links to PDF files of 3000 of them.

The Nunavik Bibliography is a cooperative long-term project to build a comprehensive bibliographic database about northern Québec and is available for free from a bilingual website at www.aina.ucalgary.ca/nb. The bibliography covers Nunavik (Québec north of 55°), the nearby Nunavut islands (including the Belcher Islands), Labrador north of 56°, and adjacent marine areas.

Makivik Corporation and AINA would like to thank Xstrata Nickel for its support of this important project.

AINA Website Update

On 27 January 2012, a refreshed version of the AINA website was launched. This initiative was guided by Melanie Paulson, with assistance from the University of Calgary's Web Content Management Team: Caroline Watson, Dan Fitzsimmons, and Emily Sharpe. Many thanks to the staff and research associates of AINA who provided feedback and guidance on the project. Please visit the website (arctic.ucalgary.ca) and provide feedback for Melanie via email to arctic@ucalgary.ca.