

# InfoNorth

## AINA NEWS

### *AINA Attends the Montreal IPY Conference*

In April, AINA joined the more than 3000 registrants, including 35 exhibitors, from 47 countries at the wrap-up conference for International Polar Year 2007–2008 *From Knowledge to Action*. Research Associates Jon Dudley and Magdalena Muir and staff members Ross Goodwin and Shannon Vossepoel took turns staffing a new booth created for this special event. The booth display included sample copies of books published in the Northern Lights and Komatik series that could be ordered at special conference rates, complimentary recent issues of *Arctic*, and a looping slideshow featuring images of AINA's many assets, such as research associate fieldwork, the Kluane Lake Research Station, the journal *Arctic* and other publications, and historical photos.

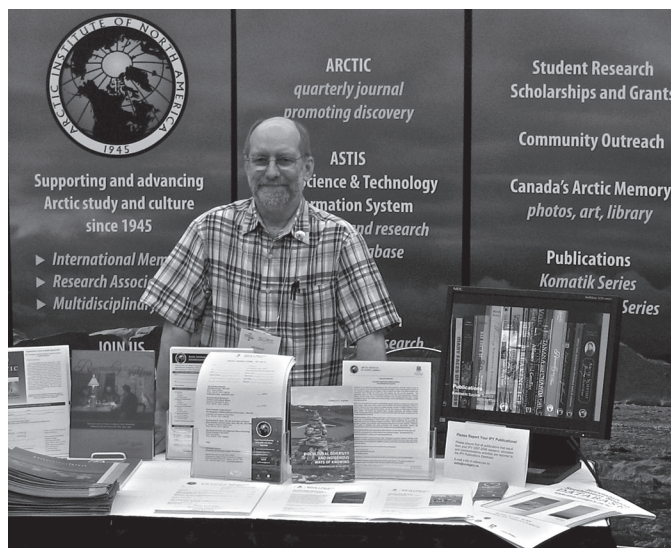
AINA representatives made the following presentations to the conference:

- an oral presentation by Jon Dudley to a special “Exhibitors talk series” on the mandate of AINA and its benefit to polar scientists;
- an oral presentation by Ross Goodwin entitled “The IPY Publications Database: Taking Action to Disseminate and Preserve IPY Knowledge,” and a poster entitled “The Arctic Science and Technology Information System (ASTIS): Canada’s National Northern Database”;
- an oral presentation by Magdalena Muir entitled “Adaptation to Global and Climate Change for Coasts and Marine Areas in the Circumpolar Arctic.”

AINA benefited from many meetings with other Arctic organizations to discuss such issues as Canada’s Chairing of the Arctic Council beginning in 2013 and possible contributions of AINA, ASTIS, and *Arctic*. Numerous networking opportunities allowed direct encouragement to authors to forward records of their IPY publications to ASTIS for inclusion in the IPY database.

Particularly gratifying were the discussions with students and early polar researchers, including members of the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS), many of whom were introduced to AINA for the first time and learned more about the online access to ASTIS and back issues of *Arctic*, as well as the scholarships and grants-in-aid administered by the Arctic Institute.

Thank you to all of those who stopped by the AINA booth. We look forward to seeing you again at a future event.



*Research Associate Jon Dudley at the AINA booth.*

### *New Manager for ASTIS*

Shannon Vossepoel recently joined the Arctic Institute of North America as the ASTIS Manager. Prior to taking this position, Shannon worked as head librarian for the



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Brooks Public Library, where she gained recognition for spearheading Project Connect, an initiative to connect new Canadians with library services and their local community. This initiative won the 2010 Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Library Service. Shannon also has several years of experience in the museum field, notably at the Brooks Aqueduct National/Provincial Historic Site and the Museum of the Regiments. Shannon has Bachelor of Arts degrees in English and Anthropology from the University of Calgary and a Master's degree in Library and Information Studies from the University of Alberta.

#### *Departure of ASTIS Staff Member*

After 10 years with the Arctic Science and Technology Information System, Information Analyst Pam Scowen will be moving to New Zealand in June 2012. Pam found her

work on the ASTIS database a thoroughly interesting and rewarding experience, during which she accumulated much knowledge about many different aspects of northern Canada. Although sad to be leaving her hard-working and dedicated AINA co-workers, Pam is looking forward to being closer to the South Pole. She will certainly be missed by her colleagues at the Arctic Institute.

#### *New Offices for AINA*

At the end of June 2012, the Arctic Institute will move into newly renovated offices on the 10th floor of the Earth Sciences Building at the University of Calgary. Our phone numbers and e-mail addresses will remain the same. We look forward to hosting many AINA members and University of Calgary colleagues at an open house this autumn.