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The Arctic Science and Technology Information System (ASTIS), Canada's northern publications and research projects database, now contains over 76 600 records and provides links to PDF files of more than 20 200 publications. This database can be accessed for free from the AINA website at www.aina.ucalgary.ca/astis. ASTIS also supports 15 subset databases, three of which experienced noteworthy growth in the past few months.

The Nunavik Bibliography now describes over 7000 records on Quebec north of 55° and some adjacent regions. It covers all aspects of Nunavik including the earth sciences, life sciences, engineering and technology, renewable and nonrenewable resources, co-management, land use, people, government, economic and social conditions, archaeology, history, art, and literature. This database is a joint project of the Makivik Corporation, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, the Canadian Circumpolar Institute, the Arctic Institute of North America, and the Centre d'études nordiques. This is a cooperative long-term project to build a comprehensive bibliographic database about northern Quebec, but at present it covers only part of the available literature. The Nunavik Bibliography is available at www.aina.ucalgary.ca/nunavik.

Many theses have recently been added to the ArcticNet Publications Database, bringing the number of theses in the database to more than 300. The ArcticNet Publications Database describes 1800 publications from ArcticNet, 326 publications from the Canadian Arctic Shelf Exchange Study (CASES), and 207 publications from the International North Water Polynya Study (NOW). Of the 2200 publications in this database, 1200 are refereed. The ArcticNet Publications Database is available at www.aina.ucalgary.ca/arcticnet.

The Canadian IPY Publications Database, available at www.aina.ucalgary.ca/ipy, currently describes 4170 publications from the International Polar Year 2007–2008 and the three previous IPYs. This database includes publications from Canadian IPY projects, as well as publications from foreign IPY projects that studied northern Canada. ASTIS also contributes these records to the International Polar Year Publications Database at www.nisc.com/ipy. Other contributing organizations include the Cold Regions Bibliography Project, the Scott Polar Research Institute Library, and the U.S. National Snow and Ice Data Center. The International Polar Year Publications Database currently contains more than 5500 records, and it is expected to grow considerably as more publications resulting from IPY 2007–2008 are reported. If you are an IPY researcher, educator, or communicator, please report your IPY publications to astis@ucalgary.ca.