

## AINA NEWS

*AINA 70th Anniversary Photo Contest*

As part of the Arctic Institute's 70th anniversary, we are asking readers to submit photographs illustrating the magnificent beauty of the Arctic. A panel of AINA staff will select the winning photograph, which will be featured on the cover of the December 2015 issue of *Arctic*. The photo contest is open to anyone over the age of 18 (except for AINA employees and professional photographers). Each person can submit up to five photographs. All entries must be received by 31 October 2015. Participants are encouraged to submit their photos to AINA's 70th Anniversary Flickr Photo Gallery Group. For further information on the photo contest and instructions on using the Flickr online photo-sharing web site, please visit <http://arctic.ucalgary.ca/70th-anniversary-photo-contest>.

*Research Project Information in ASTIS*

ASTIS, the Arctic Institute of North America's Arctic Science and Technology Information System, contains 17 000 research project descriptions from Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut. These descriptions are based on information collected by agencies that license field research.

Research projects often involve fieldwork and the collection of research data that require permission from organizations that license research for specific regions. These licenses or permits are typically issued to a researcher or an organization for a specific period of time; projects that extend over more than one fiscal or calendar year may require more than one license. The research project descriptions collected in ASTIS can help people find information on research being conducted at research facilities or in specific areas (including their own, in the case of northern communities). ASTIS can also help researchers find projects similar to their own research, or research projects being conducted in the same area, allowing for collaboration and less duplication of logistics or data collection.

The ASTIS database is available for free online at <http://www.aina.ucalgary.ca/astis/>. Users can limit their search to research projects by selecting "Research Projects Only" from the Record Type drop-down menu.

*CMOS-AMS 2015*

The joint 49th Congress of the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society (CMOS) and the 13th American Meteorological Society (AMS) Conference on Polar Meteorology and Oceanography will take place from 31 May to 4 June 2015 at the Whistler Conference Centre in Whistler, British Columbia. The theme of the joint meeting, "Tropics to Poles: Advancing Science in High Latitudes," encompasses topics such as atmospheric sciences, prediction and forecasting, observation and technology, biogeochemistry,

climate change and extreme events, the atmosphere-ocean-land interface, wind observations and predictions, the cryosphere, high-resolution sea ice-ocean modeling, and traditional knowledge. The conference is sponsored in part by the Arctic Institute of North America, University of Calgary. More information can be found on the meeting website (<http://congress.cmos.ca/>).

*Arctic Science Summit Weeks 2015 and 2016*

The next Arctic Science Summit Week (ASSW) will take place in Toyama, Japan, on 23–30 April 2015 (<http://www.assw2015.org/>). The week will include the 4th International Symposium on Arctic Research (ISAR-4), "Rapid Change of the Arctic Climate System and Its Global Influence," and the 3rd International Conference on Arctic Research Planning (ICARP-III), "Integrating Arctic Research – A Roadmap For The Future."

Planning is already underway for the joint Arctic Science Summit Week (ASSW 2016) and the 3rd Arctic Observing Summit (AOS 2016), which will take place at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, on 12–18 March 2016 (<http://www.assw2016.org/>). ASSW 2016 will include several side events, workshops, an Arctic Council Senior Arctic Officials meeting, a mock Arctic Council, and other activities. The International Study of Arctic Change (ISAC), with its International Program Office now based at the Arctic Institute of North America, leads the development and planning of the biennial Arctic Observing Summit.

*ACUNS Student Conference*

The Arctic Institute of North America and the University of Calgary will host the 11th Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies (ACUNS) Student Conference, titled "Due North: Next Generation Research and Leadership," from 5 to 8 November 2015. The conference organizers welcome Canadian and international participation and all disciplines that include Arctic, northern, polar, or cold region themes as oral and poster presentations. AINA will launch registration and abstract submission in March, and updates will be posted on the conference website (<http://arctic.ucalgary.ca/acuns-2015-student-conference>). Conference activities will include workshops on 4 November, social events and networking, and opportunities to explore Calgary and its surroundings. Some student awards will be available for travel; details will be provided on the website. Contact AINA and the conference organizers ([acuns15@ucalgary.ca](mailto:acuns15@ucalgary.ca)) if you wish to be involved in the organizing committee, to assist with conference planning, or to help promote the event at your organization or institution. Organizers are also seeking sponsors to help support student travel and fund conference activities.