



Summary of SLiCA International Field Director Workshop and Board Meetings
Murmansk, Russia 17 to 22 February 2003
Kirkenes, Norway 24 February 2003

Field Director Workshop Decisions:

Regional Report Design Themes

- Subsistence (hunting and fishing and gathering and herding) – Cash Mixed Economy
- Satisfaction despite negative past experiences
- Social indicators that by themselves would suggest “fleeing for our Lives” compared with social relationships that offset negatives
- Social problems (alcohol, suicide, drug abuse)
–Relationships to lifestyles
- Land rights/ regional sustainability
- Outside vs. “inside” world views

Other ideas on regional themes

- Regional center (capital, “hub”, towns) compared to villages (settlements)
- Region-to-region differences (within countries)
- Better “window” on what is really important
–Highlight both similarities and differences
–Give a more realistic, complex picture that shows the importance of both hunting/ herding and jobs. Also importance of networking
–Dispel myths of Arctic living:
 - »Nobody hunts anymore
 - »Everybody would leave if they could
 - »Traditional values like sharing no longer apply
 - »Everybody drinks too much

Regional context reports

1. Geographical description
2. Demography: history and changes
3. Political change:
4. Economic and Industrial Developments
5. Changes in the Pattern of Education
6. Income and Sources of Income
7. Social and Cultural Change Discuss changes in terms of important time periods in your country

International Steering Committee Meeting

International Time Line Update:

- March 20 -- All country coordinators to submit updates for the website to Jack including:
 - Reference group names, affiliations, email addresses
 - Last version of the questionnaire (in your language)
 - Anything else
- March 31 -- Thomas and Birger will have by now visited with the Swedish and Finnish partners in this project.
- April 20 -- Jens-Ivar promises finalized version of the report on the qualitative study.
- May 1 -- Thomas will write and distribute model for political systems chapter of contextual reports
- May 5 -- All country coordinators to submit comments on the preliminary qualitative report to Jens-Ivar.
- July 15th and/or September 15th Canada to apply for further funding

Country Status Reports:

Greenland:

- We just got a grant from the Nordic Council of Ministers for \$100,000 CDN. Our remaining budget is \$300,000 CDN
- We are going to apply for money from the Foundation for Research Promotion in Greenland on the 1st of March; and
- Also from the Health Council of Greenland on the 1st of March.
- Interviewer training late March / early April
- We have decided to go ahead and start the data collection process in April in Nuuk
- Goal is to do remaining interviewing in August/September depending on funding
- Thomas and Birger to attend Arctic Council Sustainable Development Group meeting in April and present SliCA

Finland / Sweden

- Funding problems in Finland; loss of Nicolas Gunsley--no active representative right now
- Funding problems in Sweden; loss of field director; lack of apparent progress;
- Thomas and Birger to address SamiNet regarding SliCA project
- Thomas and Birger plan to travel to Finland and Sweden in March to discuss status

Canada

- Preparing new applications for funding for analysis phase; deadline September 15th
- Answer in November or December

- Analysis early 2004 if funding applications are successful
- Statistics Canada to begin releasing some of data in June or summer 2003

Alaska

- Finished data collection in all 3 selected regions of Alaska (600+ interviews)
- Fall 2003 plan to finish data coding / entry and cleanup
- Had first review of data by Management Board in November 2002
- Funding continues to August 2004

Kola Peninsula

- Pilot study complete
- Final Russian questionnaire ready to go into field
- Funding issue -- uncertain funding situation -- uncertain on timing
- Have interviewers in mind for data collection phase
- Would like to start data collection in August 2003
- Nina Afanasjeva can, and agrees to, provide list of all Sami population in Kola Peninsula with age and address or way to contact by end of March

Chukotka

- Pilot study completed 46 interviews
- GETIC acquired funding toward Chukotka fieldwork in amount of \$25,000 CDN
- Larissa needs approximately \$80,000 USD to do fieldwork

Video and Publication Ideas

- ◆ Larissa's example from Chukotka using digital video
- ◆ Vivian – example of visual anthropology group at Univ. Tromsø: project that might be used in Slica.
- ◆ By March 20th, send to Jack to updated versions of each country's activities, questionnaires, etc. for the web site:

SLICA Logo

- Commissioned by GETIC/Laval at cost of approximately \$1200 CDN
- Approved unanimously by international board--with request to inquire of artist whether "SLICA" should be slightly smaller in comparison to snowflake
- Country coordinators requested to contribute \$200 CDN to GETIC/Laval toward cost
- General acquiescence

Meeting moved to Kirkenes on Sunday to continue with Jens-Ivar in attendance for comparability of questionnaires and qualitative study topics.

Norway

- Vivian hired full time on project October 1, 2002.
- Questionnaire translated into Norwegian in November 2002
- Advisory board revised questionnaire in December 2002
- Vivian translated revised questionnaire back to English

- Vivian traveled to work with Alaska interviewers in Barrow January 2003
- Plan to do sampling trip in March 2003 (19 communities selected by advisory board)
- Hope to begin interviews in summer and fall

Qualitative Component Discussion

- Jens-Ivar presents Ole Hertz' draft of qualitative component report
- Photo documentation of SliCA high priority for this component
- Draft needs further work and development
- Additional meeting of Steve Langdon, Ole Hertz and Jens-Ivar proposed for April
- Focus of qualitative study is household; family history of about 40 years (after WW2) or more years if required to explain development changes in that region

Comparability

- Lengthy discussion going through questionnaire question-by-question where changes have occurred in Norwegian draft new version;
- Jens-Ivar concludes "Okay. We stick then to the core questions and add some, and move some into the self-administered."