

Skodsborg Decisions and Milestones

- Meetings planned with country Native advisory and management groups: Greenland Greenland Advisory Board and Research Group– late March; Canada – teleconference in early March; meeting in April. The Kola Peninsula team has already met with its Saami Advisory Committee. Norway is appointing members to its Advisory Board, including the former president of the Saami Parliament, (name?). Sweden hopes to have its first Advisory Board meeting this spring.
- Follow-up meeting of country coordinators: Ottawa April 2-3. Plan to also meet with Stat Can APS staff at that time.
- Project presentations at International Conference of Circumpolar Health in Norway in June; at the Inuit Studies Conference at Aberdeen Scotland in August, and at the Conference of International Statisticians in Montreux, Switzerland. Statistics Greenland is organizing a Conference on Living Conditions in the Arctic for September 2000.
- Statistics Canada is collaborating with SLiCA in its Aboriginal People's Survey. Ned Searles represents SLiCA and the Inuit Taparissat of Canada on the APS Implementation Committee. The Next Implementation Committee Meetings are: Feb. 24-25 and April 5-6.
- Jens-Ivar will take the lead in producing a book that introduces Arctic Living Conditions concepts that informing this study. Draft chapters will be due by November 2000 and the publication as a whole should be in draft by Feb. 2001.
- Content: SLiCA team members are prepared to help in the development of Canada's APS with the understanding that this will also help in the development of SLiCA.
- Content: At the same time, SLiCA will focus on changes in family systems, work systems, spirituality, and political resources.
- Content: We recognize that we have a broad range of health conditions in the Arctic, but many common problems. We are also interested in the relationship between western and traditional health systems.
- While we can assume that there will be regionally-specific questions, our goal should be to develop the largest common core of questions possible.
- Materials providing relevant content to SLiCA include: the 1994 Greenland Survey, the APS, the "Oslo List" developed by Jens-Ivar and Thomas, the

Maori study of identity, the Chukotka and Kola Peninsula questionnaires, the Alaska/Canada Topic List, and the Canada Regional Health Survey.

- We each bring a unique combination of content and regional expertise to SLiCA. We have an obligation to make our content interests applicable to all regions. Likewise, we have an obligation to understand each other's content interests and apply them to our region. The unique mix of expertise represented by project team members is a key strength of the study.
- We promised Larisa that there will be \$5000 contributed by the countries already funded, for the next 3 months to keep the Chukotka operations going. This \$5000 will not include the pilot testing. Meanwhile, Thomas and Jens-Ivar will work with Larisa, to make the formal application to the Norwegian Foreign Ministry for funding.
- Each topic area has been assigned to a "responsible party" to follow through with team members for drafting and formulating the questions necessary for each topic. Assignments are as follows:
 - Group A:** Family Relationships--Jens-Ivar; Religion--Jens-Ivar; Health--Larisa; Well Being--Larisa; Discrimination/Identity--Hugh; Language/Education--Ned
 - Group B:** Political resources--Thomas; Safety/Justice--Ned; Access to Technology--Ned; Environment--Oleg
 - Group C:** Household Economy & Income--Jack H; Housing--Birger; Concept of Household Economy--Birger; Leisure / Work--Jack; Employment / Harvest--Jack H.; Mobility--Jack H.
- Questions are due to web master (Jack K) on or **before** March 10th to be uploaded to the website for all to review and comment. Any comments are to be directed both to the web master AND the author or "responsible party" for the specific topic.