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Dear Colleague.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the 10th Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region (CPAR) will be held in Akureyri, Iceland, from 5 to 7 September. Your parliament is kindly invited to appoint a delegation of six parliamentarians to this event, which will constitute a major opportunity to enhance our dialogue on the many challenges and opportunities the Arctic region is confronted with.

In addition to parliamentarians from the Arctic states (Canada, Denmark/Greenland, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden and USA) and the European Parliament, the Conference will include participation from the Permanent Participants (representing indigenous peoples), parliaments of observer states as well as governments and inter-parliamentary organisations. Observers from relevant international organisations will also be invited.

Three major themes will be addressed, including Arctic governance and the Arctic Council, economic opportunities in the Arctic, and human development in the Arctic: Interplay of research, authorities and residents. At the end of the conference, recommendations will be addressed to the governments of the participation countries, the Arctic Council and other international organisations.

It would be appreciated if your services could inform the international secretariat of Althingi, the Parliament of Iceland of the composition of your delegation by registering at: <http://www.althingi.is/cpar2012/registration/>, (responsible officer: Ms. Arna Gerður Bang, arnab@althingi.is, tel.: +354 5630449).

Let me finally express the hope that you will be able to reply positively to this invitation.

Enclosed: Draft program and information sheet.

Ásta Ragnheiður Jóhannesdóttir
Speaker of Althingi, Parliament of Iceland



CONFERENCE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE ARCTIC REGION

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE ARCTIC REGION

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Draft program

**10th Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region
Akureyri, Iceland 5-7 September 2012**

5 September 2011

Meeting of SCPAR

Meeting of SCPAR and CPAR observers

14.00

Opening Session

Opening of the Conference

- Ms. Ásta R. Jóhannesdóttir, Speaker of the Icelandic Parliament
- Ms. Guðrífur Lilja Grétarsdóttir, Chair of Icelandic Delegation to CPAR
- Mr. Óssur Skarphéðinsson, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Iceland

Reports on activities:

- Mr. Carl Bildt, Chair of the Arctic Council, Swedish Foreign Minister (*tbc*)
- Mr. Morten Høglund, Chair of the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region

- followed by an exchange of views

1st session Arctic Governance and the Arctic Council

- Strengthening of the Arctic Council – Minister Sweden/Iceland?
- Ms. Ann-Kristin Johansson, MP Sweden Arctic Governance in an evolving Arctic region
- Mr. Clifford Lincoln, former MP and Chair of SCPAR (*tbc*)

- followed by an exchange of views

Meeting of Drafting Committee

Welcoming Reception
Host: Parliament of Iceland

6 September

Meeting of Drafting Committee

2nd session Economic Opportunities in the Arctic

- Ms. Lisa Murkowski, US Senator
- Ms. Johanna Ojala-Niemela, MP Finland *(tbc)*
- Doing business in the Arctic – presentation from the business sector
 - followed by an exchange of views

Lunch

Excursion

7 September

Meeting of Drafting Committee

3rd session Human Development in the Arctic: Interplay of Research, Authorities and Residents

- Presentation of the Second Arctic Human Development Report
- Ms. Sara Olsvig, MP Denmark/Greenland, *(tbc)*
- Experiences from the IPY 2007-2009
- Ms. Eva Aariak, Nunavut Premier *(tbc)*
 - followed by an exchange of views

Adoption of the Conference Statement

Closing of the Conference

Announcement of the 11th conference in *(tbc)* in 2014

**Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region
Akureyri 5 - 7 September 2012**

Practical information

Registration

Please register the names and the flight details of your CPAR participants by 22 August. Please indicate whether the participants will join the excursion on 6 September and if there are any dietary requirements or special needs.

Link for registration: <http://www.althingi.is/cpar2012/registration/>

Accommodation

Hotel KEA or Icelandair Hotel in Akureyri 4 - 8 September.

A block booking has been made for participants at two hotels in Akureyri, *Hotel KEA* and *Icelandair Hótel* from 4 to 8 September.

Hotel KEA:

Please confirm reservation by email to kea@keahotels.is and quote reservation number R202798.

Room rate per night at Hotel KEA is ISK 14.175 (single). Breakfast is included in the room rate. Deadline for reservations is July 15th.

Address:

KEA hótel ehf.
Hafnarstræti 87-89
600 Akureyri.
Tel: + 354 460 2000
www.keahotels.is

Icelandair Hotel:

Please confirm reservation by email to akureyri@icehotels.is and quote reservation number R283559.

Room rate per night at Icelandair Hotel is ISK 14.490 (single). Breakfast not included in the room rate cost ISK 1.600. Deadline for reservations is July 15th.

Address:

Icelandair Hotel Akureyri
Þingvallastræti 23
600 Akureyri
Tel: + 354 518 1000
www.icelandairhotels.com

Conference venue

Hof Cultural and Conference Center,
Strandgata 12
600 Akureyri
Tel: +354 450 1010
<http://www.menninearhus.is/>

Transportation will be provided between the conference hotels and the conference venue. Transport schedules will be available in the conference hotels and at Hof, the conference venue. From KEA Hotel to Hof is a 5 minutes walk and from Icelandair Hotel to Hof is a 10 minutes walk.

Domestic flight from Reykjavik to Akureyri

A block booking has been made for participants on the Air Iceland domestic flight from Reykjavik to Akureyri on September 4th and 5th from Akureyri to Reykjavik on September 7th <http://www.airiceland.is/>.

Participating delegations should confirm their reservations and arrange their flight bookings and payments directly to Air Iceland by email to groups@airiceland.is
Please quote booking reference: 1829366 or 1829408.

For further information concerning the flights please contact Ms. Ingibjörg Dís Gylfadóttir at Air Iceland by email groups@airiceland.is or by phone: +354 5703075.

Flight rate is ISK 22.850 (return). Deadline for booking flights is July 15th.

BOOKING 1829366

Departure NY106 RKV-AEY 04.09.2012 KL. 18:45 // 19:30

Departure NY169 AEY-RKV 07.09.2012 KL. 13:55 // 14:40

BOOKING 1829408

Departure NY1128 RKV-AEY 05.09.2012 KL. 10:30 // 11:15

Departure NY143 AEY-RKV 07.09.2012 KL. 15:10 // 15:55

Restrictions to group fares are as follows:

**Name list and payment due with booking. Changing fee 1.500 ISK.
The price is only partly refundable if the reservation is canceled within 24 hours.
Everything except 1.500 ISK for each route.**

1) Air Iceland is a ticket-less airline so your confirmation number equals a ticket. You will have to present yourself with a photo-ID at the check-in.

2) Concerning insurance, Air-Iceland does not cover insurance for any cancellations or hotels due to weather!

For those flying til Iceland via London there is a direct flight on September 4th from Keflavik airport to Akureyri, Icelandair flight FI 451 – FI 7943.

For further information on international flights to Iceland you can visit the site:
<http://www.icelandair.com/>.

Transport

Transport from Keflavik International Airport to Reykjavik Domestic Airport (for the domestic flight to Akureyri) will not be provided but we recommend the flybus from Keflavik airport to BSI Bus Terminal, http://www.bsi.is/index_en.html, the price for one way is ISK 1950. From BSI Bus Terminal you can take a taxi to the Domestic Airport (few minutes drive).

Bus transport will be provided in Akureyri on September 4th and 5th for those arriving with the block booked flights (see details below), from the domestic airport to the two conference hotels.

Excursion

On 6 September, all participants are invited for an excursion in the North of Iceland from 13:00 – 22:00. The travel plan includes Dimmuborgir, where towering lava formations characterise the landscape, the high-temperature area of Námafjall mountain and Detifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall. Participants will experience beautiful scenery and have the opportunity to bath in a milky geothermal water at Mývatn Nature Baths.

The programme may be subject to change depending on weather conditions.

Participants are recommended to bring warm clothes and sturdy shoes for the excursion. Participants are also reminded to bring swimming suits for the visit to Mývatn Nature Baths
<http://www.isrbodin.is/en/>.

Weather

Throughout the month of September daytime temperatures in Akureyri will generally reach highs of around 12°C / 53°F. At night the average minimum temperature drops down to around 5°C / 40°F. Mild weather but might rain.

For further information on Akureyri you can visit
<http://www.visitakureyri.is/en>,
<http://www.aktravel.is/> or
<http://www.akureyri.is/>.

Should you have any questions about practical arrangements please contact Ms. Arna Gerður Bang arnak@althingi.is or Mr. Lárus Valgarðsson larusv@althingi.is.