



# **Human Dimensions of Arctic Environments: A Multilingual Web Resource (HAWP)**

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# Summary - HAWP

- ✓ An international project initiated by the Stefansson Arctic Institute (SAI, [www.svs.is](http://www.svs.is)) in association with international partners.
- ✓ aims at disseminating information on Arctic cultures and environments, moving beyond the image of the Arctic as a frozen wasteland and peopleless wilderness.
- ✓ a new web resource built on the existing webpage, [www.thearctic.is](http://www.thearctic.is), providing a venue for scientific collaboration, communication and dissemination,
- ✓ seeking to enhance understanding of key human dimensions of Arctic environments.



# Key Objectives -HAWP

- ✓ To become a major multilingual education, outreach and information component of the International Polar Year (IPY), starting 1st March 2007.
- ✓ To be a venue for information dissemination on Arctic issues, especially research results. Thus contributing to awareness raising and public education on Arctic issues, not least outside of the Arctic region.
- ✓ To provide curriculum content for college level studies, with emphasis on the integration of social dimensions with historical perspectives and environmental/biophysical processes.



# Background - HAWP



An existing multilingual base including **three core chapters** in 5 languages (English, French, German, Danish and Icelandic):

- ✓ The Arctic is an Ecosystem (Bill Heal)
- ✓ The Arctic as a Homeland (Piers Vitebsky)
- ✓ The Arctic is Changing (Mark Nuttall)



# Background – HAWP

- ✓ A collaborative project supported by EU Raphael programme and the Nordic Council of Ministers
- ✓ Led by Stefansson Arctic Institute, with Arctic Centre in Rovaniemi, Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, University of the Arctic
- ✓ Contributions to topics and case studies by recognized scientists
- ✓ Links to everyday lives of real people – issues with human faces
- ✓ Used as part of curriculum by the University of the Arctic



# HAWP- Second Phase

moving from thearctic.is to HAWP

## HAWP's key issues:

- ✓ Human adaptation to Arctic climate change
- ✓ Gender relations
- ✓ Human security and human development issues
- ✓ Visual expressions
- ✓ Youth culture
- ✓ The status and viability of small languages in the Arctic
- ✓ The funny Arctic



# Implementation -HAWP



- ✓ An actively participating and eminent international Advisory Board (see list in Proposal)
- ✓ Affiliation and integration of high quality international and interdisciplinary programmes, projects and initiatives with focus on the Arctic
- ✓ Endorsed by the International Arctic Science Committee Executive Committee
- ✓ Secretariat at the Stefansson Arctic Institute led by Dr Adriënnë Heijnen

# Hawp and Boreas

## Hawp offers

- ✓ integration of Boreas' CRPs: HAWP acts as a research forum in cyber space
- ✓ integration of Boreas with other current research projects on the Arctic, e.g. CAVIAR, SYNICE, etc.
- ✓ through its focus on outreach, Hawp secures research dissemination and interaction with the scientific community
- ✓ through its unique multilingual approach, Hawp facilitates dissemination to the general public and involvement of local communities