



# The 2018 survey among the members of the UArctic Thematic Network “Health and Well-being in the Arctic”

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# Survey for the members in 2018: Part 1

UArctic Thematic Network: "Health and Well-being in the Arctic" (Health TN) member questionnaire

Personal Data

Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire. Your input is important and will help us to improve how we communicate with our network members.

1. Please, provide your personal information

Name

Position

Affiliation

Email

Country

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Survey was created in the platform SurveyMonkey. 3 weeks response collection, from mid-January through the first week of February 2018. It consisted of 3 main part, the first one is to know who we are and that's what I will report you in the next couple of slides.

# UArctic Health TN members at a glance

Count of Institutions by Country



Canada	University of the Fraser Valley University of Manitoba University of Waterloo
Denmark	University of Aarhus Statens Serum Institut
Finland	Finnish Meteorological Institute University of Lapland University of Oulu
Greenland	University of Greenland Arctic Research Center of the Yamal-Nenets autonomous district
Russia	Northern Arctic Federal University North Eastern Federal University Saint-Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University
Sweden	Umeå Univeristy Luleå University of Technology
The USA	Montana State University University of Alaska Anchorage University of Colorado



# Survey for the members in 2018: Part 2

UArctic Thematic Network "Health and Well-being in the Arctic" (Health TN) member questionnaire

Network activities: Current status

2. Your research interests

Keywords

Short description of your research and educational activities


3. Thematic Network activities

Your involvement in Health TN

Your involvement in other UArctic TNs, if any

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The second part of the survey was to find out research interests of the network and activities to which the members was involved.

# Keywords of the Health TN research



# *Involvement the UArctic Thematic Network*

## *“Health and Well-being in the Arctic*

### **Challenge:**

One third of respondents do not have active involvement in Health TN

### **Active involvement:**

- ✓ Management: former leader, lead, vice-lead
- ✓ Teaching: have co-taught courses on community based participatory research in the North; organising PhD courses of the network; faculty for summer institutes
- ✓ Research: joint projects concerning environmental health, published in the materials of the UArctic Congress 2016, ICCH16
- ✓ Learning: student in summer schools, got the mobility grants for learning: First Exchange Grant, Barents Plus



# Survey for the members in 2018: Part 3

4. In your opinion, what research topics and activities should be a priority of the Health TN in the future

5. What type of courses are available at your institution to support the network agenda

6. What type of information do you want to see on the Health TN webpage?

7. Event calendar. Check yes, if you are planning to attend. Health TN will organize network meetings at both events

ICCM17, Aug 12-15, 2018, Copenhagen, Denmark

UArctic-Congress, Sep 3-7, 2018, Oulu, Finland

8. If you have suggestions of a new member institution who has expressed an interest to join the Health TN and would like to receive more information - please provide:

Contact name

Institution

Email

9. Any other comments/suggestions to the TN leadership?

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# Priority research areas: I - III

## I. Women and children

- Pregnant women lifestyle & health
- Breast Cancer Risk Health before and after diagnosis
- Women's health and well-being in the Arctic region
- Health issues in children' population of the Arctic regions

## II. Elderly people

- Gender dimension regarding health and well-being of the elderly
- Ageing and demography

## III. Indigenous people

- The study of the health of indigenous peoples of the North
- CBPR and Indigenous Methodologies and integration of these methods with western science
- Public health, reconciliation with Indigenous peoples across the circumpolar Arctic

# Priority research areas: IV - VII

## IV. Environment related

- Transfer of pollutants along food chain towards man
- The influence of nutrition on the health of the residents of the Arctic zone
- The influence of smoking on the health of the residents of the Arctic zone
- Climate change and health
- Human movement and health in winter communities

## V. Health care

- Personalized medicine in the Arctic
- Health care and health status of people living in rural areas of Arctic regions

## VI. Multidiscipline

- Network between the Arctic Universities in Arctic health and wellbeing
- Multidisciplinary research projects on circumpolar health, together with social sciences
- Providing lifelong learning in remote areas
- Medical-social problems of the inhabitants of the Arctic
- Socio-psychological adaptation

## VII. Other highlights

- Health equity and human rights
- Infectious diseases
- Resilience
- Participatory research, ethics, health communication

# *Points for members discussions*

- “Be great to think about 'anchor' projects that we could work on together for 'early wins’”
- “Opportunities to apply for joint grants to develop the TN for financial support the participation of joint events”
- “Grant resources and potential areas of collaboration”
- Funding for joint PhD courses in the years to come