

Cooperation Agreement on the China-Nordic Arctic Research Center

The following institutes recognize the importance and necessity of China-Nordic Arctic cooperation and are committed to support and promote Arctic research cooperation.

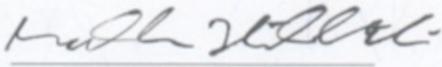
By signing this agreement the member institutes agree to participate in the China-Nordic Arctic Research Center (CNARC) cooperation according to the purposes and principles of its *Terms of Reference* (in annex).

Each member institute agrees to appoint a representative for the Assembly of member institutes of CNARC.

Done in Shanghai on the 10th of December 2013 in English

Signatures:

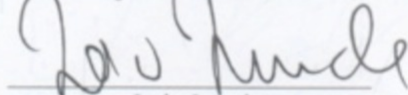
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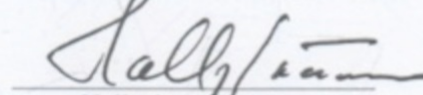
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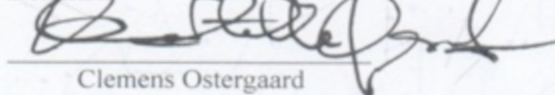
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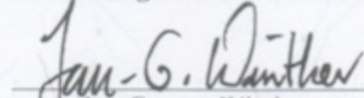
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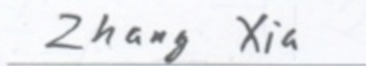
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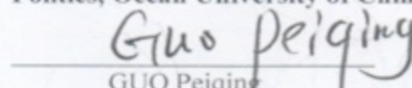
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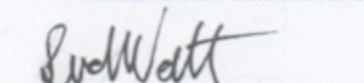
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Terms of Reference

for the China-Nordic Arctic Research Center

(Accepted by the Assembly of CNARC Member Institutes, 10 Dec 2013)

According to a proposal by the Polar Research Institute of China (PRIC) to strengthen China-Nordic cooperation on Arctic research, the partner institutes agree to establish the China-Nordic Arctic Research Center (CNARC) and make joint efforts to achieve the objectives of CNARC by following the operating mechanism as outlined below.

1. Purpose

The CNARC provides a platform for academic cooperation for the following purposes:

- To increase awareness, understanding and knowledge of the Arctic and its global impacts.
- To promote cooperation for sustainable development of the Nordic Arctic and coherent development of China in a global context.

2. Research themes and activities

Research themes may include:

- Arctic climate change and its impacts
- Arctic resources, shipping and economic cooperation
- Arctic policy-making and legislation

The CNARC will focus on the following activities:

- Carrying out joint research projects in accordance with the research themes outlined above
- Developing Arctic research networks and frontiers by providing opportunities for Chinese and Nordic scholars to conduct Arctic research through fellowships and scholarships
- Convening regularly the China-Nordic Arctic Cooperation Symposium and other workshops
- Facilitating information sharing and cultural exchange between China and Nordic Countries in Arctic context

3. Fellowships and Scholarships

In accordance with research priorities, CNARC will offer fellowships for scholars at Nordic and Chinese institutes to conduct collaborative research within CNARC network for a period of one to six months.

Upon recommendation from the Assembly of member institutes, CNARC may offer scholarships and internships to postgraduate students and young scholars. Preference will be given to academic exchange between Chinese and Nordic institutes.

4. Symposia and meetings

CNARC shall meet on a yearly basis in form of China-Nordic Arctic Cooperation Symposium on a predetermined topic with regards to the Arctic research.

Member institutes shall take turns to host the Symposium, rotating annually between Chinese and Nordic member institutes.

CNARC can also host workshops independently or jointly with other organizations.

5. Organization

Assembly of member institutes

The Assembly of member institutes (hereafter named the Assembly) is formed by representatives from each member institute, and operates by consensus.

The Chair of the Assembly shall be nominated from Chinese representative by PRIC, and accepted by the Assembly, while a co-chair shall be nominated from Nordic representative and accepted by the Assembly.

The Assembly shall provide recommendations on collaborative research priorities and projects, on candidates of fellowships, and advices on organization of the Symposium, and operation of the Secretariat.

The Assembly may establish sub-committees as needed, e.g. when recommending candidates for fellowships.

Director and Secretariat

PRIC hosts the Secretariat of CNARC and appoints a director in consultation with the Assembly.

The director and the Secretariat are responsible for the operation of CNARC and carrying out advices for development from the Assembly.

6. Membership

CNARC is open to participation from Chinese and Nordic institutes with capacities to influence and coordinate Arctic research.

The decision of admission of new members shall be made by consensus of the Assembly.

7. Budget

PRIC shall provide the necessary budget covering fellowships, scholarships, and the Secretariat's operation and personnel.

The host institute of the Symposium shall provide necessary budget for local costs in relation to the Symposium.

Additional funding to CNARC's activities from other sources is encouraged.

8. Amendments

Amendments to these terms of reference shall be agreed upon by the Assembly.

Terms of Reference for the Assembly of Member Institutes and Secretariat

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The Chair of the Assembly shall be nominated among Chinese representatives by PRIC, and accepted by the Assembly, while a co-chair shall be nominated among Nordic representatives and accepted by the Assembly.

The Assembly shall provide recommendations on the operation of CNARC, including, collaborative research priorities, projects, fellowship candidates, and may provide advice on the organization of the Symposium.

The Assembly shall meet on a yearly basis, normally on occasion of the annual China-Nordic Arctic Cooperation Symposium.

The Assembly may establish sub-committees as needed, e.g. when recommending candidates for fellowships.

Director

The director is the executive leader according to the objectives and priorities of CNARC and has the duty to carry out recommendations offered by the member institutes.

The director shall have responsibilities, to manage work programs approved, and to take initiatives and put forward proposals in order to ensure the efficient execution of CNARC's work.

The nomination of the director shall be proposed by PRIC in consultation with the Assembly.

The director shall work in a neutral capacity and serve terms of two years.

The role of vice-director(s) is to provide assistance to the director.

Secretariat

The Secretariat shall be located at the Strategic Studies Division, PRIC, in Shanghai and consist of a staff in charge of communication and coordination with Chinese and Nordic member institutes respectively.

The duties of the Secretariat are to help coordinate work programs, facilitate information exchange, prepare annual report of CNARC, circulate CNARC newsletters, administer the fellowship and scholarship programs and coordinate symposia in cooperation with respective host institutes, as well as undertake other duties assigned by the director.

The secretariat shall make day-to-day decisions for CNARC's normal daily operations and coordination