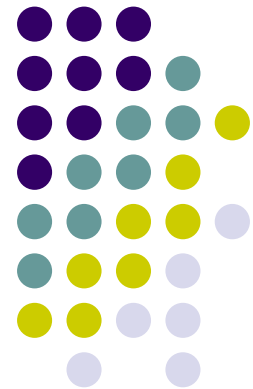


CirNet

Network for Master's Programme
in Circumpolar Health and
Wellbeing (MCH)



Background and objectives



- Discussion for CirNet started in 2004
- Two network meetings in 2005
- Objectives for CirNet:
 - To develop the MCH master's programme
 - To facilitate other collaboration forms between partners (e.g. student/staff mobility)

Framework



”Circumpolar health and well-being is a complex phenomenon that combines medical health status, caring, rehabilitation and prevention with cultural, experiential, emotional, psycho-spiritual, socio-economical, structural and geographical aspects. It connects health and wellbeing in the Northern environment with the people residing in the area.”

- CirNet -



CirNet partners

- University of Oulu: network coordinator
 - Thule Institute, Centre for Arctic Medicine
 - Faculty of Medicine, Dep. Of Nursing Science and Health Administration
- Northern Medical State University, Russia
- Center for Health Education, Greenland
- Luleå University of Technology, Sweden
- University of Lapland, Finland
- University of Manitoba, Canada
- ATBY Finnish Society for Arctic Medicine
- NORUT Social Science Research Ltd., Norway
- NSAM Nordic Society for Arctic Medicine



Thematic connections

- University of the Arctic (UArctic)
 - Thematic Network of Arctic Medicine
- Northern Cross Border University (CBU)
- International Polar Year 2007-08
 - IPY Proposal of the Circumpolar Health and Wellbeing
- Also connected to the Graduate School of Circumpolar Wellbeing, Health and Adaptation



Working methods: e.g.

- Network meetings (once/semester)
- Bilateral meetings, teleconferences
- CirNet web-based workspace in "Optima" learning environment
 - Discussion
 - Preparation of documents

Three-phase collaboration



- Phase one: CirNet network → development of the MCH programme (2005-2007)
- Phase two: MCH pilot (2007-2009)
- Phase three: MCH as a permanent programme (2009-)



Action plan 2006-07

- Spring 2006: preparation of MCH proposal, network meeting in Oulu (May/June)
- Autumn 2006: submission of MCH proposal to partner universities, marketing, network agreements, network meeting
- Spring 2007: preparation for the first intake, network meeting, 1st intake (June)
- Autumn 2007: evaluation of the phase one, start-up of the phase two (MCH pilot)

Basic features of the future MCH programme



- Two-year programme (120 ECT)
- Compulsory and optional courses
- Contact and distance studies
- Field placement and master's thesis
- Exchange period included
- Leads to master's degree (e.g. M in Health Sciences)
- Accordant to the Bologna Process, national legislation, and principles related to international joint degrees

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Thank you!