



Canada's IPY Northern Coordination Offices: Generating Northern Community Involvement

The Canadian IPY Program Office established four "IPY Northern Coordination Offices" (NCOs) hosted in Canada's three territories (Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut) and in northern Quebec (Nunavik).

The IPY Northern Coordination Offices played a crucial role in helping Northerners play an active role in IPY in Canada. The following are some highlights of the work they facilitated

Engaging Northern and Aboriginal Students and Youth

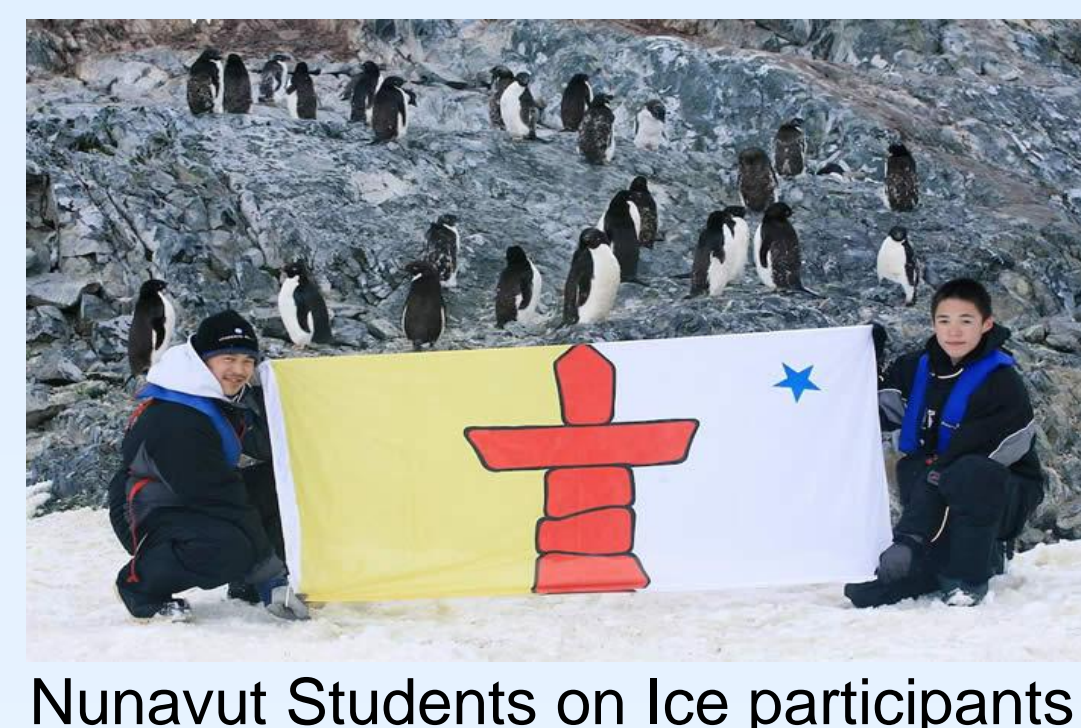
- Recruited summer students as field and ship research assistants for IPY researchers. This provided training to young Northerners while providing support to the researchers;
- Encouraged and assisted Northern and Aboriginal students to apply for scholarships to participate in IPY Arctic and Antarctic Youth Expeditions with Students on Ice, giving them opportunities to interact with scientists, environmental educators and Arctic leaders, as well as other students from around the world
- Made presentations at job fairs and to schools and community groups to raise awareness of IPY and interest youth in careers in science and research
- Organized tours of two museum exhibits on climate change and the Arctic to Northern communities and schools to stimulate dialogue and interest in IPY

Seeking Northern Input

- Facilitated Northern regional social and cultural reviews of IPY science proposals to ensure that science projects reflected Northern priorities and included the appropriate use of local and traditional knowledge
- Provided guidance and support to researchers working in the North on how to consult with communities, community contacts and protocols
- Provide ready advice on Northern issues to the Canadian IPY Program and helped relay concerns of Northerners



IPY summer student Daniel Fehr in the field with IPY research Jolie Gareis, NWT



Nunavut Students on Ice participants
Credit: Geoff Green



Researchers at airport Old Crow, Yukon
Credit: Kevin Turner



Social Cultural Review meeting Kuujuaq, Nunavik
Credit: Bob Mesher

Communicating IPY Science to Northerners

- Created information materials like IPY fact sheets, newsletters and magazine articles to effectively disseminate IPY science news and issues across Northern Canada
- Made numerous presentations to community groups, Aboriginal/Northern organizations and schools, as well as at conferences and tradeshows
- Fostered relationships with media and contributed to numerous TV, radio and newsprint interviews across Canada, as well as supported and advised IPY researchers on media activities in the North
- Maintained a calendar of local events and advised researchers on how, when and where to best communicate their research

Fostering Northern/Community Projects

- Helped build partnerships between Northern and Southern organizations to create innovative training, communications and outreach projects for IPY
- Provided support to Northerners on proposal writing, translation, meeting reporting requirements
- Promoted opportunities available through IPY for funding for logistics and emergency preparedness projects, like search and rescue training and the purchase of health and safety equipment which are leaving a legacy of skill development and infrastructure across the North
- Supported Northern research licensing bodies to take advantage of the Canadian Research Licensing Initiative under IPY to share best practices and improve licensing processes in the North



A Friend Acting Strangely exhibit Paulatuk, NWT
Credit: William Hurst



Annual meeting at Old Crow, Yukon
Credit Kevin Turner



IPY snow sculpture at the Puvirnituq Snow Festival
Credit: Jeannie Nayoumealuk



CARLI community workshop in Iqaluit, NU
Credit: Amanda Kilabuk

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