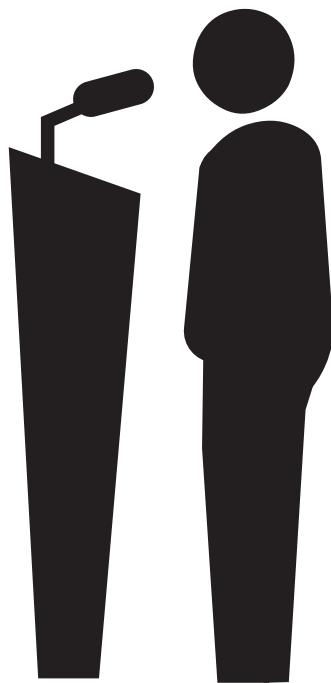


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BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS
AND MODERATORS



**Gabriele Altana***Italian Representative to the Arctic Council*

Gabriele Altana graduated from the University of Rome *la Sapienza* with an M.A. (honors) in Political Sciences-International Relations before joining the Diplomatic Service, where he served in North Africa, then Asmara (Eritrea) as First Secretary and then Montréal (Canada) as Consul. On returning to Rome, he was assigned to the European Integration Department as Head of the CFSP/ESDP Division.

At the Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU in Brussels he was initially member of the Political-Military working group (PMG), the Committee for the civilian aspects of crisis management (CIVCOM) and deputy to the Italian representative to the Political and Security Committee (PSC). He then transferred to the Embassy of Italy in Tel Aviv, as Head of Chancery/Deputy Head of Mission.

He returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs European Union Department, where he briefly managed the Sectorial Policies/Economic and Financial Integration/Internal Market/Competitiveness Division. He was then appointed by the President of the Council of Ministers as Head of the Italian EU Council Presidency Planning/Organization structure and later became the MFAIC focal point for Arctic issues, notably as Senior Arctic Official. In 2016, he will be transferred to Helsinki as Ambassador of Italy to Finland.

He is currently ranked as Minister Plenipotentiary. He is the co-author of the first Italian guide to the EU security and defence policy, *Vademecum della PESD* and has also written several published articles.

**Terje Aunevik***Managing Director of Pole Position Logistics*

Terje Aunevik is the Managing Director at Pole Position Logistics as well as the Chairman of the board of Svalbard Business Council. He started his working career as a dog musher in Karasjok, northern Norway. Aunevik moved to Longyearbyen in 1998, where he has been involved in various company startups in areas like tourism, shipping and logistics. He has 20 years of operational experience in the Arctic, all the way up to 90 degrees North.

Aunevik strongly believes in the potential of Longyearbyen as an international hub for the high Arctic regions, and focuses on logistics

as an essential factor for the success of effective industrial development in the North.

**Ellen Margrethe Basse**

Professor of Environmental Law, Aarhus University

Ellen Margrethe Basse is a Professor of Environmental Law, dr.jur in the Department of Law, Business and Social Sciences at Aarhus University in Denmark. She holds a Master in Law (LLM) and Dr.juris. from Aarhus University.

Awarded the Jur.dr. (H.C.) at Uppsala University in 2000, this helped impress upon her the importance of developing environmental law science and her work for the Nordic PhD programme. In August 2003, she was accepted as attorney. Basse has also been a visiting professor at Georgia State University in April 2015, 2013, 2010, 2008 and 2005; and a visiting professor at the University of Florida in October 1998; 1996 and 1993.

Since 1996, she has been a Member of The Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters. In 2004, she was admitted to the Order of Dannebrog Knights by HM The Queen of Denmark.

Prof. Basse has been a member of several research bodies, evaluation panels and think tanks in Denmark and other Nordic countries. She has published many books and articles on international, EU and national environmental, energy and climate law, public law, and legal theory.

**Henry Burgess**

Deputy Head of the Polar Regions Department, UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Henry Burgess has been the Deputy Head of the Polar Regions Department in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office since 2012. His role involves both the Arctic and Antarctic, where he represents the UK in the environmental meetings of the Antarctic Treaty states. He has a key role in coordinating UK policy in relation to the Arctic and in representing British interests in discussions. He has worked in both the Arctic and Antarctic regions. Henry has previously worked across a range of Government departments, including the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Cabinet Office and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

**Sir Robert Andrew Burns KCMG**

Chairman of the Board of Trustees of IPF-UK and former British High Commissioner to Canada

Sir Andrew Burns chairs the Board of Trustees of the International Polar Foundation-UK. He was British High Commissioner to Canada from 2000 to 2003.

He is also Chair of the Bar Standards Board, the regulator of barristers in England and Wales in January 2015. And since 2010 he has been the United Kingdom Envoy for Post-Holocaust Issues and Head of the UK's Delegations to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and to the International Commission for the International Tracing Service.

A career diplomat since 1965, he was earlier British Consul-General in Hong Kong and Macau and British Ambassador to Israel. He is a former Governor of the BBC and a former Chair of Royal Holloway, University of London. He currently chairs Hestercombe Gardens Trust.

**Salve Dahle**

Director of Akvaplan-niva

Salve Dahle has 25 years of experience within Arctic science and consultancy, assessing man's impact to on the environment within the fields of marine biology, biodiversity and ecotoxicology. He has headed numerous research and consultancy projects within environmental monitoring, environmental impacts and risk assessments. For the past 10 years, he has been a Director of Akvaplan-niva, a research and consultancy company staffed by some 70 scientists and with head office and laboratories in Tromsø, Norway.

Dahle has worked in close cooperation with Russian scientists and experts, and has headed more than 20 joint Norwegian-Russian research expeditions to the Norwegian and Russian Arctic. He has led several intercalibration exercises between Russian and Norwegian laboratories, as well as the bilateral Russian Norwegian co-operation aimed at harmonising Environmental Impact Assessment and Russian-Norwegian cooperation on OSPAR harmonization: offshore activities and monitoring of hazardous substances.

Since 1996 he has been national key expert on environmental impacts of oil and gas, as well as other environmental pollutants contracted by the Arctic Monitoring and Assessments Program (under Arctic Council). I am co-founder of ARCTOS, a 100 scientist strong pan-

arctic research network on arctic ecology and ecosystems. He has organised a number of international workshops and conferences, and in 2007 initiated and still heads the Arctic Frontiers Conference in Tromsø.

He has written and co-authored some 40 international papers and scientific books, more than 150 scientific reports, and every year I give 10-20 oral presentations at national and international conferences and scientific meetings.

**Rod Downie**

UK Polar Policy and Programme Officer, World Wildlife Fund

Rod Downie is the Polar Programme Manager for WWF in the UK. He joined WWF in 2011, having previously spent 14 years with the British Antarctic Survey – including more than two-and-a-half years living and working in the Antarctic. He has attended the Antarctic Treaty Meeting on the UK delegation for more than a decade, and he has recently returned from a science and communications mission to investigate and document the rate of flow and melt of the Greenland ice sheet as a result of climate change. Rod writes a regular blog about polar policy and conservation issues at <http://blogs.wwf.org.uk/blog/author/rdownie/>

**Else Berit Eikeland**

Norway's Polar Ambassador and Senior Arctic Official

Else Berit Eikeland joined the Norwegian Foreign Service in 1987. She is a career diplomat with previous postings in Manila, San Francisco and as Minister Counsellor with special responsibility for energy at the Royal Norwegian Embassy in London. In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Oslo, she had a number of positions, including Deputy Director General for Private Sector Development and Civil Society at NORAD and senior adviser for Trade and Business Development. She was appointed the Ambassador of Norway to Canada in 2009. In 2012 she was appointed Norway's Polar Ambassador and Senior Arctic Official to the Arctic Council.

She has a master's degree and is educated at the University of Bergen and at the Norwegian School of Management, Oslo.

**Olavur Ellefsen***IT entrepreneur and Founder of Tökni*

Olavur Ellefsen is a Faroese entrepreneur who has co-founded and managed a number of software development, IT services, telecommunications, and educational technology start-ups since 1996. In February 2014, he sold Simprentis and its learning simulator OilSim to Schlumberger, where he currently works as Business Manager. He is also chair of the Faroese IT Industry Association and on the boards of Faroese Telecom and the startups Globe Tracker and Ocean Rainforest. Olavur holds a MSc. in Business Administration and Computer Science from Copenhagen Business School.

**Søren Halling***Senior Software Architect & Partner at E7*

Søren Halling is a solution architect and .NET developer in a wide range of different business applications always trying to break down the boundaries of technical limitations. Søren has worked in large IT companies in Denmark before moving to the Faroe Islands where he and his partner started the software company E7. The company has grown from being a small local vendor to serve the entire Healthcare System of both the Faroe Islands and Greenland, besides more than 15 other large customers in Denmark and in the Faroe Islands. Søren is always working towards making products from projects and recycling solutions between customers.

**Anne Merrild Hansen***Associate Professor at Aalborg University and the University of Greenland*

Anne Merrild Hansen holds a PhD in strategic environmental assessment. Her professional experience includes working as a planner in the municipality of South Greenland and as an advisor for Maersk Oil. Anne is presently Associate Professor at The Danish Centre for Environmental Assessment at Aalborg University. She is also a research associate at CIRCLA and external lecturer at Ilisimatusarfik, University of Greenland. Anne is further a member of the Baffin Bay – Davis Strait Team on Adaptation Actions for a Changing Arctic, with Arctic Council.

**Aleksi Härkönen**

Ambassador of Arctic Affairs for Finland

Aleksi Härkönen has been the Ambassador for Arctic Affairs for Finland since 2014. Previously, he was Ambassador at the Finnish Embassy in Tallinn (2010-14), Adviser and Member of the Cabinet of the President of the Republic (2009-10), Head of the Finnish OSCE Chairmanship Task Force (2007-09), Finland's Permanent Representative to the OSCE in Vienna (2002-07), Deputy Director General of the Security Policy and Arms Control Division, Political Department at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (2000-02).

Härkönen's previous positions include Director of the Unit for Security Policy, Political Department at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (1998-), Special Assistant to the Minister for Foreign Affairs (1995-97), Counsellor, Political Department at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (North America, EU; 1994-95), Counsellor, Finnish Embassy in Washington (1991-94), First secretary, Political Department at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Unit for Security Policy (1988-91), Second secretary, Finnish Embassy in Bonn (1986-88) and Second secretary, Finnish Embassy in Caracas (1983-86). Prior to this he was Attaché in different departments at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Secretary General of the World Fellowship of Orthodox Youth Organizations. He holds a Master of Social Sciences from the University of Helsinki.

**Susan Harper**

Director-General and Senior Arctic Official at Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada

Susan Harper is Director General and Senior Arctic Official, in the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD). As such, she is the Head of Delegation for Canada to the Arctic Council.

She was previously Director General for Trade Controls and Technical Barriers (2009-13), responsible for the administration of the Export and Import Permits Act and other trade policy files, as well as the Canadian lead for the exploratory trade discussions with MERCOSUR.

In 2009, she returned from eight years abroad, as Minister for Economic Affairs in the Embassy of Canada in Washington, and as Canada's Ambassador to Uruguay. She previously held positions in trade policy and in human resources in Ottawa, as well as in trade and economic positions in Argentina, France and Cameroon. She joined the Department with an MBA from the University of Western Ontario

(now the Richard Ivey School of Business), and a B.A. Honours (Mathematics, English) from Queen's University.

Susan has two children, who keep her busy, and ensure that her chauffeuring, athletic, and academic skills are kept honed.



Boris Iarochévitch

Head of Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE Division, European External Action Service

Boris Iarochévitch is Belgian, born in Brussels in 1958. He completed a Master in Engineering (Ingénieur agronome) in 1984 at the Faculté des Sciences Agronomiques de l'Etat, Gembloux, Belgium, and an MBA in International Business Management in 1997 at the Academy of National Economy in Moscow. He holds a Diploma in Islamic Studies (University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina) and a Certificate in International Relations and Conflict Analysis (Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium). He is completing a Certificate in Geopolitical Analysis of Great Powers at the same university.

Between 1985 and 1991, he worked on development projects in Senegal. In 1992, he dealt with the analysis of the distribution chains and price structure for basic foodstuffs delivered under the EC Food Aid Programmes to the former USSR.

Mr Iarochévitch worked from 1993-98 and 2002-07 in the European Commission Delegation to Russia, in charge of cooperation programmes in a number of sectors. Between 1998 and 2001, he worked in Brussels in the EC External Relations Directorate-General Unit dealing with Russia, Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus. From 2007-08, he dealt with multi-country programmes for Asia and Central Asia in the EuropeAid Cooperation Office in Brussels. From 2008-11, he was Head of Cooperation (and in 2010-11 acting Head of Delegation) at the EU Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina. From 2011-15, he was Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to Georgia, in charge particularly of political issues and the conflicts.

As of September 2015, he became Head of Division at the European External Action Service, dealing with the Eastern Partnership (multilateral track), Regional cooperation and the OSCE.

**Kamil Jagodziński**

Project Manager, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

Kamil Jagodziński's background spans the fields of project management, international relations, foreign direct investments, and political marketing. His specific interest is in executing complex projects in the Arctic and converting strategies into actions. Drawing on a broad range of experience including strategic planning and management within the EU Arctic Information Centre initiative, project planning and training in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region, organizational change management the Balkans and Central Asia, he has also been involved in mentoring innovation labs and teaching activities in Finland, Russia, Poland, Slovenia and Kazakhstan.

A graduate of Adam Mickiewicz University with a masters in political sciences and specialization studies in international project management from Rovaniemi University of Applied Sciences, he holds a number of certifications in project management. Currently, he is a part of Stanford Advanced Project Management programme.

**Andrés Jato**

Ambassador to the Arctic for Sweden

Andrés Jato was recently appointed as Ambassador to the Arctic for Sweden. His previous roles in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (MFA) include Director, Head of Department and European Correspondent, Deputy Director, Special Assistant to the Director General for Political Affairs, Desk Officer, Department for Security Policy, First Secretary, Embassy of Sweden in Sarajevo and Desk Officer, Africa Department.

He has been speechwriter to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, expert in the Parliamentary Defence Commission, expert in the Export Control Council and head of an internal working group for MFA reorganization. He has also lectured and conducted research at the Department for Peace and Conflict Research; Uppsala University, teaching and supervising at both under- and post graduate levels.

Jato holds a PhD in Peace and Conflict Research from Uppsala University, MSc. in International Political Economy from London School of Economics, MSc. in Peace and Conflict Research from Uppsala University as well as a BA in Economics; Uppsala University and French language studies at the University of Nice.

**Morten Karlsen**

Manager for the Arctic Technology Program, Statoil

Morten Karlsen is Chief of Innovation in Statoil's Research, Development and Innovation Department. Karlsen has experience from research and development of technology for use in the Arctic, having worked as Manager for Statoil's Arctic Technology Program and as Principal researcher responsible for Arctic materials and pipeline steel research activities. Before working for Statoil, Karlsen had various leadership, project and academic positions in The Royal Norwegian Air Force. He has a military education from The Norwegian Air Force Academy and the Defense Command and Staff College, and a PhD in Materials Technology, from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU).

In addition to his current role, Karlsen is a professor within steels for offshore applications at NTNU.

**Thomas Kastrup-Larsen**

Mayor of Aalborg and Chairman at the Port of Aalborg

Thomas Kastrup-Larsen is the mayor of Aalborg, located in North Denmark, and a Member of Aalborg City Council. Thomas is furthermore Chairman of the Port of Aalborg which is Europe's only base-port for Greenland. The port of Aalborg has since the 1970's generated growth in both Aalborg and Greenland. It provides a solid foundation for the Arctic Connection that is the strong connection between Aalborg and Greenland built through more than 40 years of trade and cooperation. Thomas is currently working towards strengthening and developing the already close ties between Aalborg and Greenland based on the idea that growth in Greenland creates growth in North Denmark.

**Jyrki Katainen**

Vice-President of the European Commission Responsible for Jobs, Growth, Investment, and Competitiveness

Jyrki Katainen is currently Vice President of the European Commission responsible for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness. He joined the college in July 2014 as Vice-President for Economic and Monetary Affairs and the euro.

Before that he served as Prime Minister of Finland, 2011-14 and Minister of Finance, 2007-11. He was Member of Finnish Parliament 1999-2014 for the National Coalition Party (Kokoomus).

He was Member of the Finnish Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly 2003-07, Member of the Administrative Council of the Finnish Broadcasting Company 2003-05, Member of the Finish Delegation to the Western European Union Parliamentary Assembly 2004-05 and the Deputy Member of the Finnish Delegation to the Nordic Council 2001-03.

Jyrki Katainen has MSc in Political Science from the University of Tampere, Finland and he did an Erasmus exchange year at the University of Leicester, UK.

**Kathrin Keil**

Europe Director of the Arctic Institute; Project Scientist at IASS Potsdam

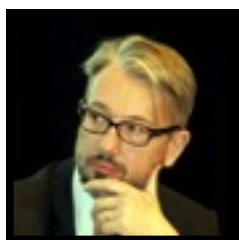
Kathrin Keil is currently a Project Scientist with the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) in Potsdam, Germany, focusing on inter- and trans-disciplinary Arctic research within the 'Sustainable Interactions with the Atmosphere' cluster. Kathrin is also the Europe Director of The Arctic Institute, where she regularly writes articles and op-eds on various Arctic issues and coordinates the Institute's research project "The Arctic Infrastructure Survey". Kathrin completed her PhD at the Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies (BTS) at the Freie Universität Berlin on "Cooperation and Conflict in the Arctic – The Cases of Energy, Shipping and Fishing". She has a Master of Science in European Affairs from Lunds Universitet in Sweden and a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from the Technical University Dresden, Germany.

**Runa Haug Khoury**

Senior Advisor on Energy & Industry, Bellona Foundation

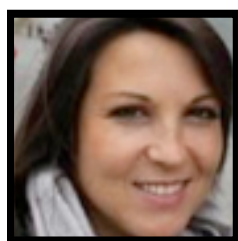
Runa Haug Khoury is an Economist (MSc) from the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration (NHH). She further holds an MSc in environmental economics, politics and planning from the London School of Economics (LSE). Runa has since 2005 worked on analysis and strategic advice within the Nordic, European and global energy contexts, primarily focusing on power markets and renewable energy. She has also worked on renewable energy technologies in Arctic areas specifically.

At Bellona, Runa heads the energy and industry work, and also works closely with various power intensive industries, hereunder particularly the data centre industry. Other central focus areas include further development and internationalization of Norway's renewable energy industry, and strengthening the Norwegian economy outside the petroleum sector. Runa has previously worked for Pöyry Ltd, DNV GL and Gemserv Ltd (London).

**Matthew King**

Head of Unit, DG MARE

Matthew King is the Head of Unit for Maritime Policy in the Atlantic, Arctic and Outermost Regions in the European Commission, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries. The Unit is responsible for developing and implementing a strategy for the Atlantic region, and has developed an Action Plan for the Atlantic to take this forward, in partnership with Member States and regional authorities. The unit is also responsible in the Commission for development of policy on the Arctic and has played a role in promoting dialogue with Arctic indigenous peoples. In his function, he also holds responsibility for the wider 'blue growth' agenda, which seeks to improve the rate of job creation and growth from sustainable use of the seas. This involves innovating in a number of traditional sectors, such as shipbuilding, and in emerging sectors, such as ocean energy.

**Carole Martinez**

Programme Coordinator, EU Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories, IUCN

Jurist, specialising in environmental law, Ms. Martinez has worked for more than twenty years on marine and island issues. Ms. Martinez's different functions have led her to work in close collaboration with the French government and other Member States of the European Union, the European institutions, the regions and European territories overseas, small island countries, UNESCO, UNEP and the programme dedicated to regional seas, as well as the Secretariat of the Convention of biological diversity. Ms Martinez works on the issues of the great oceans and seas of the planet in the Pacific, Atlantic, Indian Ocean, Antarctica, Caribbean and Mediterranean with the mission to widen regional cooperation around scientific and technical projects. Her functions combine both political and technical expertise for the improvement of public policy, local, national, European and

international; management and implementation of field projects and the launch of European and international initiatives.

**Stein Mathisen**

Chief Operating Officer of Varanger Kraft AS

Stein Mathisen is responsible for the development and streamlining of Varanger Kraft's businesses in the northeastern part of Norway. He hails from Vadsø in Finnmark county, located in the same region. He is a family man with three children and a football coach and avid hiker in his leisure time. Professionally, Mathisen has more than 20 years of work experience in managing public services, fishing industry and meat industry. He also holds a bachelor in economics and public policy and has special knowledge of regional business development and start-up of small and medium enterprises.

**Stephen Mooney**

Director of Cold Climate Innovation, Yukon Research Centre

Stephen Mooney is a Canadian technology and innovations specialist who guides the development, commercialization and export of sustainable cold climate technologies.

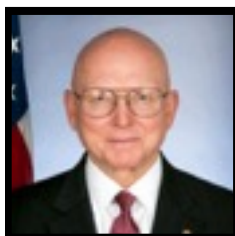
As the Director of Cold Climate Innovation (CCI) at the Yukon Research Centre, Mooney promotes the practical application of cold climate technologies for subarctic regions around the world. The main thematic areas of research for CCI include: Food Security, Alternative Energies, and Cold Climate Housing.

Prior to his position with CCI at the Yukon Research Centre, Mooney spent 7 years working in the field of telecommunications. During that time, he worked in product development, project management and marketing while designing and pricing various technologies across northern Canada. He also spent half a decade developing and implementing computer software throughout the United States.

Stephen has been certified in Professional Project Management and has used these skills in R&D, telecommunications, software development, construction and marketing. Stephen also sits on the Board for the National Research Council of Canada.

**Knut Harald Nygård***Vice President of Statoil's Northern Area Initiative*

Knut Harald Nygård is Vice President of Statoil's North Area Initiative, which has connecting Statoil's activities in the north of Norway with northern Norwegian communities as its main objective. While his office is in Harstad, his work brings him across all of northern Norway. Nygård has a background in geophysics from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) and has been with Statoil since 1999. Prior to his current position he has had various roles in exploration, development and operations. Nygård is perhaps most known as the vice president behind discoveries such as Skrugard and Havis in the Barents Sea.

**Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., USCG (Ret.)***US Special Representative for the Arctic*

Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., USCG (Ret.) became the State Department's Special Representative for the Arctic in July of 2014, and will lead the effort to advance U.S. interests in the Arctic Region, with a focus on Arctic Ocean governance, climate change, economic, environmental, and security issues in the Arctic region as the United States holds the chairmanship of the Arctic Council from 2015-17.

Prior to his appointment, Admiral Papp served as the 24th Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, and led the largest component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). As a flag officer, Admiral Papp served as Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area; as the Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard and Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Headquarters; as Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District; and as Director of Reserve and Training.

Admiral Papp was a career cutterman, having served in six Coast Guard Cutters, commanding four of them: RED BEECH, PAPA, FORWARD, and the training barque EAGLE. He is a 1975 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy. Additionally, he holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College and a Master of Science in Management from Salve Regina College.

**Tine Pars**

Rector of the University of Greenland

Tine Pars is currently the principal of the University of Greenland. Tine holds a PhD in experimental biology with a specialization in human nutrition. Tine's research has through her association with the Danish Institute for Clinical Epidemiology primarily revolved around the consumption of traditional Greenlandic food. Tine's professional experience includes working within the Greenlandic government with promotion of health and as a campaign leader promoting sustainable usage of living resources. Tine is a member or an observer in the following organisations: Nordforsk, Transparency Greenland, Dudo og Poul Brandt's fond, Grønlands Miljøfond and Grønlandsbankens Erhvervsfond.

**Cécile Pelaudeix**

Cecile Pelaudeix, Assistant Professor, Aarhus University, Denmark

Cécile Pelaudeix is a Professor at Aarhus University and Research Associate at PACTE-Sciences Po Grenoble. Her research focuses on governance in the Arctic, the European Union Arctic policy, Energy policies, and China's foreign policy in the Arctic.

At Aarhus University, Cécile Pelaudeix is in charge of the development of interdisciplinary research at the Arctic Research Center. She was member of the Scientific Committee of the "Chantier Arctique", CNRS (National Center for Scientific Research), 2011-2014. She is also member of the INTRALaw research group. She had been teaching at Sciences Po Lyon and Sciences Po Grenoble and is now teaching at Aarhus University and at Ilisimatusarfik (Nuuk, Greenland).

Her recent publications include "Governance of Arctic Offshore Oil & Gas Activities: Multilevel Governance & Legal Pluralism at Stake", "What is "Arctic governance"? A critical assessment of the diverse meanings of "Arctic governance", The Yearbook of Polar Law (vol.6), "China's interests in the Arctic and the EU Arctic policy: towards a proactive EU foreign policy?", The Yearbook of Polar Law (vol.7).

She will represent Aarhus University at COP21 for the side-event The Arctic and Nordic Climate Science, Technology and Diplomacy in a Global Context.

**Kate Sanderson**

Head of Mission, Mission of the Faroe Islands to the European Union

Kate Sanderson became Head of the Mission of the Faroes to the European Union in September 2012. Beginning her career with the Government of the Faroes in the late 1980s, she was appointed General Secretary of the North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission (NAMMCO) in 1993 and set up the NAMMCO permanent secretariat in Tromsø, Norway.

In 1998 Ms Sanderson returned to the Faroe Islands as adviser in the newly established foreign service of the Faroese Prime Minister's Office. Since then she has represented the Faroe Islands on a number of bodies including the Arctic Council, dealing with sustainable development, natural resource management, environmental protection and more recently international fisheries cooperation. She was chief negotiator for the Faroes in a number of multilateral consultations on the management of shared fish stocks and has headed delegations and held offices in fisheries organisations such as NEAFC, NAFO, as well as representing the Faroe Islands in consultations to establish the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO). She heads the Faroese delegation to the Committee on Fisheries of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation.

**Árni Þór Sigurðsson**

Icelandic Ambassador to the Arctic Council

Árni Þór Sigurðsson (born 1960 in Reykjavík) is an Icelandic Ambassador. Since May 1st 2015 he is Ambassador for the Arctic (Senior Arctic Official), representing Iceland on the Arctic Council. He was Member of the Icelandic Parliament, the Alþingi, from 2007-14, for the Left-Green Movement. Previous roles include Deputy Speaker of the Alþingi, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Chairman of the Parliamentary Delegation to EFTA/EEA, Co-Chairman of the Iceland-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee, delegate to the Nordic Council and Chairman of the Nordic Council's Standing Committee of Culture and Education. Árni Þór held a number of Parliamentary Committee posts, incl. on budget and finance, economy, environment, constitutional affairs, procedural affairs etc. He was chair, vice chair and acting chair of the Parliamentary Group 2009-2012.

Prior to his parliamentary career, Árni Þór was a City Councillor in Reykjavík for 13 years, responsible for pre-schools, city planning and construction and transport and environment and Chairman of the

Board of the Port of Reykjavik. He was vice chair of the Eurocities Mobility Forum and delegate to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

Árni Þór has a Master-degree in Economics and Russian from the University of Oslo, Norway and studied Russian at the universities in Stockholm, Sweden, and Moscow. He also has a diploma in Public Administration from the University of Iceland and a Master-degree in International Relations.



Eirik Sivertsen

MP, Parliament of Norway, First Vice Chair of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communication, Chair of the Arctic parliamentary cooperation

Eirik Sivertsen is a Labour Member of Parliament and First Vice Chair of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communication and Chair of the Norwegian delegation to the Arctic parliamentary cooperation. He is also a Member of the Standing Committee on Local Government and Public Administration. He has previously been the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Norwegian delegation to the Arctic parliamentary cooperation, Member of the International Committee of the Norwegian Labour Party, Member of County Board, Nordland Labour Party and Chair of the Labour Party, Bodø.

Sivertsen studied Political Science, Information management, and personnel management and human resource development at University College in Bodø.



Oana Spinu

Executive Director of Nunavut Broadband Development Corporation

Oana Spinu is the Executive Director at the Nunavut Broadband Development Corporation. She has been with NBDC since October 2009 in the roles of Project Manager and Acting Executive Director before her current position. Previously, Oana was the Senior Advisor, Innovation and Technology, with the Government of Nunavut's Economic Development and Transportation (EDT) department. Prior to this position, she spent close to a decade leveraging ICT in the not-for-profit and arts sectors.

**Anne H. Steffensen***Director General of the Danish Shipowners' Association*

Anne H. Steffensen is Director General for the Danish Shipowners' Association. Anne's professional experience includes positions within the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs working, most recently, as Ambassador of Denmark to the United Kingdom and as a State Secretary for Trade and Corporate Affairs within the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Danish Shipowners Association is one of the representatives of The Kingdom of Denmark in the Arctic Economic Council.

**Anders Stenbakken***CEO of Visit Greenland*

Anders Stenbakken is the CEO for Visit Greenland, the national tourist board of Greenland. Anders is currently Chairman of the North Atlantic Tourism Association (NATA) and Member of the Advisory Board for the Arctic Winter Games 2016. Anders professional experience includes working as a co-producer and project manager of 'A Taste of Greenland', as Race Director for the adventure race The Arctic Team Challenge 2001-07 and as director of Destination East Greenland.

**Tara MacLean Sweeney***Arctic Slope Regional Corporation Executive Vice President of External Affairs; Chair, Arctic Economic Council*

Tara Sweeney is the Executive Vice President of External Affairs for Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC), and is responsible for all facets of the company's government relations and communications.

ASRC is the largest locally-owned and operated business in Alaska, with revenues in excess of \$2.6 billion, with more than 12,000 shareholders and 10,000 employees worldwide.

Sweeney has been actively engaged as an advocate for self-determination for Alaska Natives and enjoys mentoring young Alaska Natives interested in becoming politically active. In 2003 she served as Special Assistant for Rural Affairs and Education in Governor Frank Murkowski's administration and most recently served as Co-Chair for Senator Dan Sullivan's (R-AK) successful 2014 Senate campaign.

Sweeney has served on numerous business and non-profit boards at both the state and national level.

Sweeney was honored in 2008 as a “Top 40 Under 40” business leader by the Alaska Journal of Commerce. She currently serves as a member of the Ted Stevens Foundation, and as the chair of the Arctic Economic Council

Sweeney grew up in rural Alaska. While her family roots are in the Arctic Slope Region, she also lived in Noorvik, Unalakleet and Bethel. She graduated from Barrow High School in 1991 before leaving Alaska to attend Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Sweeney graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial and Labor Relations.

**Lise-Lotte Terp**

Director of Arctic Consensus

Lise-Lotte Terp is Director at Arctic Consensus and Chairman at the Greenlandic House in Aalborg. Lise-Lotte has substantial experience with the Arctic and particularly, the regional Greenlandic perspectives. Her professional experience includes working within the Greenland Home Rule Government, working as Chairman at Arctic Business Network representing more than 70 Greenlandic, Canadian and Danish businesses, as well as aiding in the founding of Arctic Education Network. Lise-Lotte’s professional experience furthermore includes positions as Head of Management Secretariat at the Port of Aalborg and consultant at the Mayor’s Office in the municipality of Aalborg, North Denmark.

**Hege Berg Thurmann**

Director of Arctic Group, DNV GL

Hege Berg Thurmann is leading the Arctic Group in DNV GL Oil & Gas. She has 22 years of experience with projects and studies involving strength and behavior of floating and fixed offshore structures and other energy related structures being exposed to harsh environmental conditions. She joined DNV GL in 2001. Since 2006 her main tasks have been related to project management and since 2008 also people management, holding leadership positions. She led the Section for Offshore Structures until 2009, Section for Concrete Structures until December 2014, and is now leading the Arctic Group.

**Julian Vangen**

Senior consultant, Norwegian Fishermen's Sales Organization

Julian Vangen is a senior consultant at the Norwegian Fishermen's Sales Organization, where he is directly involved in internal analysis of the markets and the global supply situation for ground fish species.

Born in 1971, Vangen made the decision to work in the seafood business at an early age, spending his teenage years working part time at a salmon farm. This inspired him to go into the seafood business and between 1990-95 he gained experience from various areas of the business working as a shipbroker for fishing vessels, fisherman, and production manager at a seafood processing factory.hhfh

Mr. Vangen holds a master in fish farming economics from the faculty of fishing and aquaculture at the University of Tromsø from 2000. He has worked as a senior consultant at the Regional Administration's Office for Business- and Environmental Development, and was with the Norwegian seafood company, Sjøvik Group AS for seven years after that. Additionally, between 2008 and 2010 he worked for the Norwegian company Kontali Analyse AS, an important supplier of analysis and statistical tools for the global salmon farming business, where he was in charge of establishing the fishing analysis department of the company.

**Jian Yang**

Professor; Vice President of Shanghai Institute for International Studies

Professor Jian Yang is the Vice President of Shanghai Institute for International Studies (SIIS). He has served as the Deputy Chairman of the Shanghai Institute for Strategic Studies since 2011 and a member of the editorial board of the Arctic Yearbook since 2013. His specific areas of focus include International Political Economy (IPE), China's regional strategy in Asia, global governance in Cyberspace, and Arctic affairs. He is a leading scholar on China's Arctic policy and its global cooperation within Arctic governance.

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Alessandra Zampieri

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Alessandra Zampieri is the Head of Unit responsible for Maritime Affairs at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre. She joined the JRC after spending several years in Brussels formulating policies related to maritime safety and security, first in the competent Commission services and then in the Cabinet of Vice President De Palacio. Now at the JRC, she is tasked with contributing to a safe, secure, resource-efficient and competitive Europe by developing scientific and technological methodologies for EU policies related to the sea.

Her unit focuses *inter alia* on the development of innovative sensors and platforms for maritime surveillance, on maritime data exchange in the context of establishing the Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE) for the EU maritime domain, and on maritime data fusion and knowledge discovery using its R&D Blue Hub platform to improve maritime situational awareness. This knowledge and expertise is currently used in the Arctic region to map maritime activities (including fishing, shipping, exploration and tourism) and their trends, to contribute in enhancing the safety of navigation in line with the Polar Code, and to enhance collaboration and information sharing and undertake R&D to bring together all available data from Earth Observation, vessel tracking and other commercial services that is to date scattered.

