

Research Report

During May 8 – 12, 2017 UAF and Fairbanks are fortunate to again welcome the Arctic Council, their member nations, their Senior Arctic Officials and Permanent Participants for the Arctic Council Ministerial. This will be a largely ceremonial event when the chairmanship, which has been held by the US for the past two years, will be passed to Finland. In celebration of this event, UAF, in collaboration with the Alaska Arctic Council Host Committee, will host the Week of the Arctic on our campus that will focus largely upon scientific issues and how science may inform policy. This is similar in many respects to the Arctic Science Summit Week (ASSW), which was held here in March 2016, and will again include an International Arctic Assembly, numerous workshops and panels and another great opportunity for Arctic scientists, policy makers, indigenous peoples, local residents, business and industry stakeholders and journalists to share information and understanding.

More information on the Week of the Arctic is available online at <http://akarctichost.org/> Please look at the program and consider how you might participate. Please also share this information with your colleagues.

We welcome participation and assistance in convening this event. The 2016 ASSW brought great visibility and recognition to our university. It strengthened our reputation and brought honor to our faculty, staff and students. We hope that you can help us make the 2017 Week of the Arctic another great week to remember.

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