

## **Indigenous Peoples Contaminant Action Expert Group Meeting Report**

The IPCAP Expert Group met in Rovaniemi, Finland at the Arctic Center January 27, 2017. Representatives were present from: Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, the USA, the Russian Federation, AIA, AC chairmanship, the Arctic Council Secretariat and Arctic Alliance. Jim Gamble (AIA) chaired the meeting, outlining the need to discuss on one hand the project proposals and the other the approval process. It was also agreed that some basic operating procedures be discussed.

AIA made a presentation on a project proposal "Community-Based Black Carbon and Public Health Assessment Project". The project is based on the work AIA has long been carrying out and highlighted that there is a need for more data. Black carbon is important for the climate change as well as human health. Virtually no work has been done on the local level to identify black carbon sources, promote mitigation measures, and build community awareness and capacities.

The project proposal is attached. The project has been partially developed with the funding from the Government of Sweden.

RF will need to consider who might be the counterpart on the Federal level, because of the reorganization of the ministry of regional development.

US EPA presented Circumpolar Local Environment Observer Network (CLEO). CLEO was considered a tool to get information what are the environmental problems in communities and could therefore contribute to the IPCAP baseline study needed to identify what issues the work should focus on. It was noted that there are a lot of cross-cuts with the work of AMAP and SDWG.

NCM was considered as a potential source of funding.

Current IPCAP chairs are unavailable. It was agreed that AIA will act as an interim leader until the next meeting to ensure the things will move. It was also agreed that the two projects provisionally considered approved by will be forwarded to ACAP WG for IPCAP discussions.

NO will need some more time to consult their experts.