

Greenland Institute of Health Research inaugurated in October

On October 14th, 2008, a new player on the international health research scene was introduced. The Greenland Institute of Health Research was inaugurated at a meeting in Nuuk of the Danish-Greenlandic Society for Circumpolar Health.

The aim of the Institute is to enhance cooperation between researchers from other countries and health professionals in Greenland, to further research cooperation within Greenland, and to facilitate the interaction of researchers from other countries with the Greenland community at large. The Institute will also be active in teaching at all levels from classroom teaching of nursing students to supervision of Ph.d. students. In a longer perspective the Institute will work at establishing a data archive and biobank with data collected in Greenland. We invite everybody to contact the Institute at GIHR@peqqik.gl.

The institute is a cooperative endeavour of partners in health research in Greenland, which is reflected in the composition of the board: Dr. Karin Ladefoged (chairman) of Queen Ingrid's Hospital, Dr. Gert Mulvad (vice-chair and secretary) representing the Greenland Medical Research Council, Ms. Ann B. Kjeldsen, R.N. (treasurer) of the Centre for Health Education, Chief Medical Officer Flemming Stenz, and professor Peter Bjerregaard representing the Department of Family and Health of the Greenland Government.

The institute is located at the Centre for Health Education in Nuuk, Greenland. Presently the staff consists of two Ph.d. students and a research assistant. Professor Peter Bjerregaard is the Research Director, dividing his time between the University of Southern Denmark and the Greenland Institute of Health Research. Funding comes from the participating institutions.

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