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Latest EPPR meeting was held at Svalbard, Norway 23–26. April 2007. In this report we will present the outcome from this meeting and the main priorities of EPPR WG in 2008. Next EPPR meeting will be arranged in Luleå, Sweden in August 2008.

For the period 2007-2008, Mr. Tor Christian Sletner has been commissioned as Chairman and Mr. Igor Veselov as Vice-Chairman for EPPR. Norway has undertaken the EPPR secretariat for the same time period, with reference to the SAO report of March 27, 2007. The former EPPR secretary, Mr. Jan Nerland, retired on pension 1. October this year and Mr. Ole Kristian Bjerkemo is appointed as Executive Secretary for EPPR from the same time.

To improve efficiency, guidance and management of the working group, the Secretariat will start to update the Strategic Plan as an evolving process with broad involvement from the members of EPPR WG. A draft outline to updated SP will be addressed in the EPPR meeting in August 2008 and be presented to the SAO meeting in fall 2008. Additionally, the Secretariat has prepared a draft procedure describing Secretariat activities, to improve handover procedures between countries to take on responsibilities as EPPR Secretariat. Finally, the secretariat will inform and hand over input to the new series of AC brochures.

The EPPR work plan for 2006–2008, endorsed by the SAOs, was updated at the Svalbard meeting. The work plan for 2007- 2009 is attached to this progress report and the SAO meeting is kindly requested to endorse the work plan.

Updated work plan will be pursued and followed up by the Chairmanship. Present status is reported according to work plan.

The Chairman and Executive Secretary represented EPPR under the AC Working Group Chair meeting in Tromsø 13-14 September 2007. After EPPRs point of view, these kinds of meetings are very useful and give a better understanding on other WG issues and their projects.

On 26 – 27<sup>th</sup> of September, the EPPR secretariat attended the PAME meeting in Reykjavik. Various EPPR activities are related to PAME work as well as other AC working groups.

EPPR received a formal request from AMSA to contribute with experts from EPPR to AMSA Chapter 8 on 'Infrastructure', which, among other things, includes topics as emergency/incident response. EPPR secretariat participated in the first meeting related to this work. Canada will represent EPPR in future work within this topic. EPPR secretariat will contribute as a member of a small, organizing committee for a proposed Arctic workshop related to AMSA work to be held in February/March 2008 at the University of New Hampshire's Coastal Response Research Center (north of Boston, Massachusetts).

The cooperation between the AC working groups is important and is highlighted in the Salekhard Declaration. As announced in the EPPR report to the SAO-meeting in April, the work to improve the “Circumpolar map of natural resources at risk from oil spill”. In cooperation with AMAP, EPPR will suggest to arrange a workshop including representative of each of the AC WGs and also a number of other external parties that are interested/engaged in such activities, preferably early in 2008. The aim of the workshop will be to scope the work and develop recommendation on what needs to be done, including funding issues. A more detailed plan will be presented in the next SAO meeting.

On request of PAME, EPPR will comment EPPR relevant chapters of the Arctic offshore oil and gas guideline.

The priority programme for the EPPR working group will be tied closely to the Salekhard Declaration and should focus on a set of problems regarding oil pollution, radiological and other hazards in the Arctic region. EPPR will initiate common projects, working groups and seminars to share knowledge and experience.

**EPPR Workplan 2007 – 2009**

**OIL POLLUTION: L – LEAD P- PARTICIPANT**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Canada</b>	<b>Denmark/ Greenland</b>	<b>Finland</b>	<b>Iceland</b>	<b>Norway</b>	<b>Russian Federation</b>	<b>Sweden</b>	<b>USA</b>
<i><b>Ongoing</b></i>								
Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technology (SCAT) Manual – next steps	L							P
Interactive Maps and Environmental information from Arctic Council Programmes on the Web	P		P		L	P	P	P
Arctic rescue						L		
<b>Proposed projects</b>								
Development of Safety Systems in the Arctic while Implementing Infrastructural and Other Economic Projects						L		
Waste removal	L							P

**RADIOLOGICAL AND OTHER HAZARDS: L – LEAD P- PARTICIPANT**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Canada</b>	<b>Denmark/ Greenland</b>	<b>Finland</b>	<b>Iceland</b>	<b>Norway</b>	<b>Russian Federation</b>	<b>Sweden</b>	<b>USA</b>
<i><b>Ongoing</b></i>								
Source Control Management Phase III – FSUE “ME Zvedocka” and FSUE “Atomflot”.						L		L

Community Radiation Information Project						L		L
Development of Brochure on far East Region of Russia						L		L
Portable analysis capability (Laptop based)						L		L
NOSTRADOMUS: real time computer system for estimation of atmospheric transfer						L		L
<b>Proposed projects</b>								
IBRAE Technical Crisis Center (TCC) support to the EMERCOM Crisis Situation Management Center.						L		L
Response Assistance Network (RANET)								L
Conduct of radiation emergency exercise						L		L

**NATURAL DISASTERS L – LEAD P- PARTICIPANT**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Canada</b>	<b>Denmark/ Greenland</b>	<b>Finland</b>	<b>Iceland</b>	<b>Norway</b>	<b>Russian Federation</b>	<b>Sweden</b>	<b>USA</b>
<i>Ongoing</i>								
Project to create a prevention system concerning catastrophic flooding on northern rivers						L		
“Managing the cold conditions – A systematic approach			L				P	P

<b>Other issues</b>	<b>Canada</b>	<b>Denmark/ Greenland</b>	<b>Finland</b>	<b>Iceland</b>	<b>Norway</b>	<b>Russian Federation</b>	<b>Sweden</b>	<b>USA</b>
<i>Host the EPPR web site</i>							L	
<i>EPPR secretariat</i>					L			
<i>Update the Strategic Plan of EPPR in process with the other EPPR countries</i>					L			