



## **Rules of the participation in the Arctic expedition (Information sheet on the Arctic expeditions)**

### **General information**

The Arctic expeditions are organised within the EDU-ARCTIC project. EDU-ARCTIC has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 710240.

Participation in the Arctic expedition is proposed to the winners of the Arctic competitions (students and their teachers). Participation is voluntary. You can ask questions about the expedition before, deciding whether or not to participate. If you agree to participate, you should send us confirmation of your participation, signed by you or your legal guardians (in case of minors). Once confirming attendance, if you fail to attend the event for whatever reason, you will have to reimburse the cost of air travel/accommodation (if applicable).

During the event, pictures and videos will be taken on/in which you will be possibly identifiable. This material will be used for dissemination purposes (i.e. press, brochures, web portal).

In compliance with funding rules of the European Commission, but also to suit the needs of participants as efficiently as possible, we will examine the project's impact, as well as the degree of satisfaction of participants. During the expedition, participants will be asked to take part in FGIs – Focus Group Interviews. Interviews will take about 30 minutes. Participation in the interview is voluntary.

Collecting of your personal data is necessary for the organisation of the expeditions. Your data operator is American Systems sp. z o.o., based in Poland, Poznań, 27 Grudnia 7. For any questions related to your data management, including your rights to access, correct and delete your personal information under applicable data protection law, please contact the data operator. Data will be retained for 5 years after the official closure of the EDU-ARCTIC Project by the European Commission. You may find more details in the Data Use Policy.

The EDU-ARCTIC project was reviewed by, and received approval from the Committee on ethics in scientific research of IGF PAS' Scientific Council (reference no. KE/1/2016 issued on 9 DEC 2016).

## Expedition to the Faroe Islands

### **What will happen during the expedition?**

The expedition will last for 6 days and will be organized in late June or early July 2019. Participants will arrive on the Faroe Islands by plane and will stay in Tórshavn as well as in various other locations on the Faroe Islands.

The winning teams will visit many localities on the Faroe Islands to which we will mostly travel by car and by ferry. The distances on the islands are short, so most travels by car and ferry last no longer than two hours. We plan to visit many of the islands, for instance the southernmost island of Suðuroy, the islands Vágar, Mykines and Koltur. In these localities we will do field work at geological sites revealing present active processes in the nature and the geological history of the past 60 million years.

We will do a lot of hiking and we plan to take part in boat trips as well. If possible, we might take a ride by helicopter.

The detailed agenda of the expedition will be announced to winners at least one month before the expedition. Adjustments for persons with reduced functions will be organized if needed.

### **Are there any potential risks in taking part?**

The following risks are involved in taking part:

#### **WEATHER CONDITIONS:**

Weather conditions: This is the summer season on the Faroe Islands. However, participants should be prepared for cold temperatures, as the average air temperature close to sea level during August is about 11 degrees Celsius. In the mountains it gets a bit colder. The weather changes all the time, so be prepared for rain, fog and windy conditions.

#### **WILDLIFE:**

Faroese wildlife poses no risks to visitors. Birds, such as the Arctic tern, may attack while protecting their chicks, but this happens earlier in the summer.

#### **TRANSPORT:**

We will be travelling by ferry and sometimes by boat, so seasickness may become an issue for a very short time. We will be hiking in the mountains. However, although the landscapes are high relief we will always walk safe.

#### **OTHER:**

The communication infrastructure is good on the Faroe Islands but there may be limited communication network in places in the mountains.



**The specific preparatory requirements are:**

Bring with you clothing that is adapted to cool conditions of down to about 3°C, when we walk in the mountains. Good clothing means mountain trekking clothing with several layers, that can be adapted to the activity, and can withstand rain and wind. Remember headwear and gloves and spare clothing.

Prepare for the expedition by being fit for walking in mountainous terrain.

**In order to mitigate any potential risks, the researchers will:**

Keep the group together and organised when we travel and walk in the mountains. This includes preparing field safety precautions. Minors taking part in the trip will be required to be accompanied by an adult at all times.

**Are there any benefits in taking part?**

The benefits of taking part are many. The participants are going to learn from the work of scientists and visit many beautiful places on the Faroe Islands and learn about landscapes, geology and the islands' ecosystems, as well as environmental issues within energy production and utilisation.

**Additional information**

You need a passport when you travel to the Faroe Islands. An ID-card is not enough. Travel to the Faroe Islands and within the islands during the expedition will be paid by the organizers.

Accommodation with full board is provided and field trips will be organized with no added cost to the participants.

## **Expedition to Svanhovd, Northern Norway (NIBIO)**

**What will happen in the study?**

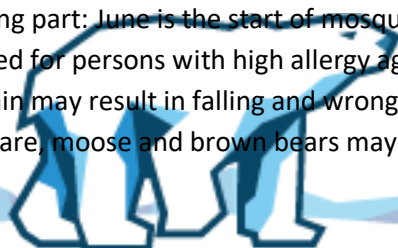
The trip will take approximately 6 days and it will be organized during week 25 or 26.. The trip will be tailor made for the participants.

The trip will take place at Eastern Finnmark with main basecamp at NIBIO Svanhovd Conference Centre, located in Pasvik at Svanvik. Depending on the participants' interests and weather, field camps will be used some nights.

There will be visited a large varieties of wildlife habitats, including lakes, rivers, Barents Sea coast, forest, mires and mountains and alpine landscape. The participants will take part in activities of biology, climatological and environmental research projects. Adjustments for persons with reduced functions will be organized if needed.

**Are there any potential risks in taking part?**

The following risks are involved in taking part: June is the start of mosquito season as well the black flies (midges). This should be considered for persons with high allergy against insect bites. Walking and working in stony and uneven terrain may result in falling and wrong step (proper hiking boots reduce this risk). Although extremely rare, moose and brown bears may charge at people. However,



being in a group of several people, the risk of an actual attack from these animal species is practically nil. Participants should be able to understand messages given in English.

The specific preparatory requirements are good clothing (waterproof and wind braking) for both warm and extreme cold weather condition (slush and snow may occur in higher areas in all months of year). Good clothing that mosquito do not bite through. Both rubber boots and strong hiking boots are necessary. A small backpack for day excursion is also needed. Any other specialized equipment, for example for outdoor camping, will be provided by the organizers.

In order to mitigate any potential risks, the researchers will prepare the participants especially for all these risk by training and check-lists.

### **Are there any benefits in taking part?**

The benefits of taking part are primarily, that the participants will gain research knowledge as well as having discussions with the research teams about education, research systems and research life.

Second, the participants get to experience one of the parts of Europe that has the highest variation of climatic zones over short distance in an area where plants, animals and man arrived together after the melting of the glaciers. Our previous expedition winners have also highlighted the valuable social lessons learnt from experiencing new cultures and meeting new people.

Organisers will pay for your flight tickets from a European city and organise transport to the station. Accommodation with full board and insurance will be provided. All the field trips will be organised for you for free.

We will provide with more information.

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