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## **Invitation to the 8<sup>th</sup> ARHC Conference in Longyearbyen, Svalbard 11- 13 September 2018**

Dear ARHC Colleagues. It is my pleasure to invite you to the 8th conference of the Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission. The conference will take place in Longyearbyen in Svalbard from 11 to 13 September 2018 at the Radisson Blu Polar Hotel (<https://www.radissonblu.com/en/hotel-spitsbergen>).

A block reservation has been made for the period 10 to 14 September (4 nights), at the conference hotel. If you want to use the conference hotel you have to confirm your binding reservation to Evert Flier (mail to: [evert.flier@kartverket.no](mailto:evert.flier@kartverket.no)) before May 16, 2018 by using the registration form (Annex A). You have to pay for the room when you are in Longyearbyen. The price per room per night is NOK 1690,-. Cancellation of the room after June 30 is charged with full price.

You can travel to Longyearbyen via Oslo and Tromsø with SAS and Norwegian providing daily flights on weekdays and SAS on weekend days. It is still high season in Svalbard in September; remember to book your flights well in advance.

The conference will start on September 11, with an open session forum, where regional users and experts will present topics related to arctic hydrography. A draft programme for the Open Forum will be published before the conference.

The ordinary ARHC conference will take place September 12 -13, in accordance with the statutes of the ARHC. A draft agenda is attached to this invitation. You are invited to propose additional agenda items, preferably no later than August 20, 2018.

A registration form is attached below in annex A. It is to be completed by each participant and forwarded before May 24, 2018 to Evert Flier with a copy to Yves Guillam ([yves.guillam@iho.int](mailto:yves.guillam@iho.int)).

■ [www.kartverket.no](http://www.kartverket.no)



The open forum will take place at the University Center in Svalbard ([www.unis.no](http://www.unis.no)) which is a 5 minute walk from the Radisson Blu Polar Hotel

Address:

Radisson Blue Polar hotel Spitsbergen

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9171 Longyearbyen, Norge

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## An Overview of the Draft Program for the ARHC 8 Conference

	<b>Tuesday 11 September</b>	<b>Wednesday 12 September</b>	<b>Thursday 13 September</b>
<b>Morning 09.00 - 12.30</b>	Open Forum	The ARHC 8 conference commences	The ARHC 8 conference continues
<b>12.30 - 13.30</b>	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
<b>Afternoon 13.30 - 1700</b>	Open Forum	The ARHC 8 conference continues	The ARHC 8 conference continues
<b>Evening 19.00 ~ 2100</b>	Ice breaker meeting.	ARHC 8 Dinner	

A draft agenda is attached as the document ARHC8\_A3\_Draft Agenda. Please forward proposals and/or comments to the Agenda no later than 2 August 2018.

### Documents of the meeting

You are kindly asked to deliver your **National report** and **other documents** such as Explanatory notes, reports etc. to Evert Flier and Yves Guillam, no later than **20 August 2018**.

I look forward to meeting you at 78 degrees Northern latitude.

Best regards,

Birte Noer Borrevik  
Chairman of the ARHC

Attachments:

Annex A. Registration form

ARHC8\_A3\_Draft Agenda