Arctic Development and Maritime Transportation
Prospects of the Transarctic Route – Impact and Opportunities
Akureyri, March 27 – 28, 2007 at Hotel KEA

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March 27 - Arctic Development

9:00 - 10:00
Registration, tea and coffee

10:00
Address by H.E. Valgerður Sverrisdóttir
   Minister for Foreign Affairs

Keynote Speech
   Lawson W. Brigham
       Chair of the Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment

10:40
Presentations

   Ice Monitoring and Ice Decrease
       Ola Johannessen/Stein Sandven
           The Nansen Center, Director of Special Projects

   Navigation through Ice
       Mikko Niini
           Aker Arctic Technology

   The Politics of Arctic Shipping
       Willy Östreng
           Ocean Futures & Centre for Advanced Study

11:40
Panel Discussion
   Future research and monitoring
       Opened with an introduction by Bjorn Erlingsson, Pysical Oceanographer
       Panelists: Björn Erlingsson, Stein Sandven, Mikko Niini, Willy Östreng
12:30 – 14:00
Lunch at the Invitation of Akureyri City & the Port of Akureyri

14:00
Presentations

Emergency prevention and reaction
Mark Meza
US Coastal Guard

Monitoring of Shipping Activities in the Icelandic waters
Gísli Viggósson
Icelandic Maritime Administration

15:00
Panel Discussion
Improved emergency prevention and reaction
Introduction by Ásgrímur L. Ásgrímsson, Icelandic Coastguard and Kristján Geirsson, Environment Agency of Iceland
Panelists: Ásgrímur L. Ásgrímsson, Kristján Geirsson, Mark Meza, Gísli Viggósson,

16:00
Preparations for a “dinner excursion”

16:10
Excursion to Myvatn
Godafoss Waterfall
Lake Myvatn
“Hot springs of Hell”

19.30
Dinner at Hotel Reynihlid, sponsored by Eimskip
- Dinner Comments on Transarctic Communication
  Lars Kulerud, Rector of University of the Arctic

21.30
Departure for Akureyri

23.00
Arrival in Akureyri
March 28 – Transarctic Shipping

8:30
Presentations

Legal Considerations
Douglas Brubaker
The Fridtjof Nansen Institute

The Russian link via the Northern Sea Route
Contemporary situation on the Northern Sea Route
- Rules of navigation on NSR. Icebreaking fees
  Mr. Nikolay Monko, Federal Agency for Marine and River Transport,
  Ministry of Transport of the RF: ""

  Operation of Icebreakers and Ice-class vessels on the Northern Sea Route.
  - 30 years' experience of Russian nuclear icebreakers' operation in high
    latitudes in regions north of the exclusive economic zone of the Russian
    Federation
  Mr. Nikolay Babich, Murmansk Shipping Company:

European Maritime Policy Perspective
Malcolm Colling, Maritime Policy Task Force,
  Directorate General for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs of EC

The Viability of Transarctic Nuclear Shipping
Jose Femenia,
  Department Head, US Merchant Marine Academy

10:30 – 10:50
Coffee/Tea break

10:50 – 11:10
Industry Perspective
Guðmundur Nikulásson, Executive Vice President,
  Domestic Icelandic, North Atlantic (Eimskip)
11:10
Panel Discussion
*The viability of transarctic transportation*
Panelists: Lawson Brigham, Douglas Brubaker, Malcolm Colling, Jose Feminia, Guðmundur Nikulásson

12:20 – 13:30
Lunch

13:30
Presentations

**Transportation trends**
Alfred Baird
Head, TRI Maritime Research Group, Napier University

**Arctic Shuttle Container Link from Alaska US to Europe**
Mead Treadwell
Commissioner, US Arctic Research Commission

**The Russian vision of a Transarctic Shuttle Route**
V.V. Mihajilichenko
Non-commercial Partnership of the Coordination of Northern Sea Route Usage

**Impact on Socio-economic Trends**
Trausti Valsson
Professor of Planning, University of Iceland

15:30 – 15:50
Coffee/Tea break

16:00 – 17:00
*Summing up and discussions*