

Logistics and Administration

Quarterly Report



Field work at the Inuvik High Point wind monitoring site.

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Logistics at the Western Arctic Research Centre

The Western Arctic Research Centre (WARC) provides a wide range of support to researchers on a year-round basis. Support is also provided to the communities surrounding Inuvik, businesses, and educational institutions.

WARC provides housing to researchers at a low cost. Each house includes a full kitchen, bath, laundry services, a living room and six beds. Other features include basic cable television, wireless internet, and a front deck with a barbeque. Rates include daily, weekly and monthly fees, which vary depending on user category (students, Canadian users, and non-Canadian users).

We have a large selection of equipment that is also provided year-round. Big items include, but are not limited to, boats, snow machines, and toboggans. Smaller items include, but are not limited to, tents, augers, and frost depth probes. Our facility provides a great space for research. We have a shared research office space with up to 10 individual desk spaces. We have three labs, which include a Clean Lab, a Dirty Lab and a Wet Lab. We have a classroom, which is used quite often. And lastly, we have two meeting spaces: a large conference room and a smaller meeting room.

WARC supports many user groups throughout the year. Our facility provides a variety of resources to all researchers and groups working in the western Canadian arctic, and in the communities surrounding Inuvik. We provide in-kind support to groups and individuals on a regular basis as a way to give back and provide support for their work.

User Days of Support

Below is a graph that records our standings and number of user days for equipment rental, accommodations, facility use, and technician support (which included requests for assistance from technicians and casual staff; **Figure 1**). For equipment, the total number of user days from January 1 to March 31, 2015 was 14. For technician support, the total number of user days was 0. For WARC facility use, the total number of user days was 39. For accommodations from January 1 to March 31, 2015, the total number of user days was 111.

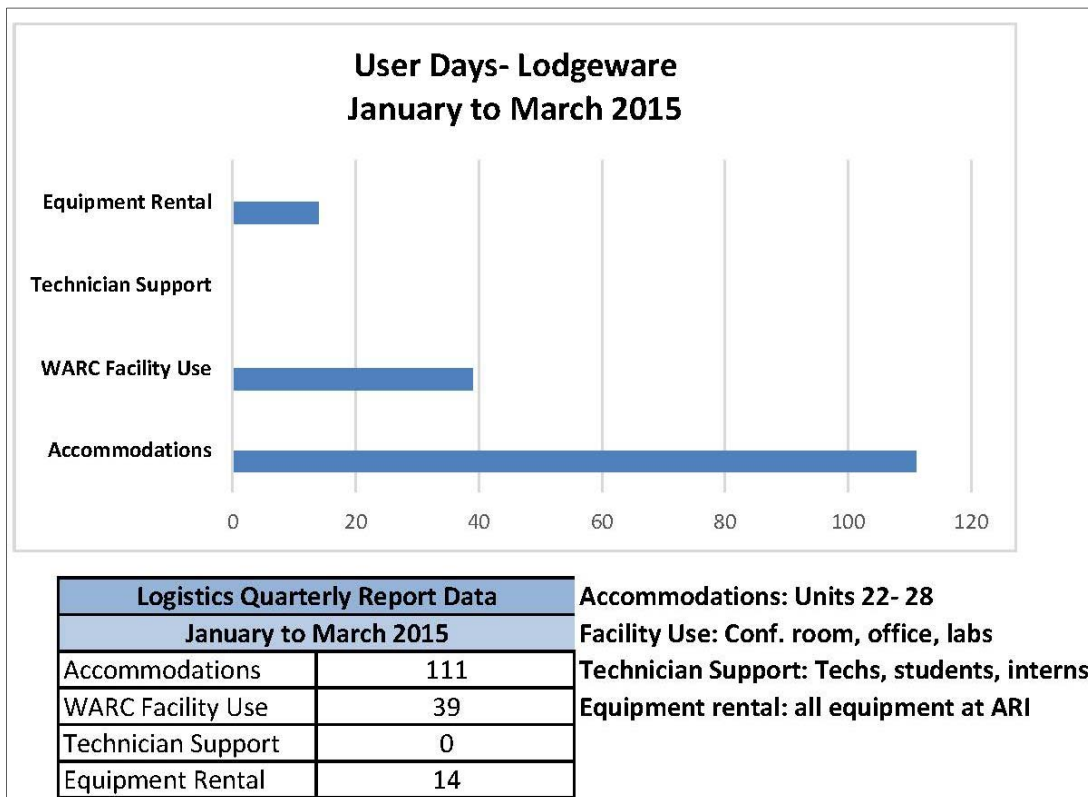


Figure 1: The number of user days for equipment rental, accommodations, facility use, and technician support from January 1 to March 31, 2014.

Activities of Note

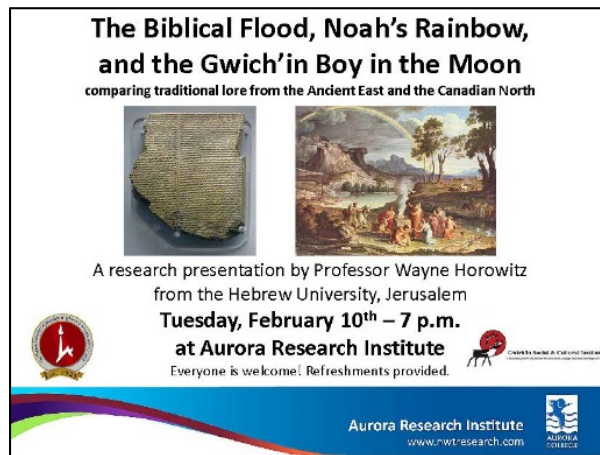
General Logistics Support

We received a greater number of logistics requests from January to March than during the prior quarter. Se Lim Jang (University of Alberta) used office space and accommodations for three weeks while finishing his data collection for the Cancer ACCESS Project here in Inuvik. Chanda Brietzke and Jeremy Brammer requested accommodations in January, when they were in Inuvik to do consultations for projects from the previous year. Sheena Adams from Arctic Energy Alliance requested the conference room twice, once in February and once in March. On one night she presented films celebrating Canada Water Week. The films that were shown were called “Chasing Ice” and “Water on the Table.”

General Logistics Support January 1- March 31, 2015			
No.	Principal Researcher	Affiliation	Logistics Support
1	Se Lim Jang	University of Alberta	Accommodations
2	Wayne Horowitz	Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute	Accommodations
3	Alestine Andre	Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute	Accommodations
4	Chanda Brietzke	University of Victoria	Accommodations
5	Jeremy Brammer	McGill University	Accommodations
6	Sheena Adams	Arctic Energy Alliance	Conference Room
7	Adrienne Davidson	University of Toronto	Accommodations
8	Sheena Adams	Arctic Energy Alliance	Conference Room
9	Stacey Christie	Beaufort Delta Health and S. Services	Conference Room
10	Crystal Fraser	University of Alberta	Accommodations
11	Benjamin Kissinger	Department of Fisheries and Oceans	Accommodations
12	Michelle Cote	Geological Survey of Canada	Accommodations
13	Geoff Wheat	Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute	Accommodations
14	Dustin Whalen	Geological Survey of Canada	Accommodations
15	Martin Kienzler	Environment and Natural Resources	Accommodations
16	Emily Cameron	University of Victoria	Accommodations
17	Claire Marchildon	GNWT	Accommodations
18	Krista Chin	GNWT	Accommodations
19	Shannon O'Hara	Inuvialuit Regional Corporation	Equipment
20	Brendan O'Neill	Carleton University	Accommodations
21	Jeff Moore	Carleton University	Accommodations
22	Jay Frandsen	Parks Canada	Equipment

Research Presentation by Wayne Horowitz (Hebrew University)

On February 10, the Aurora Research Institute hosted a presentation by Professor Wayne Horowitz from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In his presentation *The Biblical Flood, Noah's Rainbow, and the Gwich'in Boy in the Moon*, Professor Horowitz compared traditional lore from the Ancient East and the Canadian North.



Heritage Fair

On March 5, three employees helped judge the Heritage Fair at East Three Elementary School. They spent half a day at the school judging projects presented by children ages 6- 12 years old.

Career Fair

ARI participated in the Career Fair at East Three Secondary School on March 12. The ARI booth and display contained various science games and a robotics demonstration. All staff rotated between shifts and everyone had the opportunity to participate.

Arctic Paws/Spay and Neuter Vet Clinic

In early March, ARI provided support to Arctic Paws, a not-for-profit organization which holds vet clinics in Inuvik. During the clinic, Arctic Paws had access to our building to use the autoclave for sterilization of surgical instruments, as well as the walk-in fridge and centrifuge.