

Logistics and Administration

Quarterly Report



Dr. John England presents to children at the Inuvik Children First Centre as part of the Conoco Phillips Scientific Speaker Series.

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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 both technicians, as well as two casual staff; **Figure 1**). For equipment, the total number of user days from October 1 to December 31, 2013, was 4. For technician support, the total number of user days was 18. For WARC facility use, the total number of user days was 333. For accommodations from October 1 to December 31, 2013, the total number of user days was 20.

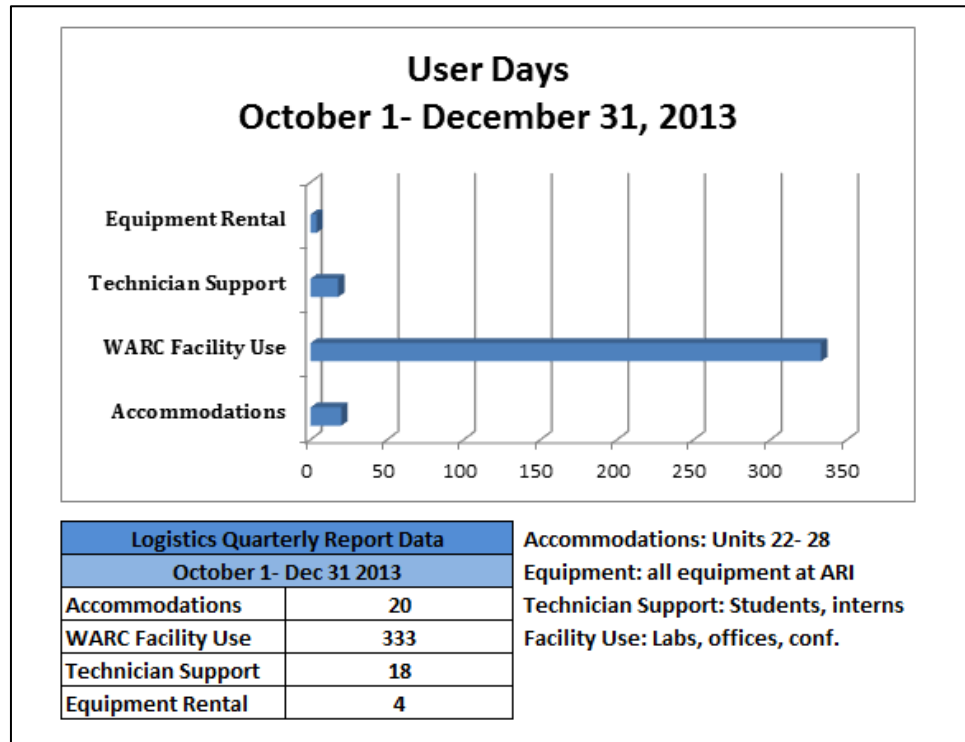


Figure 1: The number of user days for equipment rental, accommodations, facility use, and technician support from October 1 to December 31, 2013.

Activities of Note

From October 1 to December 31, 2013, a number of events took place at WARC. A total of 8 requests were submitted for logistical support (**Figure 2**). During this time a lot of groups and individuals passed through our facility, making use of the resources that we offer. People from all around the world come to WARC and then branch out to conduct research on the Mackenzie Delta and other locations across the western arctic.

Dr. John England, Conoco Phillips Scientific Speaker Series

The fall installment of the 2013-2014 Conoco Phillips Scientific Speaker Series took place from November 24th to November 29th, in Inuvik, NT. The guest speaker was Dr. John England.

During his stay in Inuvik, Dr. England gave eight presentations, engaging community groups of all ages. Dr. England’s first presentation was with the Senior Experiential Science class from East Three Secondary School. This was immediately followed by his second presentation, which was with the Junior Experiential Science Class from East Three Secondary School. The third and fourth presentation both took place at the Children’s First Society. They were given to pre-school and school aged children, respectively.

Dr. England gave two separate three hour-long workshops to the Environment and Natural Resources Training Program, Aurora College (the fifth and sixth presentations). The focus of the workshops was Glaciology. On the evening of November 27th, Dr. England gave a public presentation at the Western Arctic Research Centre entitled “Perspectives on environmental change across the Canadian Arctic Islands arising from decades of fieldwork, adventures, and friendships”. The people who attended the talk were offered complimentary refreshments. Lastly, Dr. England met with the staff at WARC. The WARC staff has known Dr. England and his research for many years, so his presentation at WARC was informal, relative to the other presentations.



General Logistics Support October 1- December 31, 2013		
Principal Researcher	Affiliation	ARI Support
1 Alana Mero	NWT Housing Corp.	Shared office, classroom
2 Crystal Lennie	BDEC	Large Conference Room
3 Steve Outlet/Leanne Robinson	Arctic Energy Alliance	Accommodations
4 Gita Sharma	University of Alberta	Accommodations
5 Fred Wrona	Environment Canada	Boat retrieval
6 Sonja Ostertag	DFO- MPO	Accommodations
7 Philip Marsh	Environment Canada	Access to warehouse, loading bay
8 Michael Fabijan	Kavik- Stantec	Snowmobile and toboggan rental

Figure 2: Logistical support provided by WARC between October 1 and December 31, 2013.