



Arctic Ambitions II Conference The Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage, Alaska February 19-20, 2013

World Trade Center Alaska hosted Arctic Ambitions II: Commercial Development of the Arctic on February 19th & 20th, 2013 at the Hotel Captain Cook. The conference focused on Arctic international trade and business opportunities.

During the first day of the conference, a special session was held to take a new, fresh look at potential business opportunities between Alaska and the Russian Far East Region. It featured presentations by a mix of both U.S. and Russian trade specialists.



Featured Speakers:



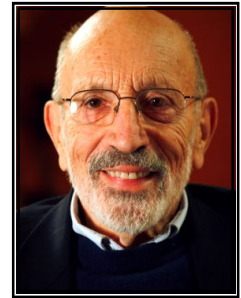
The Honorable Mead Treadwell,
Lieutenant Governor
State of Alaska



Sylvia Reed Curran,
Consul General Consulate
General of the U.S. in
Vladivostok, Russia



Sten Arne Rosnes,
Consul General Consulate
General of Norway in San
Francisco



Vic Fischer,
Director Emeritus,
UAA Institute of Social and
Economic Research (ISER).



Lorraine Cordova, Economics Section Chief, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District. Lorraine presented the highlights of the research that her team did on behalf of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Alaska's deep-draft Arctic water port opportunities.



Mark Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Vitus Marine LLC. Vitus Marine completed a winter fuel delivery to Nome, Alaska in 2011. They completed the difficult delivery by chartering a Russian flagged ice-classed tank ship Renda and their delivery was accompanied by the US Coast Guard icebreaker Healy.



Mark Dudley, Regional Director, North America InterPacific Aviation and Marketing, Inc. (Seattle, WA). His company represents Yakutia Airlines in the US. The airline provides direct passenger service between Anchorage and Kamchatka on a summer seasonal basis.



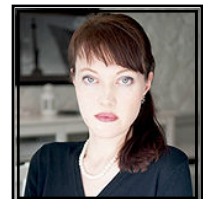
Hanna Suutarla, Quality and Environmental Manager, Arctia Offshore Ltd. (Finland). Hanna's company owns and operates the Finnish icebreaker fleet. Her presentation was focused on the project that Arctia was involved in the summer of 2012 in Beaufort and Chukchi seas.



Hanna Eklund, Honorary Consul of Finland in Anchorage. Hanna talked about Finland's know-how and expertise in the Arctic. The **Ambassador of Finland, Ritva Koukku-Ronde** made opening remarks to Hanna's speech via video.



Rudy Tsukada, President, Aleut Enterprise, LLC. Rudy's presentation was focused on the development of the port of Adak and its potential usage in the future by the marine traffic utilizing the Arctic routes.



Anna V. Kochemasova, General Director, Far-Eastern International Logistics Center (FEILC). Former Director of Russian American Educational Center (Khabarovsk). Anna discussed U.S. involvement in trade, investments, and infrastructure projects in the Russian Far East.



Joe Wereszynski, International Trade Specialist Office of Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington, D.C.). Joe discussed the opportunities for American businesses following Russia's recent ascension to the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 2012.



Michael Sfraga, Vice Chancellor for University and Student Advancement, University of Alaska Fairbanks Co-director of the University of the Arctic's Institute for Applied Circumpolar Policy (Fairbanks, Alaska).



Dr. Joon Koo Yoo, Visiting Professor Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Seoul, Korea). Dr. Yoo discussed Korea's role and policy in Arctic development and cooperation.

Evening Reception (February 19, 2013)

Two local cultural performing groups, Sudarushka and the Russian-American Colony Singers performed at the reception.

Sudarushka folk dance ensemble was formed in 2003 by a group of Russian-American folk dance enthusiasts. Its goal is to promote and share Russian culture in Alaska.

The Russian American Colony Singers is based in South Central Alaska, primarily Anchorage. For about ten years, the choral group has performed with a unique emphasis on Russian music in various genres.



Sudarushka Russian Folk Dance Ensemble



Russian American Colony Singers

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