

THE MARPART RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

The Third MARPART Conference
“MARITIME EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND
TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE HIGH
NORTH”

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Conference Program

**Location: The National Museum Conference Room
University of Iceland Campus
Suðurgata 31, Reykjavík**

THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2016

8:30–9:15

Registration

9:15–10:00

Conference Opening

Chair: Halla Gunnarsdóttir, EDDA – Center of Excellence, University of Iceland

Opening Address: Jón Atli Benediktsson, Rector of the University of Iceland

Welcoming Remarks: Cecilie Landsverk, Ambassador of Norway in Iceland

Keynote Address: Odd Jarl Borch, Professor, Business School, Nord University “The MARPART Project: Emergency Maritime Management and Transnational Cooperation between Norway, Russia, Iceland, and Greenland”

10:00–10:20

Coffee Break

10:20–12:00

**Arctic Strategies and Security Policies: Assessing Maritime Risks and
Emergency Preparedness from National and Regional Perspectives**

Moderator: Frode Nilssen, Professor, Business School, North University

Valur Ingimundarson, Professor of Contemporary History, University of Iceland: “*The Role of Sea-based Risks in Icelandic Security Policies*”

Uffe Jakobsen, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Copenhagen/University of Greenland: “*Maritime Activity and the Risk Pattern of Greenlandic Waters*”

Sergey Markov, Professor, the Northern (Arctic) Federal University, Arkhangelsk, Russia: “*Maritime Activity, the North East Passage and Northern Sea Route: Inter- and Intra-Regional Traffic and Offshore Activity*”

Nataly Marchenko, Ph.D., Research Associate in Arctic Technology Department, The University Center in Svalbard: *“Risk Patterns and Preparedness in the Northern Norwegian Waters”*

Kristine Offerdal, Associate Professor, Norwegian Institute for Defense Studies (IFS), Norway: *“Safety, Risk and Institutional Barriers in the Arctic”*

Discussion

12:00–13:15

Break

13:15–15:00

Managing Crises and Coordinating Responses: Maritime Disasters and Large-Scale Incidents

Moderator: Þórunn J. Hafstein, Director of Public Safety, Ministry of the Interior, Iceland

Ann-Kristin Kvilekval, Police Inspector, Norwegian Police Directorate: *“Maritime Terror Threat in the Arctic and the Need for an Interplay between Police and Military Forces”*

Helgi Jensson, Consultant, Environment Agency of Iceland: *“Regional Cooperation in Response to Environmental Disasters”*

Hans Kristian Madsen, Head of Section, Directorate for civil protection (DSB): *“International Cooperation in Maritime Preparedness: Host Nations’ Support: Opportunities and Challenges”*

Auðunn Kristinsson, Deputy Chief of Operations, Icelandic Coast Guard: *“Conceptual Development and Project Planning: Iceland as a Location for an International Search and Rescue Center”*

Tore Wangsfjord, Rescue Coordination Center in Northern Norway: *“The Role of the Rescue Coordination Centers in Coordinating Cross-border SAR Operations”*

Svetlana Kuznetcova, Senior Inspector at Rescue Municipal Service/Researcher at Northern (Arctic) Federal University, Arkhangelsk, (Russia): *“Coordination of Rescue Operations: Risk Patterns and Institutional Cooperation”*

Discussion

15:00–15:20

Coffee Break

15:20–16:20

Safety and Security: Commercial Activities in Arctic Waters

Moderator: Nataly Marchenko, Ph.D., Research Associate in Arctic Technology Department, the University Center in Svalbard

Frigg Jørgensen, Executive Director, Association of Arctic Explorer Cruise Operators: *“Expedition Cruise Tourism in the Arctic”*

Ole Kolstad, Deputy Manager, Maritime Forum, Nord SA:
“The Norwegian Maritime Cluster and Activity in the Arctic: SAR Challenges”

Kristján Geirsson, Project Manager, National Energy Authority:
“Oil Exploration in the Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone: The Dragon Area”

Discussion

16:20–16:50

Roundtable Discussion on Challenges to Search and Rescue and Post-emergency Operational Management: State versus Corporate Interests, International Norms and Legal Regimes, and Responsibilities of Security Actors

Moderator: Halla Gunnarsdóttir, EDDA – Center of Excellence

Kristín Linda Árnadóttir, General Director of the Environment Agency of Iceland

Ásgrímur L. Ásgrímsson, Chief of Operations, Icelandic Coast Guard

Víðir Reynisson, former Head of the Department of Civil Protection and Emergency Management under the National Commissioner of the Icelandic Police

John Evensen, Senior Advisor, Department for Preparedness, Norwegian Coastal Administration

Per Jensen, Vice-police Inspector, Chief of National Joint Staff, National Preparedness Department, Danish Police

16:50–17:00

Concluding Remarks

Odd Jarl Borch, Professor, Business School, Nord University
Valur Ingimundarson, Professor, University of Iceland