

To: ARRCU "All" list

Subject: ARRCU Communiqué, 28 November 2016

Dear Colleagues,

This communiqué will provide you with the latest update on the ARRCU Working Group's activities as well as a couple of relevant announcements. The previous communiqué of October 11, 2016 can be found at the ARRCU.ca website at the link: <http://www.arrcu.ca/s/ARRCU-Communique-2016-10-11.docx>

## 1. ARRCU Announcements List

Following our proposal in October, we have created an ARRCU announcements list,

[ARRCU\\_ANNOUNCEMENTS-L@listserv.utoronto.ca](mailto:ARRCU_ANNOUNCEMENTS-L@listserv.utoronto.ca)

The purpose of the ARRCU\_announcements listserv is to communicate employment opportunities, panel participation calls, educational and training program announcements, and related communications in atmospheric and related sciences. We are willing to post announcements in a broad range of fields from academic, government, and industry contributors. For the time being the list will be moderated by Paul Kushner and Bob Christensen at the University of Toronto.

This list is open to all, so please encourage your research group members and colleagues to subscribe by following the link below.

[https://listserv.utoronto.ca/cgi-bin/wa?A0=ARRCU\\_ANNOUNCEMENTS-L](https://listserv.utoronto.ca/cgi-bin/wa?A0=ARRCU_ANNOUNCEMENTS-L)

Several announcements have been forwarded already and we hope that the community finds this a useful communications channel.

## 2. ARRCU-Government webinar, November 7, 2016: discussion of scope of Academic-Government Partnerships paper

On Nov. 7, 2016, a two-hour webinar was held to discuss the strategic planning paper on academic-government (A-G) partnerships in ARR. The meeting was hosted by Paul Kushner and Bob Christensen of the University of Toronto and Sylvie Roy of NSERC. It included contributions from panelists Marjorie Shepherd (ECCC), Thomas Piekutowski (CSA), Dave Bowen (NSERC), and Paul Myers (ARRCU/U of Alberta). The meeting was attended by more than registered 25 participants and an 20 additional participants who phoned in. We were enthused by the community's interest and engagement throughout the meeting.

The following materials from this meeting are available for review:

- A slide deck which can be found at: <http://www.arrcu.ca/s/ARRCU-Government-Webinar-2016-11-07.pptx>
- A draft outline of the paper which can be found at: [http://www.arrcu.ca/s/KushnerEtAl\\_ARRCU\\_Govt-2016-11-07.docx](http://www.arrcu.ca/s/KushnerEtAl_ARRCU_Govt-2016-11-07.docx)

Much of the material in the slide deck is self-explanatory and will be distilled as part of the A-G Partnerships paper. There were good discussions arising (see the last few slides which is an attempt to

capture some of the discussion). We look forward to making sure that the points of concern raised at the meeting are addressed in the upcoming paper.

The following key objectives were achieved during the meeting:

- An update of ARRCU activities was presented to make sure the larger ARRCU community remains informed.
- The proposed outline of the A-G Partnerships paper was discussed and informally accepted. The scope will include a Table of Contents along the lines of that provided in the outline document referenced above:
  - Academic-Government Research Partnerships: priorities and program models.
  - Partnerships in Research Infrastructure
  - International Connections
  - Education and Training
  - Quantifying University Capacity in ARR
  - Several appendices
- It was very useful to the University community to hear the perspective of the representatives of government research and funding present.

### **3. Next step in the Academic-Government planning: face-to-face meeting (with remote access), University of Toronto Faculty Club, Friday January 20, 2016**

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss a first draft of the Academic-Government Partnerships paper arising from the outline scoped at the Nov. 7 meeting. We will endeavour to provide good remote access for this but openly invite the university, government, and industry ARR community to attend in person as they are able. Funding for hosting costs (meeting room, etc.) is being sought but it is unlikely that any travel support will be provided.

To indicate interest in attending this meeting either remotely or in person, or to RSVP if you are interested in the meeting but unable to attend, please follow the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V2Q7V6F>

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Sincerely,

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