

THE MARPART RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

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

25 February 2016  
(Reykjavík, Iceland)

*Organized by the High North Center, the Business School at North University, Bodø, Norway and the  
EDDA – Center of Excellence at the University of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland*



**“MARITIME EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE  
HIGH NORTH”**

**Conference Program**

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

**THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2016**

8:30–9:15

**Registration**

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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”

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10:00–10:20

**Coffee Break**

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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*

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12:00–13:15

**Lunch**

Aalto Bistro, Nordic House  
Sturlugata 5, 101 Reykjavík  
(Five-Minute Walk from Conference Venue)

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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*

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15:00–15:20

**Coffee Break**

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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*

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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 Adviser, Department for Preparedness, Norwegian Coastal Administration, Norwegian Coastal Administration

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

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16:50–17:00

### **Concluding Remarks**

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

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18:00–19:30

**Reception at the Norwegian Embassy in Reykjavik**

*Fjólugata 15, 101 Reykjavík*

(Bus will take the participants from Radisson Blu Saga Hotel to the Embassy at 17:55)

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20:00

**Dinner at *Kolbrautin* Restaurant**

*Harpa, Austurbakki 2, 101 Reykjavík*

(Bus will take the participants from Embassy to Restaurant at 19:30; and from Restaurant to Radisson Blu Saga Hotel at 22:30)