

A few highlights from Greenlandic/Danish Research logistics, 2010-11

1. The establishment of Zackenberg Research Station was completed with the construction of a new marine research facility in Daneborg (20 km south of Zackenberg) and a storage building at Zackenberg. The station now consists of fourteen buildings.
2. Greenland Institute of Natural Resources was extended with a new office building to accommodate c. 20 scientists affiliated with the Greenland Climate Research Centre.
3. Greenland Institute of Natural Resources has received a grant from the Greenland Government to build a new research vessel (c. 10 mio. USD).
4. The construction of a new boat house at the harbour in Nuuk (belonging to Greenland Institute of Natural Resources) will start this spring (c. 2 mio. USD).
5. A small field hut in Kobbefjord (20 km south of Nuuk) has been built to house scientists from the long-term research programme Greenland Ecosystem Monitoring.
6. The ice coring group from Copenhagen University reached bedrock at NEEM in spring 2010. They will continue drilling (new holes) during 2011 and 2012.
7. Extensive budget cuts at Copenhagen University has been hard for their polar research community.
8. Aarhus University is planning to establish an Arctic Research Centre with c. 100 scientists and mainly focussing on the terrestrial environment. The centre will also have a role in international coordination of Danish arctic research.
9. Zackenberg Research Station, Sermilik Station, Greenland Institute of Natural Resources and Arctic Station has joined the project INTERACT. Substantial means will be available for Transnational Access in 2011-14.

