

Herbivory Network Meeting 2021

We are planning a Herbivory Network meeting in Tromsø during the Fall 2021. The meeting will consist of parallel workshops on projects initiated within the Herbivory Network. Currently all fully COVID-19 vaccinated non-Norwegians with EU-system-compatible vaccination documentation can travel to Norway. This means we dare to go forward with the plan of a combined in-person and on-line meeting.

Preliminary agenda

The aim of the meeting is to advance (and maybe even finalize) some of the ongoing HN projects. Some possible topics for the workshops are:

- Distributed experiment on herbivore diversity, current status and way forward. Elina Kaarlejärvi
- Collaborative experiment on herbivore impacts on decomposition, experiences of first year and way forward. Maria Väisänen
- Systematic review on herbivore diversity effects on functioning of tundra ecosystems, work on data extraction and manuscript. Laura Barbero-Palacios
- Developing guidelines for optimized soil sampling, work on manuscript. Maria Väisänen & Henni Yläne
- Collaborative educational initiatives by HN? Henni Yläne & Johan Olofsson
- Developing a collaborative grant proposal with HN, Jennifer Forbey
- Way forward for research on Yamal reindeer feeding behaviour and pasture use, Yamal Team

If you are interested in organizing a workshop, please get in touch (herbivory.network@gmail.com). We'd love to hear your ideas! Workshops can range from hands-on work on a specific project or manuscript, to brainstorming sessions about potential new projects.

Dates, venue and registration

The meeting will be organized in **Tromsø, Norway, 15-17 November 2021** (dates to be confirmed). There is **no registration fee** for the meeting, but please let us know if you are planning to come. Participants need to confirm their attendance before November 1, 2021 so that we are able to reserve appropriate meeting rooms. We have secured travel funding from UArctic for 10 Early Career Researchers; please let us know if you are in need of travel funding to be able to participate in the meeting. UArctic funding also covers lunches, one dinner, and ½ day bus-trip to the surrounding nature for 25 people. If we have more participants, we will recalculate what we can afford.

The meeting will be hosted at UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø. There are several hotels in town, we will circulate a list of suggestions to registered participants. Tromsø has several daily flights from Oslo, and bus departures from the airport to town.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at herbivory.network@gmail.com if you have any questions or comments.

About Herbivory Network

The Herbivory Network (HN) is a collaborative research initiative (<http://herbivory.lbhi.is>). Since its establishment in 2014, the HN has worked towards addressing the role of herbivory in Arctic and alpine ecosystems and developing new approaches to harmonise research efforts. The goal of HN is to foster collaborations within and across disciplines, facilitate multi-site comparisons, and work towards understanding the complexity and variability of responses of tundra ecosystems to herbivory. The Herbivory Network became a UArctic Thematic Network in 2020.