Declaration of liability release for EastGRIP field participants

The EastGRIP project aims to have a medical doctor/physician in camp at all times, and is prepared to arrange medical evacuation to a medical facility on the Greenlandic coast of a field participant or visitor if deemed necessary by the doctor and field leader. However, participation in the EastGRIP field work or visits to the EastGRIP camp is at the participant's (and/or their institution's) own risk, and each participant (or his/her institution) is responsible for medical and proper insurance cover.

Each institution should be prepared to contribute to costs related to evacuation of their participants from camp to a medical facility at the coast, and in particular, each participant (or their institution) is responsible for securing cover of costs of medical treatment and repatriation (and/or for taking out insurance against these costs).

In extreme cases, a Search and Rescue operation (SAR) may be necessary. Once initiated, a SAR is carried out by the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) Denmark, and is out of the hands of the EastGRIP project. The JRCC staff collects and distributes essential information concerning a distress situation, arranges the dispatch of rescue assets to aircraft or ships in distress and coordinates the efforts of all responding resources. Each nation is responsible for covering SAR costs for their participants (and/or for taking out insurance against this cost).

All field participants are required to sign a liability waiver accepting these terms before boarding a plane to EastGRIP.

By joining the Eastgrip fieldwork, each participant waive any rights to hold University of Copenhagen, the EastGRIP project, or any project staff members liable for any non-deliberate injury or damage caused e.g. by accidents, failure of equipment, or during medical treatment.

By signing the participant declare that he/she understands that is it the responsibility of himself/herself or his/her home institution to arrange appropriate insurance cover for personal injury or liability.

By signing the declaration, each participant also expresses understanding that it is the responsibility of himself/herself or his/her home institution to securing cover of costs of medical treatment and repatriation (and/or for taking out insurance against these costs).

By signature, each participant also confirms that he/she will follow the safety guidelines outlined in the field plan and follow instructions given by the field operations manager, the field leader, and flight crews.