

## January Update:

The New Year started off great. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Arctic Frontiers conference, “Oil and Gas – Political, Social and Scientific Challenges in the Arctic” was held in Tromsø, January 20-25. The focus of the conference was to discuss oil and gas activities in the Arctic and its challenges. The first two days was the policy making conference followed by a three day scientific conference ([www.arctic-frontiers.com](http://www.arctic-frontiers.com)).

The following week researchers involved in the ‘Oil-in-Ice: Transport, Fate, and Potential Exposure’ project met at Sintef. Included in the meetings were Odd Gunnar Brakstad (Sintef), Liv-Guri Faksness (Sintef), Per Johan Brandvik (Sintef), Rainer Lohmann (University of Rhode Island), Amy Merten (CRRC/NOAA), Chris Petrich (University of Alaska Fairbanks), and Mark Reed (Sintef). It was terrific to get all the researchers together and to get the project rolling!



*(From right to left) Chris, Mark and Whitney during one of the meetings at Sintef to discuss the modelling aspect of the Oil-in-Ice project*