The University of Akureyri and Akureyri Academy held the Conference entitled “No one is an island: Iceland and the International Community” at the University of Akureyri on the 19th of March 2016, in collaboration with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The conference addressed the subject of Iceland in the International Community on a broad basis, featuring a variety of perspectives on the subject from academics, officials and NGOs. The conference was a forum for discussion on the position of Iceland in the International Community, inasmuch as the position, influence and interests of Iceland in international relations are currently and will continue to be important issues. Select papers presented at the conference were collected and published in the proceedings available on our website *qua* special issue nr. 11(2)/2016.