Dear Antarctic/Bibliophile,

Registration for the SouthPole-sium v.3 in Oslo, Norway, 12-14 May 2017 continues.

Those now officially registered number 51. You can see them listed at http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-registered.htm

You can see photographs of many of them at http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-photosregistrants.htm

We expect some more responses and will probably end up with attendance somewhere between 50 and 60.

On April 9th the registration fee will increase so if you are planning on attending you would be wise to send in your registration soon. You may download the registration form at http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-registration.pdf

Information on payment appears below.

Those attending are staying at several different hotels but the largest number by far will be at The Park Inn. For information on this hotel and several others see http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-accommodation.htm

You can see where many of us are staying at the bottom of the registrant page: http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-registered.htm

Many of you have offered to give short talks which will done on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. We may or may not continue on Sunday afternoon depending on whether we have run out of time or not. As those of you who have attended either of the previous SouthPole-siums well know, talks are not precisely scheduled other than the "Keynote" talk by Geir Kløver after lunch on Saturday and a short talk at the very end of the day on Saturday. However, if you a have a preference for Saturday or Sunday, let me know and we can accommodate you. If you have a specific time, like first thing Sunday morning or similar, let me know as well and we'll see what we can do. Presentations are informal with questions and discussion at the end or during as the speaker prefers. This is not an academic gathering so reading a talk will be frowned upon. There will be computer projectors set up and laptops. You can use your own laptop bring your presentation, if illustrated, on a thumbdrive or CD/DVD.

The subjects of talks proposed so far are shown at http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-subject.htm

Saturday morning—perhaps all of it—will be spent "going around the room"—with everyone introducing themself, either briefly or in some detail. If you aren't prepared to do a longer talk later in the weekend this is the time for you to tell us what your interests are, what polar projects you might be working on, and posing any questions you might have for others. Things will be set up so that you can show and image or two if appropriate.

Our Optional Excursions are planned for Friday (National Library, Ski Museum and Amundsen's house Uranienborg) and Monday (Horten, Tønsberg, Sandefjord and Larvik). There's plenty of room on each so if you haven't signed up, give it some thought.

Our various contests are starting off a bit slowly. So far we only have one submission, a very good one in the Fiction Contest. You can see the entry at http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-fiction.htm

All the contests are described near the bottom of the Home page at http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3.htm

We will be having an auction, in all likelihood on Saturday night. Please consider bringing something to include: a book, collectible, Antarctic-related gift, etc. You can see the items so far donated at: http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-auction.htm

If you have any questions about the SouthPole-sium please send me an e-mail.

I will be leaving for Oslo on Monday, May 8th, and may be slow to respond after that although I will still be reachable by e-mail. My Norwegian cell/mobile number is: +47 92 28 82 56 but will not be active until probably Tuesday, May 9th.

I will send out one last Update just before I leave and only to those registered.

Regards,
SOME DETAILS ABOUT PAYMENT

There are details about payment included on the Registration form, also on the Home Page of the website at http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-auction.htm
I'm including them here as well and adding some additional information:

1) All fees are pegged to the Norwegian Kroner. Unless you are paying in Kroner, please convert the currency you are paying in into Kroner using the rate on the day of your payment. See the ‘Currency Conversion’ section on the Home Page for more information.

2) If you are paying in US dollars, you may post a check to me and include it with your Registration form. It should be made out to "The Antarctic Circle". The mailing address is: P. O. Box 435, Jaffrey, NH 03452, USA.

3) Americans may be able to make a direct deposit into The Antarctic Circle TD Bank checking account. It will depend on the services your bank provides. E-mail me if you need my account number, sort code, etc.

4) If you are paying in British pounds, you may post a cheque to me and include it with your Registration form. It should be made out to "Robert B. Stephenson". The mailing address is: P. O. Box 435, Jaffrey, NH 03452, USA.

5) You may also make a direct deposit into this Royal Bank of Scotland account. If you do this, please let me know either on the Registration form or by e-mail. You can scan and e-mail your form if you wish. Here are the account details: Account name: Mr R.B. Stephenson. Sort Code: 160079. IBAN: GB83RBOS16007910030641. BIC: RBOSGB2L.

6) I am unable to accept payment in Euros. You will have to make a conversion to Kroner at your end or make use of PayPal (see next).

7) You may also pay using PayPal, whether or not you have a PayPal account. Note this on your Registration form and send or e-mail it to me. I, in turn, will send you a PayPal electronic invoice for the amount including the 2.9% fee. You can then pay the invoice either by credit card or by using your PayPal account (if you have one). You can access PayPal at www.paypal.com

8) Those in Norway have the option of paying their registration directly to The Fram Museum by cash, credit card or bank transfer. If the latter, the account number is 6024.05.03649. Mark the transfer with ‘SPv3’ and your full name. Once completed, send a confirming e-mail to pete@frammuseum.no (with a copy to antarctic-circle@comcast.net). If making a credit card payment e-mail pete@frammuseum.no for the best process to follow. Please make any transfers or credit card payments prior to April 30th. If you have any questions or difficulties contact Pete Pasco, Finance Manager, at +47 23 28 29 59 or at his e-address above.

This e-mail has been sent to those listed below. Please forward it on to those not listed who might be interested.

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