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Dear SouthPole-*sium* Registrant:

In close to a week we'll be assembling in Dublin for the fourth SouthPole-*sium*.

At the moment we have 43 people registered plus an additional 3 who are coming only for the Saturday Reception and Banquet. And at least 15 others are joining us for the Sunday excursion to Athy.

To see who has presently registered go to <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering4-registered.htm>

**Dress code.** Several have asked about this. Initially dress was to be a bit more formal but the latest from the Club, and we quote, is: "Dress code for both days for men and women would be no torn jeans, no runners/trainers, slogan tee shirts or leisure wear. I trust everyone will be casual but semi smart." On the other hand, many but not all of the men choose to put on a coat & tie for the Saturday banquet but this is certainly not required.

**Agenda/Schedule.** The latest Agenda/Schedule is attached.

**Auction.** Past SouthPole-*siums* have featured auctions. There are two reasons for this: 1) entertainment; and 2) to raise a little bit of money to help cover expenses (we are not likely to break even with this SouthPole-*sium*; same thing happened in Norway in 2015).

So please consider bringing something with you to donate to the auction: a book, a piece of ephemera, something or anything related to the Antarctic.

I'll be bringing a few things with me if I have space in my luggage.

To see what will be included (and what was donated in Oslo in 2015) go to <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering4-auction.htm>

**Acrostics.** There's not much time left for submitting up to three Acrostics. So far we only have two entries. Valuable prizes given. Go to <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering4-acrostic.pdf>

**Menu.** Here are some of the things we'll be enjoying on Friday and Saturday at the Hibernian Club:

Friday Reception: • St Tola Goat's Cheese Tartlet. • Smoked Salmon & Cream Cheese Roulade. • Golden Fried-Button Mushroom Stuffed with a Rich Duck Pâté • Deep Fried Spiced Chicken Encased in an Oriental Wonton Pastry. Red or white wine, Prosecco or minerals.

Saturday Lunch: Soup and Sandwiches with a selection of wraps. (Chicken, Ham, Egg, Cheese, Tuna, and Salad options in each)

Saturday Reception: Tempura of Prawn, Cumin & Salsa • Honey & Mustard Baked Sausages in a Loaf • Curried Chicken & Walnut En Croûte • Fresh Oysters with a Shot of Guinness. Red or white wine, Prosecco or minerals.

Banquet:

*Starter:* Organic Smoked Salmon, Cucumber Crudit , Micro Cress, Aged Balsamic Dressing.

*Soup:* Leek & Potato.

*Main Course:* Choice of Coriander Crusted Cod, Wilted Spinach, Saffron Cream OR Herb Roast Rack of Lamb, Dauphinoise Potato, Cipollini Onions, Rosemary Jus.

*Dessert:* Individual Bramley Apple & Cinnamon Crumble, Vanilla Bean Gelato.

*Vegetarian Option:* Grilled Vegetable Pavé, Goats Cheese Zucchini, Squash, Pepper, Aubergine, Sicilian Olive Oil, Piquillo Pepper Jus.  
Red or white wine.

**Talks:** If you are planning to give an illustrated talk it would be helpful for Kevin Kenny to have a file (PowerPoint, Keynote, PDF) ahead of time. You can e-mail it to him or use WeTransfer or Dropbox if it's a big file. Otherwise, bring your talk on a Thumbdrive. Kevin's e-address is: [kennykevin@gmail.com](mailto:kennykevin@gmail.com)

**My Favorite Antarctic Book.** Seamus Taaffe invites attendees to spend 5 minutes or less mentioning their Favorite Antarctic Book: how they came across it; what's appealing about it; why they would recommend it to others.

In the same vein: Announce "My Best Antarctic Find:" the book or item of Antarctic ephemera that has given me the most joy.

If you want to share a photo apropos of either, send it to Kevin Kenny at [kennykevin@gmail.com](mailto:kennykevin@gmail.com)

Unless something important arises this will be last e-mail Update you'll receive before the gathering.

If you have any questions prior to the start of festivities on Friday, June 7, send me an e-mail. I'll be arriving in Ireland on Monday the 3rd. I can be reached by phone starting then via Joe O'Farrell: **+353 (87) 227 5561**

Regards,

Rob Stephenson, for the Organizing Committee (Laura Farrelly, Kevin Kenny, Jim & Geraldine McAdam, Joe O'Farrell, Jonathan Shackleton, Robert Stephenson, Seamus Taaffe and Margaret Walsh)

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