24 September 2019

Dear Antarcticans and polar booklovers,

Several attendees of the SouthPole-sium in Dublin in June of this year asked whether there might be a SouthPole-sium v. 5 in the future.

I have communicated with the “California Contingent”—Joan Boothe, Rick Dehmel, David Hirzel and Michael Rosove, all of whom have attended one or more SouthPole-siums.

If one were to happen and in California, the California Contingent would take the lead on local arrangements, developing the agenda and moderating the presentations. Joe O’Farrell and the “Irish Continent” did an excellent job doing this in Dublin.

The California Contingent seems receptive to taking on this task but we need to know the likely interest before going too much further.

Here are some details, all very tentative:

**Venue:** Bay Area in Northern California. San Francisco, Palo Alto, Oakland are all possibilities.

**Date:** A weekend in May 2021. Friday night through Sunday.

If you’ve not attended a SouthPole-sium and are curious how they have been organized look at the websites which are still up:

Jaffrey, New Hampshire, June 2012 (see [http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering.htm](http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering.htm))
Crabh Haven, Scotland, May 2015 (see [http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering2.htm](http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering2.htm))
Oslo, Norway, May 2017 (see [http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3.htm](http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3.htm))
Dublin, Ireland, June 2019 (see [http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering4.htm](http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering4.htm))

To determine whether there is sufficient interest to move forward with SouthPole-sium v.5 please reply to this e-mail (to me not to all). If you have no interest, there is no need to reply. And replying in no way commits you to anything.

A decision as to whether or not to proceed will probably be made in early 2020. Registration would not begin until early January 2021.

______ I’ll definitely be there.
______ I’m likely to come.
______ Maybe. Hard to say now. Unlikely, but please keep me informed.
______ Darn! I can’t make it or it just won’t work for me.

You may delete those responses above that do not apply or otherwise indicate your response. And please add any comments, observations, questions.

A follow-up e-mail will go out to the same persons listed below (less those who have indicated they will not attend) sometime around February, 2020.

Regards,

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This e-mail was sent to the following. If you know others who might be interested, please forward it.

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