

Subject: SouthPole-sium v.5 San Francisco 22-24 June 2022

Dear Antarcticans and polar booklovers,

We are pleased to announce the 5th SouthPole-sium to be held in San Francisco, California, 22-24 June 2022. Information on this gathering as of the moment may be seen at <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering5.htm>. This site will be revised and expanded as the event approaches. Registration will commence on March 1, 2022.

The Committee is hard at work planning and scheduling receptions, lunches, a boat cruise, a banquet and more. Details as they develop will be found on the gathering's website: <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering5.htm>

The two main venues will be the **Maritime Research Center Library** on the waterfront at Ft. Mason Center for Arts & Culture (<https://www.nps.gov/safr/learn/historyculture/library-collections.htm>) and the **David Rumsey Map Center** on the Stanford University campus (<https://library.stanford.edu/rumsey>)

Note: As many of you know San Francisco is a very expensive city. We are still seeking out an affordable hotel to serve as *SouthPole-sium Central* but this is proving to be challenge. At the moment it looks like full registration for the gathering will be no less than \$300 each (which excludes accommodation).

So that we can plan for this event please reply to this email and choose one of the following:

_____ **I'll definitely be there (this in no way commits you at this point).**

_____ **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.**

and please add any comments, observations, questions.

If you are interested in giving a 15 minute paper at the SouthPole-sium, contact Michael Rosove who is coordinating the speakers. His e-address is mrosove@gmail.com

A follow-up e-mail will go out to the same persons listed below (less those who have indicated they will not attend) on **March 1, 2022**, at which point Registration will commence.

NOTE: We all, of course, are concerned about the Covid pandemic. We are planning to go ahead with a live SouthPole-sium but no one can predict what the situation will be like as June 2022 approaches. Those who register after March 1 can be assured of full refunds up to two weeks before the SouthPole-sium itself should the gathering need to be postponed or re-scheduled.

Regards,

Rob Stephenson

For the Committee: Joan Boothe, Rick Dehmel, David Hirzel, Michael Rosove, Rob Stephenson