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Dear Antarctic/Bibliophile,

Most of you are receiving this e-mail because you previously expressed some level of interest in the SouthPole-sium v.3 to be held in Oslo, 12-14 2017.

This is an update which describes some of the progress in planning this event since the original e-mail launch on April 1, 2016.

As a result of that initial e-mail, 34 have responded "I'll definitely be there"; 26, "I'm likely to come"; 20, "Maybe. Hard to say now. Please keep me informed"; and 11 "Unlikely, but there's a chance. Please keep me informed." That's a total of 91. The total attendance will be limited to 100 though that number is unlikely to be reached (56 attended the first SouthPole-sium; 63 the second).

Registration will begin sometime in January 2017.

For full information on the SouthPole-sium v.3, now and as things develop, go to <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3.htm>

First, let us say that **THE SOUTHPOLE-SIUM IS DEFINITELY GOING AHEAD**. So go ahead and start planning.

Second, there are events, some optional, before and after the gathering. These will happen but actual details are either sparse or may change. We're hopeful that all will be set by the time Registration commences in January.

These events are:

- Visit to the Ski Museum at Holmenkollen. Tentatively scheduled for Friday, 12 May.
- Visit to Uranienborg, Amundsen's house. Tentatively scheduled for Friday, 12 May.
- Exhibit and talk at the National Library. Tentatively scheduled for Friday, 12 May.
- All-day excursion to Sandefjord and Larvik. Tentatively scheduled for Monday, 15 May.

Third, some have expressed interest in doing a coastal cruise of the Norwegian coast. I have added information on the SouthPole-sium website about this, so if you're interested go to <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-coast.htm>

Fourth, the success of the SouthPole-sium will depend on the participation of those who attend. Most important, are the short talks that will be given by attendees. These are limited to about 15 minutes. Subjects should relate to books, history and similar non-science subjects. We would like to have at least one panel discussion, probably book-related. If you would like to make a

presentation, e-mail me and I will add your name and subject to the list at <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-subject.htm>

The next e-mail to go out will probably be in January when we open Registration. In the meantime as things develop or change the website will be updated accordingly.

Regards,

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