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Dear SouthPole-sium registrant,

We will be gathering in Oslo in just 13 days!

I look forward to seeing you all then. At the moment we have a total of **63** persons registered. You can see them all at <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-registered.htm>

I will arrive in Oslo on Tuesday the 9th of May and will be staying—as many of you will be—at The Park Inn.

Here are a few points that you might consider:

- Let me know where you'll be staying. If you prefer not to, that's fine, of course, but knowing might be useful if there is some sort of emergency. Those I don't have information on include the Gertels, the Hendersons, Ann-Rachael Harwood, Ruth Hill, Gretchen Legler, Karen Tupek and Tricia Wood. You'll find where others are staying at <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-registered.htm>
- Photos of most of you appear at <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-photosregistrants.htm>
There will be sheets on display in our HQ in the Gjøa Building, one for each person with their photo and any comments they submitted. This will help you identify people. If you'd like to have your photo included, the following should consider e-mailing me a photo soon: Evelyn Baess, the Gertels, Ann-Rachael Harwood, Alice Cochran, Gina Koellner, Anders Larsson, Gretchen Legler, Ruth Hill, Peggy Nelson, Julian Salisbury, Mark Tewfik, Eva Marie Widmark and Tricia Wood.
- There's plenty of room on both of the Optional Excursions, Friday and Monday, so consider signing up. You can find information at <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-uranienborg.htm> and <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-sandefjord.htm>
For the Friday tour I'll need new bookings this coming week in order to adjust the lunch numbers. You can pay once you are in Oslo.
- For those who are not going on the Friday Optional Excursion but are available, come along to the morning visit to the National Library which is open to all free of charge. It's at 9:30am and will last an hour. A presentation on the Library's polar holdings will be given by library staff.
For those going on the Friday Optional Excursion it will be up to you to get to the National Library where we'll meet at 9:30. Our bus will pick us up there at 10:30 after which we'll head to the Ski Museum. The National Library is easy to find. It's a few steps from the Solli bus stop (the bus to Bygdøy stops here).
- If you are arriving at Gardermoen, Oslo's main airport, you might want to check out the Duty Free shop as you are about to enter the airport proper. It has the most extensive selection that I've ever encountered before. As you probably know, liquor and wine are terribly expensive in Norway.
- Go to <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-oslo.htm> for some suggestions on getting to and from the airport. I highly recommend the NSB service versus the twice-as-expensive Flytoget airport express train which is only a few minutes faster.
- We will be having an auction mostly to benefit the SouthPole-sium on Saturday night, probably on the deck of the *Fram*. Check out <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-auction.htm> to see what's been donated so far. If you have any book duplicates you'd like to donate, bring them along. If possible let me know beforehand so I can include them on the website.
- We'll be having a few contests, the winners being announced at the Saturday night dinner on the *Fram*. We have the following: Haiku, Limerick, Fiction, Six Word Memoirs and Penguin. For the entries received so far there are links at <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-contests.htm>
- You can see the talks that people have offered to give at <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-subject.htm>
Remember, these are short presentations, 15 minutes or less. The main exception is Geir Kløver's talk on 'Norway in the Antarctic.'
Those who attended the SouthPole-sium in Jaffrey and/or Scotland know that our sessions are quite informal and not highly structured. If you have a time on Saturday afternoon or Sunday that you would prefer, let me know ahead of time.
If you have a presentation already prepared and it's on PowerPoint or Keynote, send it on to me (if it's small enough to e-mail) or give it to me on a thumbdrive or disc on Friday if possible.
- I will have my Apple AIR laptop, hooked up to a projector. I will need a PC as well so if one or more of you could bring a PC laptop, I'd appreciate it. Unless the Fram Museum or the Maritime Museum has a 35mm slide projector, we won't have any way to show slides. If you have audio to play, let me know. If you do, I will try to bring a speaker.
- **Getting to and from Bygdøy.** Information on getting to the Fram and Norwegian Maritime Museums may be found at <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-oslo.htm> down near the bottom. There are three options: Bus, Ferry and Taxi/Uber. The road out to Bygdøy makes for a quite attractive ride. One challenge, however, is that the bus doesn't always go all the way to the Museums but stops up the hill meaning a 15 minute or so walk. The first bus to go all the way to the Museums arrives there at 9:23am. The bus, No. 30, leaves from in front of the Central Station and makes numerous stops along the way. The last bus to depart from the Museums does so at 6:13pm from the "top of the hill" at 00:15. The ferry (No 91) runs from the Pier 3 in front of the City Hall to the Museums departing every 20 minutes. The first ferry leaves at 8:55am. Going back the last ferry leaves at 7pm.
These times were what determined when we would begin sessions on Saturday and Sunday: 9:30am.

During my visits, the Fram Museum has been very happy to call taxis for those going back to Oslo. Larger taxis, really mini buses, can be ordered as well. Uber does operate in Oslo.

• **Cell/Mobile Phones.** If you want to pick up a Norwegian sim card there are two places in the Central Station where you can do this. When I was there in December I got mine at **Telenor** in the Byporten shopping center which is an extension of the Central Station. My Norwegian cell/mobile number is: **+47 92 28 82 56** I should be able to re-activate that number but we'll maybe not; we'll see.

• **Weather and clothing.** Go to the bottom of the page at <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3-oslo.htm> to see some comments on what we might encounter in the way of weather and what clothes to bring along. The "dress code" will be very informal although some might choose to dress up a bit for the Saturday night dinner. This might be a challenge for some because it might mean going back to your hotel at the end of the day on Saturday.

• For those staying at The Park Inn, here are some directions:

See the map below.

Walking time from the Central Station: 10-15 minutes.

Bus/Tram: Any westbound metro, 1 stop to Stortinget. Exit for Øvre Slottsgate, walk 2 minutes. (The hotel is on the corner of Øvre Slottsgate and Tollbugata.)

Approximate taxi fare: NOK 130-170 (\$15/£12 to \$20/£15) (The taxi rank at the Central Station is at street level at the north end of the concourse.)

I will probably send out another update e-mail next weekend before I head for Oslo.

If you have any questions please send them on to me during this coming week.

Regards,

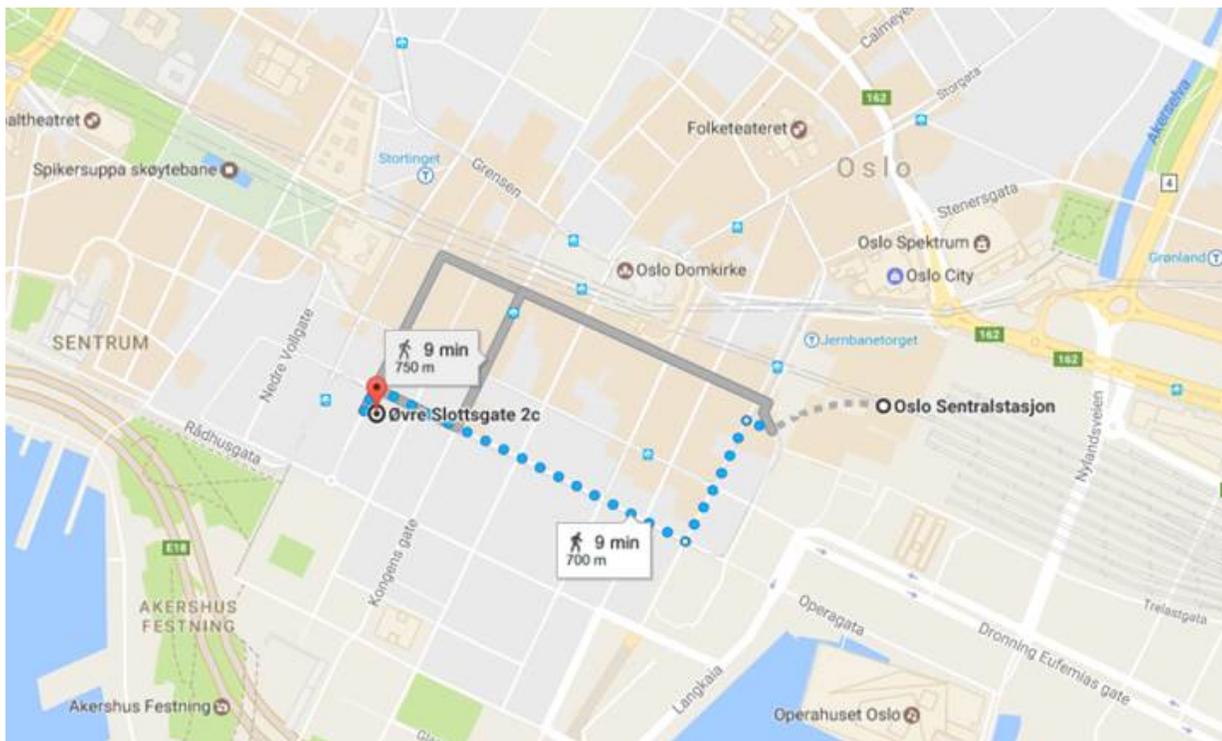
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Also to Benedicte at the Fram Museum, Linda at the Maritime Museum, and Anne at the National Library.



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SouthPole-sium v.2 in Scotland, 1-4 May 2015 Come & Gone
<http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering2.htm>
For photos: <http://rs41.smugmug.com/Travel/SouthPolesium-v2>
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SouthPole-sium v.3 in Oslo, 12-14 May 2017

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