

SouthPole-sium v.4

Dublin

7-9 June 2019

A G E N D A

FRIDAY 7th June (Stephen's Green Hibernian Club)

Several attendees are off early to Banbridge to see things Crozier.

- 3:30 pm Informal gathering & conversations. Conference packs available for pick-up.
- 6:00 pm **OPENING RECEPTION** in the Garden or the Card Room depending on the weather. Canapes & wine...
Followed by **WELCOMING REMARKS & INTRODUCTIONS** in the Guest Room, first floor...
Followed by a 45-minute video in the Guest Room, first floor. (Possibly shown on Saturday night instead.)
Following the Reception, the cash bar will be open until Midnight, for those interested.
Attendees may stay in the Club until Midnight. They are, of course, free to leave earlier for dinner or entertainment near or far in Dublin.

SATURDAY 8th June (Stephen's Green Hibernian Club)

- 9:00 am A short **WELCOME** and review of the schedule & announcements. Guest Room.
- 9:15 am **ROUNDTABLE**: Attendees introduce themselves and their interests extensively. We will have already started some of this the evening before. This will continue throughout the morning until all have had their say. You can spend 20 seconds saying who you are and where you're from, or go on for up to 10 minutes or so elaborating on your Antarctic interests, describing your current projects, posing questions to the assembled, etc.
- 10:30 am Coffee/tea break in the Card Room.
- 10:45 am Roundtable continues in Guest Room. (If we conclude before lunch, we will start the Short Presentations.)
- 1:00 pm **LUNCH** in the Card Room. Soup & Sandwiches. Cash bar opens at Noon.
- 2:00 pm **GROUP PHOTO**, probably in the Guest Room. Followed by... *The Irish in the Antarctic*, a talk by Michael Smith.
- 2:45 pm **SHORT PRESENTATIONS** by attendees through the end of the day (see over for list of talks)
- 4:00 pm Coffee/tea break in the Card Room.
- 5:00 pm Adjournment. *Attendees may spend time at the Bar, sit in the Garden or take a walk in the neighborhood while awaiting the ...*
- 7:00 pm **RECEPTION** in the Garden or the Card Room depending on the weather. Canapes & wine.
- 8:00 pm **BANQUET** in the Guest Room. Menu choice of Crusted Cod or Rack of Lamb. Also vegetarian option...
Followed by one or more after-dinner talks & entertainment. .

SUNDAY 9th June (All-day excursion to & from Athy)

- 9am - 8pm **ALL-DAY COACH TOUR** from and back to Dublin via Ballitore, Kilkea and Athy. The tour led by Jonathan Shackleton and Frank Taaffe will include Shackleton sites/sights. We'll spend time at the Athy Heritage Centre, where Saturday's short presentations will continue if they weren't concluded on Saturday. There will be a presentation on the plans for the Shackleton Museum, particularly the role that books and manuscript material are likely to play in the Museum. Some special polar exhibits will be on display and there will be some duplicate polar books for sale. A three-course lunch will be held at the historic 12th century Kilkea Castle with a talk on its history by Clem Roche. Before returning to Dublin there will be a chance for a pint at O'Briens, the unofficial Antarctic centre of Athy. See <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering4-athy.htm> for more details. 🍷

TALKS LIKELY TO BE PRESENTED

Talks should go no longer than about 15 minutes. The order may be a bit flexible depending on A/V & computer needs, the preference of speakers, etc. The list below is alphabetical by speaker. These talks will be given mainly on Saturday, particularly in the afternoon. One or two might be given Saturday after the Banquet and some may be given at the Athy Heritage Centre on Sunday.

- The bravery and heroism of the early Antarctic explorers compared with the great bravery and heroism of the 9/11 rescuers, recorded on the anniversary of 9/11. Alternative: “I could spend 10 minutes talking about how my book...resulted in our audiobook being a finalist in the Voice Arts Awards: Best Audiobook-History Category. The award ceremony was at Warner Bros Studios in Hollywood and hosted by Sigourney Weaver. It might be inspiring to others in the audience with aspirations to write books.” *Brad Borkan*
- The Importance of Being a Yacht. *Bob Burton*
- History of Enderby and Kemp Lands, from the time of first discovery to the present. *Drew Clarke*
- What did Roald Amundsen Learn from his First Expedition—1897-99—in Antarctica? *Olivier De Schrevel*
- Brief review of the musical ‘Ernest Shackleton Loves Me.’ *Art Gertel*
- My Antarctic interests and my work with school kids in New Zealand and the UK around the heroic age of Antarctic exploration. *Joanna Grochowicz*
- An Update on ‘Ice Eagles’ with a three-minute trailer. *Tom Henderson*
- The Falkland Islands Museum—Gateway to Antarctica. *Geraldine & Jim McAdam*
- Conor O’Brien—The First ‘Irishman’ in the Antarctic? *Jim McAdam*
- Rev. George Seaver—His Polar Friends and Penguins. *Jonathan Shackleton*
- Shackleton Family History in Ireland. *Jonathan Shackleton*
- Ainu Sledge Drivers with Shirase 1910-12. *Hilary Shibata*
- Edward Bransfield and the 200th Anniversary monument and commemoration plans for January 2020. *Michael Smith*
- The Location of Amundsen’s Tent. *Bill Spindler*
- On my informational & historical website southpolestation.com *Bill Spindler*
- *The Snowshovel* and *The Barrier Bull*—two Byrd expedition publications. *Rob Stephenson*
- The *Aurora Australis*—an update on saleroom activity. *Rob Stephenson*
- Dustjackets on Antarctic titles since 1900. *Seamus Taaffe*
- J. Foster Stackhouse. *Seamus Taaffe*
- Two Antarctic-related passages in Joyce’s ‘Ulysses,’ with some context and comment. *Ken Thomas*

and, of course, Michael Smith’s extended talk on

The Irish in the Antarctic
following lunch on Saturday.