

May 16th 2017

Invitation: Arctic 100 Expedition, Northwest Passage, June 30th – July 15th

Dear Sir/Madam,

Last year we invited your organization to plan and participate in a unique *Arctic 100 Expedition* conducted this summer, during the centenary of Finland's independence and Finland's first year as Chair of the Arctic Council. The Arctic 100 Expedition is an international expedition in Arctic waters on board a Finnish icebreaker. The aim of the journey is to collect and analyze new scientific data and to deepen international cooperation in the field of Arctic research.

Early this year we decided to postpone the Expedition. We are now delighted to inform you, that the Expedition will be executed this summer with multipurpose icebreaker Nordica along the Northwest Passage.

We now invite one or more researchers from your organization to **participate in this two-week expedition along the Northwest Passage on board MSV Nordica**. We realize that this is last minute especially considering conventional research funding. Therefore, the shared investment required to place a researcher on the vessel has been significantly reduced.

The cost of placing one researcher on this Expedition is EUR 21.000. All researchers accepted to the Expedition are expected to cover their own research as well as their travel costs to either Port of Busan, Republic of Korea, or Port of Dutch Harbor, Alaska, and back home from Nuuk, Greenland. We have tentatively outlined the following schedule for the Expedition.

Tentative Expedition schedule

15 June 2017	Departure of MSV Nordica from the Port of Busan, Republic of Korea
30 June 2017	Boarding for researchers the Port of Dutch Harbor, Alaska
1 July 2017	Departure for the Northwest Passage
15 July 2017	Arrival in Nuuk, Greenlann

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Confirmation of participation and next steps

We trust that this invitation is of interest to your organization, and hope that it will be distributed and properly discussed among your colleagues.

Should you wish to be part of the Arctic 100 Expedition in July 2017, please send us a filled and signed confirmation form (attached) stating at least:

- the names, professional titles and contact details of the participating researchers,
- the port they will board the vessel (Port of Busan, Republic of Korea, or Port of Dutch Harbor, Alaska)
- statement that you understand the charter cost (21.000 €/person), as well as the cost of travel to either of the ports, is covered by your organization.

Please deliver the confirmation of participation in PDF to eero.hokkanen@arctia.fi no later than **June 5th 2017**. After receiving your confirmation, we will get back to you with the more detailed voyage description and other details.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our team, Senior Vice President Mr. Hannu Ylärinne (tel. +358 46 876 7107, hannu.ylarinne@arctia.fi) and Communications Manager Mr. Eero Hokkanen (tel. +358 46 876 7140, eero.hokkanen@arctia.fi).

Helsinki, Finland, May 16th 2017,

Sincerely,



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