

Saturday 5 December

- 13:00** Geir O. Kløver - Welcome
13:10 Doreen Riedel Larsen
Wooden Ship and Iron Men, a look at the St. Roch, her captain, her crew and the Northwest Passage.
- 14:10** Break
14:20 Beau Riffenburgh *Nimrod: Shackleton's Forgotten Expedition*
- 15:20** Coffee break
15:50 Per Skarung *The significance of petroleum during Amundsen's and Scott's South Pole expeditions*
- 16:50** Break
17:00 Susan Barr *Japan in Antarctica – the Shiraze expedition 1910-12*
- 18:00** Reception in the *Exploring Shackleton* exhibition
- 19:00** Dinner – *Recreation of the dinner served at the Norwegian Palace on 20 August 1912 to Roald Amundsen and his men to welcome them home from the South Pole. The same 9-course menu will be served and the same speeches will be held during the festivities.*
- 01:00** End



Susan Barr gained her degree in historical archaeology at the University of Oslo and has worked for the past 37 years with polar history and the management of historical sites in the polar areas.

She was the first full-time cultural heritage officer for Svalbard and Jan Mayen 1979-82 and is currently Senior Advisor in polar matters at the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage. She was the Founding President of the Polar Heritage Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites for 10 years and is now Vice President. She is President of the International Arctic Science Committee and holds various other positions in Norwegian and international polar institutions. She is on the Board of the Fram Museum and has contributed to the current exhibitions in the Fram and Gjøa buildings. In February 2012 she was invited to Tokyo to speak at the 100th anniversary celebration of the Japanese Shiraze expedition to Antarctica.



Alexandra Shackleton is Sir Ernest Shackleton's only Granddaughter.

Such is the interest in him, she has been requested to write and talk over the seven Continents on the subject. Shackletons have always held Norway and its polar heritage in great regard and as such they retain a special place for the family. Alexandra has been patron of several polar expeditions and is currently Patron, amongst others, of the unique medical expedition From Fire to Ice, which is due to depart December 2016.

Alexandra is delighted and honoured to be visiting the splendid Fram museum to open the first ever Shackleton exhibition in Norway.





Per Skarung has a Master degree in History from the University in Bergen and has taught Modern Norwegian History at the University in Stavanger.

He is responsible for the ExxonMobil historical archives in the Nordic countries and has worked with finding and preserving the archives documenting the petroleum history in Norway since 1890. He has also done research and lecturing in Norwegian petroleum history. His interest in the Fram expedition stems from the prominent place the Fram diesel engine has in the development of the early marine diesel engines. The Fram engine was the world's first mounted in an ocean going vessel. This interest prompted further research into the use of petroleum products during the inland expeditions in Antarctica 1910 to 1912. The use of paraffin during the two expeditions has many similarities, but also some significant differences that are important for understanding both the success and demise of the expeditions.



Doreen Larsen Riedel is the daughter of the late, Norwegian born, Henry A Larsen, who in 1940-42 commanded the RCMP vessel St. Roch through the Northwest Passage from the Pacific to the Atlantic ocean and in 1944 westward through the more northerly route.

Doreen has had a wide career in biology, health education, parasitology and medical research in both Canada and abroad, and held various positions at Health Canada, several Ontario universities, hospitals, and experimental schools of Nursing. Since retiring, Doreen has focused on the contribution made by the RCMP and St. Roch to Canadian Arctic Sovereignty by presentations to local discussion groups, to Arctic expedition members, and in journal publications. She has participated in the production of 4 films about St. Roch and/or Henry Larsen for television or the Internet, researched the little known family background of her father and is attempting to identify some of the 3500 photographs and negatives in the Larsen collection at Library & Archives Canada. Doreen has provided the Fram Museum with an extensive archive from Henry Larsen's life and career.



Beau Riffenburgh is a historian affiliated with the Scott Polar Research Institute at the University of Cambridge.

After earning his doctorate, he served for 15 years as the Editor of *Polar Record* and the head of the Polar History Group. Most of his research has specialised in the history of exploration, particularly that of the Antarctic and Arctic. His books include *The Myth of the Explorer*, a critically acclaimed examination of exploration and the popular press; *Nimrod*, the account of Ernest Shackleton's heroic attempt on the South Pole; and *Aurora*, the comprehensive study of Douglas Mawson's Australasian Antarctic Expedition. He was also editor of the award-winning *Encyclopedia of the Antarctic*, the most comprehensive Antarctic reference work ever published. In conjunction with mystery writer Susanna Gregory, he has published 10 novels, including *The Nimrod Murders*, based around the refitting of Shackleton's ship prior to his Antarctic expedition.

