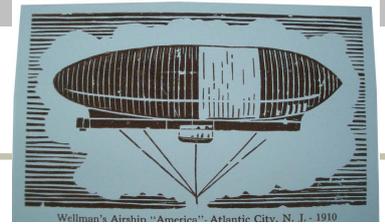


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Arctic Support

By Ingunn Løyning

The Longyearbyen Lokalstyre (the political administration in Longyearbyen) established in 2004 a business fund. The objective is to strengthen and facilitate economic life and growth in Longyearbyen.

Projects contributing with round the year job positions and enhance working possibilities for women and adolescents are a priority.

A maximum of Nok 40 000, – (app. € 5000,-) are handed out to each applicant. We sent an application, and this week we got the answer that the Lokalstyre has decided to give us the largest amount possible, Nok 40 000,-.

This is very encouraging for us, and means we

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can let our shoulders down for a while. The funding will be used to cover expenses like office rent, phone and internet, the cost and maintenance of our web pages.

Not to forget the symbolic value this funding represents!

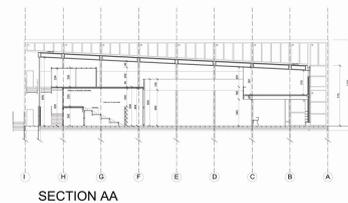
The Drawings

By Ingunn Løyning

The architect, Adrien Lefèvre, has finished the final drawings for the museum. When outside the museum keeps its shape, there have been made some alterations regarding the interior.

To solve the issue with snowdrift and weight, the roof has been lowered on one side. This means that the total height in front is 7, 33 meters and 9, 45 meters in the other end.

This adjustment made the museum more spacious. In fact, to such a degree that it was possible to add one more floor at the far end. This made it possible to move the toilets to behind the cinema, which makes them hidden.



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The office is moved to what is now the 2nd floor, and, in combination with the escape stairway, is accessible from the backside. The office area also increased, with space for a sitting group.

The drawings have been sent to three different entrepreneurs in order to get a price offer and time of the construction.

The new drawings are unfortunately not yet to be found on our web pages, but we can email you a copy if you send us an email at Ingunn@spitsbergenairshipmuseum.com

Live Earth 07.07.07



By Ingunn Løyning

We have further notice regarding the transmission of LA7's program that includes Spitsbergen Airship Museum and Svalbard.

The program will be sent Saturday July 7th, during "Live Earth", the International Environment Day in 7 continents.

The concert will open in Sidney, Australia, and close in New Jersey, USA.

Spitsbergen Airship Museum on Italian TV (LA7) July 7th 2007

MTV Italia and LA7 will transmit the concert live, for 24 hours, and during the day, they will send the program about the Arctic and an earlier production about the Antarctica.

English:

<http://www.liveearth.org/>

Italian:

http://www.mtv.it/news/news_page.asp?IDNEWS=20550

Traveling Polar Bear

By Ingunn Løyning

After an idea of Barbara Gallavotti and Andrea Vico, the [Museo Tridentino di Scienze Naturali](#) is organizing an exhibition called "Pole EX Position". This traveling exhibitions emphasis is the Polar Regions and will be presented 27 October 2007 at the "Festival della scienza 2007" in Genoa. The official opening will take place 13 November 2007 in Napoli. Between February and June 2008, the exhibition is to be located in Trento (other cities it will be possible to see the exhibition are Milan, Rome & Turin).

Through a collaboration with Masad (Mediterranean Association for Science and Technology Dissemination), the exhibition will also be sent to Alexandria (Egypt) and Tunisia (Tunis).

In Italy, the exhibition strives to be the most important and articulated happening regarding scientific dissemination in respect of national manifestations during the IPY, and a 10 million visitors are expected.

The exhibition will cover app 300 m², and be divided into five sections: 1) the natural environment at the poles 2) the climate 3) exploration 4) collective fantasy 5) science at the poles.

A series of conferences and seminars will be arranged in relation to the exhibit. For children between 4 and 8 years there will be a "discovery room".

Spitsbergen Airship Museum is contributing to the work of arranging this exhibition by organizing a loan of taxidermy Arctic animals, among them, the king of the Arctic; a Polar Bear.



The Web Site & the birds

By Ingunn Løyning

Webmaster Heinrich Eggenfellner in Spitsbergen IT has recently made some improvements on the web site.

He has added a couple of buttons, for instance a button called "news". Clicking this button will bring you to a page where you will find links to our newsletters as well as articles written about and by us.

The "items" pages have also got a facelift. In addition to a change of template, we have added a short description to each item.



Left:
Puffin
Right:
Little auk

Not every item has a description, especially regarding the stamps we are lacking some information. So if any of you out there have anything to add, we'd appreciate it.

Regarding the discussion forum on the web pages, this will be added in September. Webmaster has gone away (in his sailing boat) with the Norwegian Polar Institute for about a month and a half to count birds at 80 degrees north.

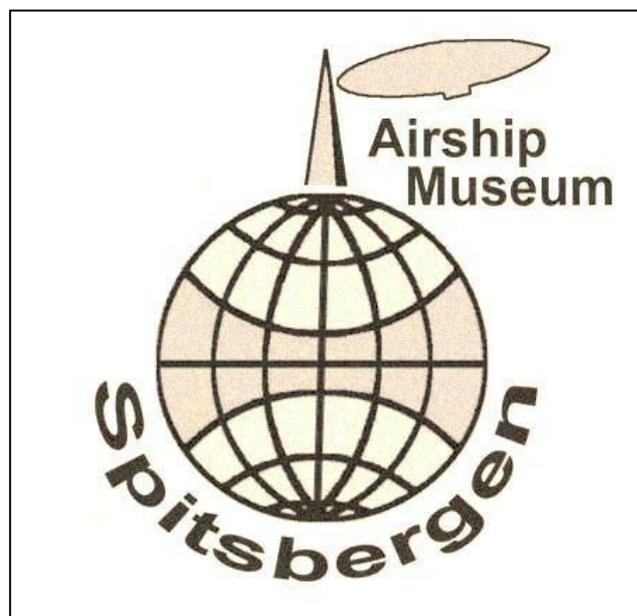
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