

THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF POLAR EXPLORATION BERGEN 1940

An International Exhibition of Polar Exploration will be held at Bergen, Norway, from 15th May to 22nd September 1940. H.M. King Haakon VII has graciously consented to be Patron and H.R.H. Crown Prince Olav the Honorary-President. The Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister and the Minister of Commerce are amongst the Presidents. The extent of the Exhibition will cover the Arctic Ocean, Greenland, Jan Mayen, Spitzbergen, Franz Joseph Land, Nova Zembla, the islands north of Asia and America, the Asiatic and American Continents in the Arctic Continent with off lying islands and oceans.

The exhibition will have both a scientific and sportive character. It will show what has been achieved and what is going to be achieved. In a diagrammatic manner, drawn on charts, will be seen the routes of the various expeditions, the models of ships, dirigibles and aeroplanes, scientific instruments, articles of outfit, log-books, photographic matter, original as well as printed charts and maps, publications, and relics from the more well known Expeditions. There will be separate departments for Meteorological research and Scientific investigations, and the inhabitants of the polar regions will be given special attention, such as an account of the work that has been done for their economic and hygienic development, etc.

The Norwegian Government has sent invitations to all countries which during latter ages have participated in the exploration of the Arctic and Antarctic Regions and it is expected that some 14 nations are likely to participate officially with separate exhibitions. The exhibition grounds will be close to the centre of Bergen.

In connection with the Exhibition of an International Conference of Polar Explorers will be arranged, and a National Exhibition of Communications, Fisheries and Sealing, Home Industry and Applied Art will be held simultaneously with the International Exhibition.

The Exhibition will be held under the following Administration:—

Commissioner General :	Mr. Gran Bogh, Barrister-at-Law.
Commissioner :	Mr. Mowinckel-Larsen, Civil Engineer.
Secretary :	Mr. Hedegaard Friis, Barrister-at-Law.
Publicity Manager :	Mr. Ole Tschudi Irgens, Journalist.
Architects :	Mr. and Mrs. Odd Brochmann.

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