FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Marine Ventures International Symposium: Diversity and Dynamics in the Human-Sea Relation
Trondheim, Norway October 2-6, 2013

Hosted by
The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Museum of Natural History and Archaeology (NTNU Vitenskapsmuseet)

MAIN SCIENTIFIC AIMS
The Marine Ventures International Symposium aims to promote a dialogue between colleagues working in these main fields: a) initial developments and further elaboration of marine foraging; b) technological and logistical implications of travelling by sea; and, c) interrelations between social and cognitive systems, settlement patterns and subsistence of marine hunter-gatherers. These fields of research are a fruitful meeting place for different competencies, methodologies and theoretical traditions. We hope that the Symposium will reflect this scientific diversity. Funding for publication of the Symposium proceedings is secured, and a publication date of 2014 is expected. The publisher has not been determined.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Symposium partakes in the project «Marine Ventures. Comparative perspectives on the dynamics of early human approaches to the seascapes of Tierra del Fuego and Norway», which is financed by the Latin America Program of the Research Council of Norway, and focuses on similarities and differences in cultural developments in two coastal areas on different sides of the world, but also with many common features: Seascapes of Patagonia and Scandinavia.
Scientific committee:

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstract (maximum 500 words) of proposed paper presentations are invited and should be submitted to: marineventures@vm.ntnu.no. Please include a title and author(s) details (names, email addresses and institutional affiliations). Abstracts should be submitted in English, and will be included in the conference program. Presentations will be in English. Deadline for abstract submission is August 1st 2013.

EXHIBITION OF MARINE VENTURE PROJECT

Symposium participants are invited to the Marine Ventures Exhibition, which presents a comparative perspective on the archaeology and history of Norwegian and Patagonian seascapes. Due to Pleistocene glaciations, the natural history, seascapes and marine biotopes are comparable. Nevertheless, Norway and Tierra del Fuego have followed different lines of cultural development. The exhibition centers on the similarities and differences between these regions, with a focus on the development and dynamics of marine foraging. Differences in scientific approaches and available source material are other aspects that are highlighted. The exhibition is at the Museum of Natural History and Archaeology in Trondheim and opens in June 2013.

EXCURSION, OCTOBER 5-6

A seven-hour sea-voyage will take us through a variety of Norwegian seascapes: the Trondheim fjord, the inner coastline along the mainland – a protected channel behind an almost unbroken succession of mountainous islands and skerries and, finally, the outer coast of Northwest Norway. W we will stay overnight in the town of Kristiansund, situated on several small islands. In the Kristiansund area, we will visit a variety of cultural sites and monuments, with the main focus on marine hunter gatherers. We will continue by bus along the Atlanterhavsveien, voted among the world’s most beautiful drives, with its seven bridges arching between the islets and skerries on the edge of the ocean. The excursion ends back in Kristiansund. From here, you can either return to Trondheim by ship (overnight), express boat or plane, or you can go directly by plane to Oslo.

SYMPOSIUM FEE
- Symposium, including the printed proceedings and all tea/coffee breaks: 1500NOK (c. 200€ / 270$). Symposium dinner 400NOK (c. 50€ / 70$)

- Excursion, including sea-voyage and hotel stay in Kristiansund, excluding return to Trondheim: NOK3000 (c. 400€ / 550$)

*We are able to reduce the excursion costs for overseas participants, and probably also for students / participants with limited funding opportunities. Before we specify the reductions, however, we need an overview of general interest in the excursion.*

ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

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