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FOREWORD

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As part of this mission, the Inside the Station exhibition was inaugurated in December 2012, taking visitors on an interactive journey inside Princess Elisabeth Antarctica, the world’s first zero emission polar research station. Visitors experienced living and working in Antarctica, and learned about polar science and the continuing evolution of the wind and solar-powered centre for international polar scientific research.

Meanwhile, in Antarctica, the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 austral summers saw the International Polar Foundation team at Princess Elisabeth Antarctica welcome scientists from Belgium, Europe and around the world, who came to Antarctica for polar scientific research, crucial for broadening knowledge of our planet.

Highlights of the season in terms of science were a very successful meteorite hunting mission with the discovery of a 18 kg specimen and the first ever visit to a 9,000 strong colony of emperor penguins on Antarctica’s Princess Ragnhild Coast.

In 2013, the International Polar Foundation also focused on communicating climate issues and promoting acceptance of renewable energy amongst EU citizens, via the internationalization of the Class Zero Emission initiative, which engages hundreds of school age children and teachers on polar science, climate change, and our everyday use of energy.

Throughout the year, the Foundation team presented its mission the Princess Elisabeth Antarctica project, during financial, educational and scientific fora, as well as within projects and initiatives in Europe and around the world. The Foundation highlighted the role of polar science and the need for an intelligent, well-thought out global response to climate change.

The 2013 edition of the Arctic Futures Symposium, held in Brussels in October 2013, brought together Arctic residents, researchers, industry representatives and politicians to discuss safe Arctic shipping, sustainable circumpolar communities, and the research needed to inform policymaking.

In 2014, the International Polar Foundation will further develop its projects and continue to demonstrate that the climate challenge can be met through goodwill and collaboration between civil society, business and governments, as well as show that it is possible to achieve a low-carbon society without compromising our collective or individual well-being.

Alain Hubert,
President of the Board of Directors of the IPF
THE INTERNATIONAL POLAR FOUNDATION: CONNECTING SCIENCE AND SOCIETY

The International Polar Foundation supports polar scientific research for the advancement of knowledge, the promotion of informed action on climate change, and the development of a sustainable society.

Founded by Belgian polar explorer Alain Hubert, Prof. Hugo Decleir and Prof. André Berger in 2002, the Brussels-based International Polar Foundation provides a novel interface between science and society, and was recognised by Belgian Royal Statute as a foundation for the public good in 2002. HM King Philippe is the International Polar Foundation’s honorary president.

The Foundation seeks to bring about a keener appreciation of the role of science, particularly research in the Polar Regions, through a re-examination of the planet’s interconnections, its fragility, the impact of human actions on the environment, and the evolution of millennial climate cycles.

To achieve its aims, the Foundation has initiated several high-profile projects; this includes supporting polar science through the creation and operation of the wind-and-solar-powered zero emission Princess Elisabeth Antarctica station, logistical support of scientists working in Antarctica, fellowship awards for Antarctic researchers, an annual symposium on Arctic issues, and several science and education websites, which include classroom activities and resources.
INTERNATIONAL POLAR FOUNDATION
STRUCTURE

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ACTIVITIES OF THE IPF

ANTARCTICA

The International Polar Foundation is the Belgian Polar Secretariat's appointed Antarctic operator and manager of the revolutionary zero emission Princess Elisabeth Antarctica station, providing logistics and infrastructure support to scientists from the international research community who come to work in Antarctica.

BELARE 2012-2013

For the 2012-2013 BELARE season, Princess Elisabeth Antarctica was set to welcome 30 scientists working in the fields of atmospheric science, glaciology, meteorology, geology, and microbiology, from several different countries, including Belgium, Germany and Japan.

Scientific projects included:

- **JARE** - Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition - Japan National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR) and several Japanese governmental agencies
- **ICECON**: Understanding ice dynamics – led by the Université Libre de Bruxelles
- **BE:WISE**: Research on buttressing effects on ice shelves, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- **BGR**: Investigating Gondwana formation, German Federal Institute of Geosciences and Natural Resources
- **SAMBA**: Meteorite search on the Nansen Icefields, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, National Institute of Polar Research, Japan
- **Micrometa**: Search for microscopic extraterrestrial dust, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- **BELATMOS**: Ozone, UV radiation and aerosols - Belgian Royal Meteorological Institute
- **BELDIVA**: Exploration of microbiology diversity, National Institute of Polar Research, Japan
- **GEAl**: Polar 6 airborne survey, Alfred Wegener Institute (Germany)
- **GIANT-LISSA**: Dr Olivier Francis, University of Luxembourg
- **LGGE**: Surface mass balance observations by the International Polar Foundation on behalf of Grenoble-based Laboratoire de Glaciologie et Géophysique de l’Environnement, France

PENGUINS & METEORITES

Alain Hubert, station chief mechanic Kristof Soete and Swiss mountain guide Raphael Richard had the honour of being the first humans to visit a 9,000-strong colony of emperor penguins on Antarctica’s Princess Ragnhild Coast while supporting a scientific expedition.

Researchers from the British Antarctic Survey first discovered that colony of 1m-tall emperor penguins using satellite imagery. Their findings, and the locations of several populations, was published in a 2009 paper by Peter T. Fretwell and Philip N. Trathan, “Penguins from space: faecal stains reveal the location of emperor penguin colonies”.

The other highlight of the season was the discovery of a meteorite weighing 18kg embedded in the East Antarctic ice sheet. It was the largest such meteorite found in the region since 1988.

The 2012-2013 season was very successful: during a 40 day expedition, scientists discovered a total of 425 meteorites, with a total weight of 75kg.
The theme of the 2013 Arctic Futures Symposium focused on responsible Arctic resource development, safe Arctic shipping, sustainable circumpolar communities, and research to inform policymaking. The topics addressed are in line with the “Development for the People of the North” priorities outlined by the Canadians as they chair the Arctic Council. Canada took over the rotating Chair of the Arctic Council from Sweden at the Arctic Council Ministerial in Kiruna, Sweden in May 2013. The Canadians will hold the chairmanship until April 2015, when the United States takes over the chairmanship.

High-level speakers participating in the symposium included: Belgian Foreign Affairs Minister Didier Reynders, Vice-President of the European Parliament Isabelle Durant, Canadian Ambassador to Norway David Sproule, the Senior Arctic Officials for Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark, Senior Vice President for Exploration in Norway for Statoil Gro Gunleiksrud Haatvedt, Mayor of Alaska’s Northwest Arctic Borough Reggie Joule, Mayor of Tromsø Jens Johan Hjort, Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law Michael Byers, President and CEO of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation Tom Paddon, Chair of the Canadian Polar Commission Bernard Funston, Sandra Rita Allnutt from the International Maritime Organisation, Kathrin Keil from the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Professor Peter Wadhams from the University of Cambridge, and many more.

More than 200 people in total took part in the two-day symposium, and many more watched the event via live streaming.

www.arcticfutures.org
EDUCATION

CLASS ZERO EMISSION
In 2013, the International Polar Foundation’s pedagogical workshop, Class Zero Emission continued to provide school age children and teachers with up-to-date science knowledge on polar science, climate change and energy.

Over the course of the year, Class Zero Emission gave 45 workshops to 982 French-speaking students, 68 workshops to 1430 Dutch speakers, and three solely for teachers during the Inside the Station exhibition.

CLASS ZERO EMISSION MOBILE
In January 2013, a mobile version of Class Zero Emission was made available to schools, science centres, festivals and conferences in the UK.

Puzzles of the Arctic and Antarctica, a model of Princess Elisabeth Station, scientific experiments, polar clothing and digital and printed materials were used by over 8000 people around the UK.

POLAR QUEST 2013-2015
Polar Quest is a contest open to all 5th grade general and technical secondary classes in Brussels and Wallonia (Belgium).

The objective of the project is to mobilize young people around a project to improve energy management in their schools based on the experience of Princess Elisabeth Antarctica station. The teacher of the winning class will get the unique opportunity to join the technical team at PEA in Antarctica during the 2014/2015 season. Polar Quest is funded by the Brussels Capital Region and Wallonia.

ICESTEIN
The IceStein project involved in the production of several educational tools and resources explaining the water treatment at Princess Elisabeth Station. All those resources were made available to French speaking students on EducaPoles.

SPES SUMMER SCHOOL ITALY
The third Polar Summer School for Teachers took place in Naples from the 10th to the 13th of Ocober 2013. The IPF was invited to give a lecture about EducaPoles and educational projects. With the experimental booklet of Class Zero Emission as guideline, the teachers learned during a polar workshop about the interdisciplinary character of polar science and how to integrate them in a holistic climate change approach.

TEACHER WORKSHOP PORTUGAL
The Educational team was invited to the International workshop “Education meet science: bringing polar research into the classrooms”, organized by the Institute of Marine Research of the University of Coimbra (Portugal) and the Alfred Wegener Institute (Germany) with the Museum of Science of the University of Coimbra.

This international workshop focused on providing tools for teachers, on facilitating working together with polar scientists, and on defining a strategy for education and outreach about the Polar Regions.
INSIDE THE STATION

Inaugurated in December 2012, the International Polar Foundation’s Inside the Station took visitors on an interactive journey inside Princess Elisabeth Antarctica, the world’s first zero emission polar research station. People of all ages were able to experience what it’s like to live and work in the frozen south, and to learn about polar science and the continuing evolution of the wind and solar-powered centre for international polar scientific research.

“In 2007, an incredible 35,000 people came to Tour & Taxis to see Princess Elisabeth Antarctica for themselves before it was shipped south to Antarctica”, said International Polar Foundation Executive Director Thierry Touchais. “It has been our pleasure to welcome the public to once again share in the success story that is Princess Elisabeth Antarctica”.

Inside the Station features reconstructions, giving visitors the opportunity to experience firsthand:

- The technologies used at Princess Elisabeth Antarctica– the electrical smart grid, the renewable energy systems, and more
- The incredible Antarctic environment - including glaciers, rugged mountains, blue ice fields and exotic wildlife
- Logistics – the arduous yet exciting journey to the Antarctic – using satellites, aircraft, ships, and tractors
- The scientific programmes at Princess Elisabeth Antarctica, which help us to learn more about our planet, its climate and how it works
- Daily Life – Working, eating, sleeping and managing energy use in the remote and frozen South
- Princess Elisabeth Antarctica as an example of how we can deal with climate change – and the actions we can take at a personal and community level to respond to this challenge.
- Inside the Station coincided with Belgium’s Antarctic Research mission (BELARE 2012-2013), during which some 30 scientists from Belgium and other countries lived and work at Princess Elisabeth Antarctica.

One of the highlights of the exhibition was the visit the members of the Belgian Royal Family paid to the exhibition. We were delighted to welcome Their Royal Highnesses, King Philippe of Belgium, and his daughter Princess Elisabeth of Belgium to the Inside the Station exhibition.

Another very fond memory is the tour we gave to of a class of Inuit students who were visiting Brussels in the framework of a 10 day educational tour in Europe. It was quite interesting to see the questions students from Canada asked about Antarctica, one of the places on earth furthest from their home.
Over the course of 2013, the International Polar Foundation’s websites received a total 257,613 unique visitors, serving 842,397 pages to a worldwide audience.

POLARFOUNDATION.ORG
The International Polar Foundation’s principal website communicates the initiatives, projects, and events that form the Foundation’s mission to connect science and society.

Polarfoundation.org speaks directly to the general public and features movies, picture galleries, news items and press releases.

In 2013, polarfoundation.org served 73,072 pages to 28,072 sessions. In terms of audience, 29% of visitors are coming from Belgium. Top 10 countries in terms of visits: Belgium, United States, France, United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland and Australia.

ANTARCTICSTATION.ORG
Featuring the International Polar Foundation’s flagship project, Princess Elisabeth Antarctica the world’s first zero emission polar research base. The website keeps the general public and the scientific community up-to-date with the day-to-day operations, science projects, and the evolution of the remarkable renewable energy systems and smart grid being used at the station.

The site features regular news updates, picture galleries, videos, project updates, as well as interviews with team members and international polar researchers.

In 2013, the antarcticstation.org website served a total of 215,810 pages to 64,904 unique visitors. The site has a broad International audience and a relatively strong focus on Belgian visitors (22.6%). Top 10 countries by number of visits: United States, Belgium, United Kingdom, Canada, France, Germany, Serbia, Netherlands, Australia and Brazil.

SCIENCEPOLES.ORG
Dedicated to raising global public awareness of polar science, the Science-Poles.org platform supports polar research institutions and scientists in the communication of their research findings. By clearly explaining and demystifying complex scientific issues, the website contributes significantly to the Foundation’s mission to connect science and society.

- Catering to policy makers as well as the general public, Sciencepoles.org features:
  - news updates on recent findings and publications,
  - in-depth interviews with prominent members of the polar research community,
  - feature galleries on polar environments and research,
  - picture galleries of polar landscapes, logistics, and scientific fieldwork,

In 2013, SciencePoles.org attracted 26,637 unique visitors and served a total of 55,759 pages. The site has a very broad International audience, with visitors from the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Belgium, France, Italy, Germany, India and Spain.

EDUCAPOLES.ORG
EducaPoles.org brings together the International Polar Foundation’s educational and multimedia tools, with the missions of informing the teaching community, raising awareness of the poles’ importance as an early warning system and unique laboratory, and mobilising people, by providing the means to take informed action against climate change.
Aimed at teachers, future teachers, and all those involved in education, EducaPoles.org offers pedagogical dossiers, flash animations, videos, picture galleries, tales and ready-made contents such as quizzes, scientific experiments, and classroom activities.

EducaPoles.org served a total of 460,347 pages in 3 languages to 131,158 unique visitors in 2013, led by France, Belgium, United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Switzerland, Australia, India and Morocco.

Breakdown of EducaPoles visitors by languages:
- French: 59.2%
- Dutch: 9.16%
- English: 31.64%

In 2012, a total 5,506 pedagogical dossiers were downloaded. If we assume that each dossier was shared with on average of 15 students, then around 82,590 students were reached.

Breakdown of downloads per language, for 5,506 Downloads:
- French downloads: 3562 - 64.69%
- English downloads: 1127 - 22.10%
- Dutch downloads: 727 - 13.20%

SOCIAL MEDIA

The International Polar Foundation took a bold step forward into the world of social media in 2012, quickly establishing strong presences on Twitter, Facebook and Google+, with the Foundation, Princess Elisabeth Antarctica, SciencePoles, EducaPoles and ExploraPoles all being represented on Twitter.

As a result of the social media development, the work of the International Polar Foundation, including its operations at Princess Elisabeth Antarctica, are reaching many thousands of people who were previously unaware of the Foundation’s work. This includes the media and the general public, while the Twitter accounts in particular are seeing strong connections developing with peers, such as polar scientists, the energy sector, academic institutions, NGOs and polar explorers, who have been enthusiastically “retweeting” the Foundation’s message to their followers, all over the world.

www.twitter.com/polarfoundation
2123 followers

www.facebook.com/intpolarfoundation
1207 likes

www.twitter.com/antarcticbase
2176 followers

www.twitter.com/sciencepoles
1190 followers

www.twitter.com/educapoles
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## VISITS PER COUNTRY

### Polarfoundation.org

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PUBLICATIONS

INTERVIEWS ON SCIENCEPOLES

Jennifer Francis:
Is a changing Arctic influencing weather in the mid-latitudes? 07.01.2013

Markus Dyck:
A Nunavut perspective: the state of polar bears in Canada 27.02.2013

Markus Dyck:
Is enough being done to protect polar bears? 01.03.2013

Stanislav E. Belikov:
In favour of greater protection of polar bears 09.04.2013

Mark Skidmore:
A view into the world of subglacial lakes 14.05.2013

Mark Skidmore:
The hydrology of subglacial lakes in Antarctica 12.06.2013

Seeta Sistla:
What is happening to carbon in Arctic tundra permafrost? 31.07.2013

Seeta Sistla:
Long-term permafrost monitoring and international cooperation 16.09.2013

Martin Siegert:
Lake Ellsworth and the future of subglacial research in Antarctica 20.11.2013

Martin Siegert:
Investigating East Antarctic Ice Sheet stability in the ICECAP project 23.12.2013

POLARFOUNDATION

15 news and 10 press releases were published in 2013.

EDUCAPOLES

7 news and 2 new educational dossiers have been published on the website over the course of 2013.

ANTARCTICSTATION

20 news, 10 picture galleries, 2 videos and 5 press releases were published during the 2012-2013 season.
FINANCIALS 2013

### CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

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