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To the
participants of
RV "POLARSTERN"
cruise leg ANT XXIV/1

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You must take this letter with you on board!!

Dear participants,

herewith I would like to remind you of a few important points in connection with your cruise.

The cruise leg will begin in Bremerhaven on October 26, 2007, around 13.00 hrs. POLARSTERN is berthed at the „Dalbenpier“ of Lloyd Dockyard. Embarkation of participants will take place from 09.00 to 11.00 hrs. The expedition will end in Cape Town on November 26, 2007, in the morning.

At your arrival on board you have to deliver your passport directly to the watchman at the gangway. Please keep your passport ready when entering the ship in order to save time.

All participants are requested to strictly adhere to the following regulations:

The agents will organize the transfer to the airport in Cape Town only for group flight participants. Any service to be rendered by the agency can only be ordered by the chief scientist, the captain or from our logistics department. Special services ordered by yourself have to be paid on your own account.

The agent in Cape Town has pointed out that you are not allowed to enter South Africa without being in possession of a valid return ticket to your home country - it is not possible to buy this only after arrival in RSA.

All hotel costs have to be paid by yourself and you are expected to settle your bill with the institution paying for your expedition - this also in case the agent, by error, will offer you credit for hotel accommodation.

Please do not forget to inform yourself about visa and transit formalities valid for your nationality.

The address of the agent is as follows:

MEIHUIZEN International
5, St. George's Mall
Cape Town 8001, RSA
Phone: 0027 21 440 5400, Fax: 0027 21 421 7880

Director: Gerald Hagemann, email: geraldh@meihuizen.co.za, mobile 0027 83 280 0009
Person in charge: Sonja Dorsch, email: sonjad@meihuizen.co.za



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Please direct all correspondence to Sonja Dorsch with a copy to Gerald Hagemann as well as to AWI Logistics, Dr. Uwe Nixdorf.

General information concerning life and work on board will be provided on Polarstern by the chief scientist as well as the ship's command. Any purchases on board (drinks, cigarettes, films etc.) as well as laundry have to be paid in cash (EURO or US\$). In case of need also cheques will be accepted on board. Payment by credit card is NOT POSSIBLE. Please bear in mind that any customs goods have to be taken from board by you personally in Cape Town.

Communication with your family/institute is possible, but has to be paid for.

Communication with RV "POLARSTERN":

Telephone (INMARSAT):
00870 321 842 611 or 711

Telefax (INMARSAT):
00870 321 842 612 or 712

e-mail:

For official emails: First letter of first name / family name / dot / d@awi-polarstern.de, for example for "John Smith": **jsmith.d@awi-polarstern.de**

For private emails: same, but the "d" for "dienstlich" = "official" must be replaced by a "p" for "private": **jsmith.p@awi-polarstern.de**.

Any e-mail communication from and to POLARSTERN using the above address has to be paid by the participant. You will get detailed information about using this facility on board.

Once a week, the chief scientist will inform the AWI about the course of the expedition. A copy of this letter can be distributed to inform your relatives. Every participant is requested to provide Mrs. D. Burhop (email Doerte.Burhop@awi.de) with the address or email his/her copy should be sent to.

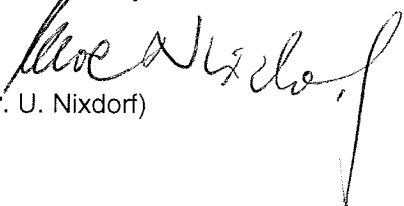
Allocation of cabins on board will be done by the chief scientist.

For scientific and general information of participants and crew during the cruise, we would like you to volunteer lectures on your research programmes or about other interesting research projects, expeditions, national programmes etc. Please do not forget to prepare yourself with corresponding material.

Wishing all participants a good and successful voyage,

I remain
yours sincerely

(Dr. U. Nixdorf)



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