

October 16, 2019

 Association of
 Arctic Expedition Cruise
 Operators **AECO** 

AECO's 16th Arctic Cruise Conference

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Program

08:30 – 16:00

 Nationaltheatret Konferansesenter
 (formerly KS Agenda), Haakon VIIs gate 9, Oslo

Moderator: Edda Falk, AECO

Dress code, conference: Business casual

08:30 Registration**09:00 Welcome and opening remarks**

Marie Lannborn Barker, Chair of AECO's Executive Committee

09:10 AECO and Remembrance of Sarah Auffret

Frigg Jørgensen, Executive Director, AECO

SHIPBORNE TOURISM IN POLAR REGIONS**09:30 Svalbard**

Aud Andersen, Tourism Advisor, Governor of Svalbard

09:45 Greenland

Julia Pars, Executive Director, Visit Greenland

10:00 New airportstructure in GreenlandTina Amundsen, Head of Business Development,
Kalaallit Airports**10:15 Iceland**

Erna Kristjánsdóttir, Vice Chairman, Cruise Iceland

10:30 Opportunities in expedition cruising in Iceland

Gyða Guðmundsdóttir, General Manager, North Atlantic Agency

10:45 Coffee break**11:15 Canada**

Alana Bradley-Swan, VP of Operations, Adventure Canada

11:30 Antarctica

Lisa Kelly, Head of Operations, IAATO

11:45 Polar field staff - The key to successful operations

Jørn Henriksen, Director Expedition Operations, Viking Cruises

11:55 AECO project update

Edda Falk, Communications Manager, AECO

12:10 Sponsor presentation

Kepler Communication

12:15 Group photo**12:20 Lunch****SEARCH AND RESCUE IN THE ARCTIC****13:15 Maritime preparedness in Arctic waters**

Professor Odd Jarl Borch, Nord University

13:30 Joint Arctic SARBent-Ove Jamtli, Executive Manager,
Joint Rescue Coordination Center Northern Norway**13:45 Lessons learned, PAMRO, Mass Rescue Operation**Nicolas Dubreuil, Polar & Tropical Expedition Expert
& Director of Sustainability, Ponant**14:05 Video release – Lufttransport, Governor of Svalbard and AECO**

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14:15 Coffee break**WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES - LOCAL VALUE****14:35 AECO and community engagement**

Alex McNeil, Director of Product, Quark Expeditions

14:50 Industry - Government enhanced cooperation to ensure sustainable local tourism

Karin Strand, VP Expedition, Hurtigruten

15:00 Community specific guidelines in Greenland

Jesper Schrøder, Destination Manager, Destination Arctic Circle

15:15 Small town, big ships – How Longyearbyen meets challenges and opportunities

Eva Britt Kornfeldt, Former Manager, Svalbard Cruise Network

15:25 Local economic value of cruise tourism

Frigg Jørgensen, Executive Director, AECO

15:35 Clean Seas - Engaging operators and tourists in environmental challenges

Melissa Nacke, Environmental Specialist, AECO

15:45 Optimal balance in tourism – What research is needed?

Trine Krystad, Project Manager, Visit Svalbard

15:55 Closing remarks

AECO's Annual dinner

AECO's Annual dinner will take place at:

Louise Restaurant
Stranden 3, Oslo

Dress code: Semi-formal

19.30 Pre-dinner drink
20.00 Annual dinner

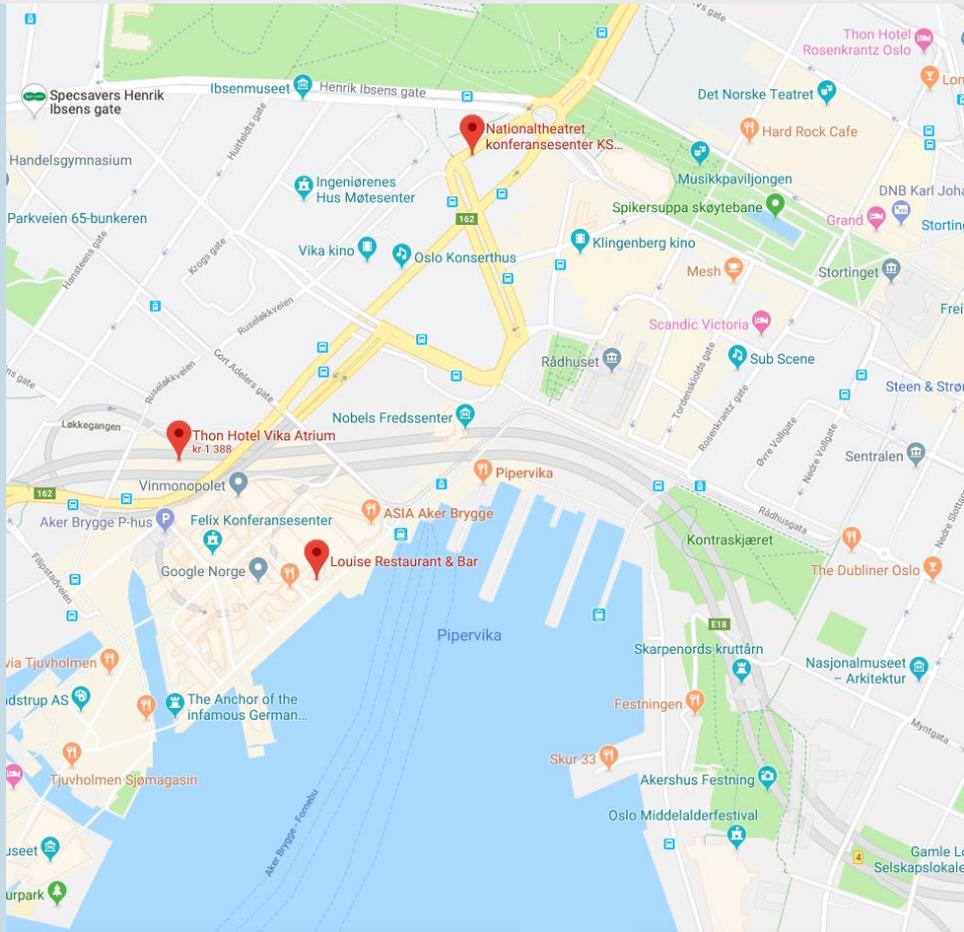
All conference participants are invited to the Annual Dinner which will be sponsored by Silversea Cruises.

VENUES

Nationaltheatret Konferansesenter (KS Agenda)
 Haakon VII's gate 9

Restaurant Louise
 Stranden 3

Thon Hotel Vika Atrium
 Munkedamsveien 45



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