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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We have been presented the plans that are to mount into the Spitsbergen Airship Museum, and would hereby like to express our support of the initiative.

The Istituto Geografico Polare was founded in Forlì, Italy, in 1944 by the explorer and scientist Silvio Zavatti.

The aim of the institute is promoting and supporting initiatives taken for the progress of polar studies in Italy, for divulging the Italian contribute in polar expeditions and promoting exploration trips taken for a better knowledge of Polar Regions.

The institute is organized into four sections:

- Museo Etnografico Polare, founded by Silvio Zavatti in 1969. This is the only museum in Italy dedicated to the Arctic Polar Regions.
- The magazine "Il Polo", founded in 1944, 4 editions a year, divulging Italian Polar research.
- Centre of Documentation, consisting of 15 000 magazines and books concerning the Arctic, and 3 000 regarding the Polar Regions.
- The Polar Museum Friends Association, founded to maintain the activities of the institute and the museum.

We regard the project as very interesting and well deserving of support. The Spitsbergen Airship Museum will be the first to commemorate the complexity of the events that have taken place in the Arctic in respect of science, exploration and human activity.

The aim towards collaboration across national borders gives the project an important international profile, which can enhance the preservation of Arctic natural and cultural heritage.

We are looking forward to seeing the Spitsbergen Airship Museum being opened, and to start a collaboration work with the museum.

Sincerely

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