



New Acting Executive Director for IAATO

The International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO) welcomes Dr. Terry Shaller as Acting Executive Director.

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South Kingstown, Rhode Island, USA:

The International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO) today confirmed the appointment of Dr. Terry Shaller as Acting Executive Director of IAATO.

Mark van der Hulst, Chair of IAATO's Executive Committee, said, "Terry will lead the Secretariat and work with the Executive Committee to further IAATO's mission to advocate and promote safe, environmentally responsible private-sector travel to Antarctica.

"Terry, formerly Vice President; Development at Ponant Cultural Cruises and Expeditions will begin his new role today, July 1, and will be based at IAATO's headquarters in South Kingstown, Rhode Island. In accordance with the decisions made at this year's annual meeting in Cape Town, Terry will lead the Secretariat and work with IAATO's Executive Committee and the special advisory board to spearhead the creation of a new IAATO Strategic Plan, including the recruitment and hiring of a new Executive Director and Secretariat staff. Terry will oversee management protocols and standard operating procedures for IAATO business and oversee the installation of a new database with functionalities that support the day-to-day operations of the organization and enable sophisticated data analysis to inform future decisions."

Terry said: "I am delighted to have this opportunity to help shape the future of an organization I have come to love, and excited to get on with the work of meeting the challenges we face."

Mark added, "the Executive Committee feels that Terry's long experience with polar expedition operators and with IAATO, where he has been a voting member for 15 years and a member of the EC for three years, two of which were spent as Chair, makes him an ideal candidate to support the secretariat through this period of reorganization and growth as well as support IAATO's managing for growth mission until a long-term permanent candidate is identified and appointed.

"He succeeds Dr. Damon Stanwell-Smith, who steps down on June 30 to pursue other opportunities. IAATO thanks Damon for his valuable contributions and enthusiasm during his time with us, and wishes him well in his future endeavors."



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Notes for Editors:

- Images are available.
- In addition to its own bylaws and requirements for membership, IAATO requires its members to abide by the Antarctic Treaty System and other international regulations.

About IAATO

IAATO is a member organization founded in 1991 to advocate and promote the practice of safe and environmentally responsible private-sector travel to the Antarctic. IAATO Members work together to develop, adopt and implement operational standards that mitigate potential environmental impacts. These standards have proved to be successful including but are not limited to: Antarctic site-specific guidelines, site selection criteria, passenger to staff ratios, limiting numbers of passengers ashore, boot washing guidelines and the prevention of the transmission of alien organisms, wilderness etiquette, ship scheduling and vessel communication procedures, emergency medical evacuation procedures, emergency contingency plans, reporting procedures, marine wildlife watching guidelines, station visitation policies and much more. IAATO has a global network of over 100 members.