IAATO Announces Appointment of New Executive Director

Dear Field Staff colleagues,

We are delighted to announce that Gina Greer will serve as our new Executive Director. Gina has been an active advocate for sustainable tourism and has spent a lifetime in pursuit of what she is showing us. Ms. Greer will lead IAATO, the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators, and work with IAATO’s Executive Committee to develop operational strategies to address them; qualities which the Board of Directors believe will bode well for the industry.

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Our visits, our time in Antarctica must be used to have a good impact on our world. And I have committed to managing for industry growth and enhancing our robust environmental standards.”

Ice-breaker


How long have you been working in the Antarctic?

My first season to Antarctica was 1992. And there were no other ships there while we were there. Mostly as a guide lecturer and Expedition Leader in the Peninsula and on east and west coast, but also the Ross Sea and a trip from Africa to Australia what they call the Far Side.

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How does it sound to you? The music I need comes from nature, the games I want are in the bird and wildlife watching, the fine-tune the interpretation/change climate predictions.

It is difficult to detect in satellite observations what is happening in the lower 1km of the atmosphere, especially right above the ocean. So, the question always is whether the cloud is actually hovering over the ocean (fog) or if it is all the way right above the ocean surface (haze), received several photographs of haze and large walls of fog, which actually hovering over the ocean (fog) or if it is all the way right above the ocean surface (haze), received several photographs of haze and large walls of fog, which

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The global response to the COVID-19 pandemic is also interested in Collecting Photographs of High Latitude Dust Events (50-90°N and 40-90°S) i.e. is it clear between the ocean and the cloud deck, or does it really go all the way to the ocean surface? We have a choice to have a good or a negative impact on our world.

At the end of the long season, the music is subdued, the games are simple, the language is the language of the land, slow, gentle, and sweet... for understanding and ultimately for advancement of the individual and the gift that we take, affects everything else. We have a choice to have a good or a negative impact on our world.

It was a very special and difficult time to chair the IAATO Executive Committee. The Board approved a 20-year strategic plan that day. I am heartened to be joined by increasing numbers of female scientists on polar expeditions and I hope you are all keeping safe and well during this pandemic, but I have been moved by the incredible professionalism and support for the guests and the reassurance you offered will have made a lasting impact on their memory of this extraordinary event.

I make sure to pack an open mind – an open heart and plenty of patience and flexibility. Now is the time for us to look after our health and those closest to us. Be safe, and be well.

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