Dear Members,

It is hard to believe the 2019/20 season is almost over. It is our busiest season to date, with the AGC having spent 100 days in Antarctica and visitors visiting the Western Antarctic Peninsula this season. Our season will close with the last of the IAATO fleet – SY Australis returning from South Georgia.

Next steps for the project include collating and aggregating the data collected from this workshop and repeating the process with scientists and policymakers to identify parallel values with the Western peninsula. Operators then filled in an online survey that will be used to assist in setting ‘targets’ for each of the identified values. Targets are the number of each value/feature to be considered in the zoning plan.

The Antarctic Peninsula is rapidly changing with climate changes becoming more pronounced. As we approach the end of the Antarctic season, it is important to first share with you IAATO’s position during these extraordinary times.

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With Gina as Executive Director supported by IAATO’s Deputy Executive Director and Director Terry McLean, we were delighted to launch our first Antarctic Fellowship last year, starting a program through The Antarctic Peninsula is rapidly changing with climate changes becoming more pronounced. Today, being a woman and taking a hands-on approach to research is not the rarity it once was. International Women’s Day | As with science itself, the role of women in polar sciences has increased in the future. Operators then filled in an online survey that will be used to assist in setting ‘targets’ for each of the identified values. Targets are the number of each value/feature to be considered in the zoning plan.

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Gateway update

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The International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO) has announced the appointment of Gina Greer as Executive Director. Gina will lead the organization as it works to further the association’s mission of advocating and promoting safe, environmentally responsible private-sector travel to Antarctica.

Gina Greer brings more than 20 years of experience interpreting regulatory and business issues, identifying challenges and developing proficient senior management teams. This combination gives IAATO an exceptional blend of business issues, identifying challenges and developing efficient, well-rounded, informed, well-structured operations to provide the best possible experience for guests.

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