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Forum Diary

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From the President



Dear Members,

Ready... Steady... Go!

International Forum is soon off to a new and exciting year. But just before we take off, here is a little checklist of things to remember:

1. Plan to join or re-join an activity group or two. There is so much to choose from. Please check the *August Newsletter*, and the monthly Newsletters for the time and place of activities. Be sure to keep an eye open for the excellent events and exhibitions that have been planned for you this year.
2. Our Monthly Meetings will continue to provide fascinating and thought-provoking speeches by experts in various fields of interest. Make a note on your calendar that the first Monday of the month is when we meet.
3. Remember that **February 12, 2019**, is the International Forum's 40th Anniversary celebration. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. This will be a wonderful evening of merriment, entertainment and nostalgia. Mark that on your next year's calendar as an absolute MUST.
4. Don't forget to pay the annual dues of NOK 500.-. The deadline is September 30. If you haven't already paid, please do so **right away**. You really don't want to have a phone call from me to remind you, do you? Definitely not!

Now we all are ready and steady and... up and away we go!

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon!

Best regards,

Sally Bergan,
President

FROM THE OFFICE

Reminder – Payment of Membership Fee for 2018 – 2019

The Membership Fee is NOK **500,-** for full members and NOK 200,- for overseas or associate members.

Payment should be made to: International Forum
P.O. Box 1505 Vika
0117 Oslo
Bank account no.: **1600 40 36631**

The fee should be paid as soon as possible and **no later** than **September 30**.

If you have **not paid** your membership fee by then, your name will be **taken off our lists** and you will no longer receive the *Newsletter*.

We thank you for your co-operation.

COMING EVENTS

BOARD EVENT

Visit to Snøhetta Architecture Firm

The members of the International Forum are cordially invited to visit the premises of one of the world's most famous architecture firms, Snøhetta. We will visit the production rooms, where innovative architecture, designs and landscapes are created.



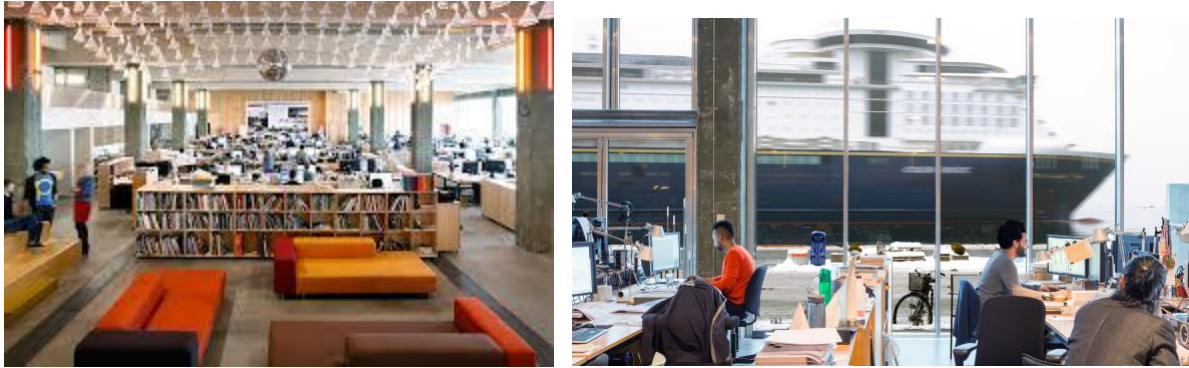
The Alexandria Library



The September 11 Memorial Museum
Entrance Building by Snøhetta

The firm began as a collaborative architectural and landscape workshop and has remained true to its trans-disciplinary way of thinking since its inception. Snøhetta seeks to enhance our sense of surroundings, identity and relationship to others and the physical spaces we inhabit. Museums, products, reindeer observatories, landscapes and dollhouses all get the same care and attention to intended use and function.

In 1989, Snøhetta was selected to re-conceive the great Alexandria Library in Egypt after winning an international design competition. A decade later, the firm won the competition for the Norwegian National Opera and Ballet. In 2004, Snøhetta was commissioned to build the only cultural building on the World Trade Center Memorial site.



The Snøhetta Studio Oslo

Today, Snøhetta has offices around the world, notably in New York, San Francisco, Innsbruck, Stockholm, Paris and Adelaide.

The IF visit has been organised by Elin Helgeland Nilsen, Head of Communication - Brand Management and Soo Lan Høegh-Henrichsen.

The visit will last between 60 and 90 minutes.

This event is for IF members and members of the Corps Diplomatique only.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, **October 25** at 17:45 (for 18:00)

For more information, please contact the IF Office.

MONTHLY MEETING

The Nobel Institute



The Monthly Meeting Committee is pleased to present Sigrid Langebrekke who will talk about her work at the Norwegian Nobel Institute.

Sigrid Langebrekke started working as Event Manager at the Institute in 1989, the year that His Holiness Dalai Lama received the Nobel Peace Prize. She worked in this capacity for 23 years and ended her career in 2012 when the European Union was the prize winner.

She will tell us about the Nobel Peace Prize, and also about the Nobel Committee and what happens behind the walls of the beautiful yellow mansion on Henrik Ibsens gate during the days and weeks leading up to the Nobel events in December every year.

Sigrid Langebrekke is a long-time member of the International Forum.

DATE/TIME: Monday, **October 1** at 18:45 for (19:00)

For more information, please contact the IF Office.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Reminder

Emanuel Vigeland's Mausoleum

September 27 at 11:45

The Special Events Committee invites you for a visit to what is often called 'One of Oslo's best kept secrets'!

September – when the days are shorter and the nights are getting darker – is the best time of year to visit Emanuel Vigeland's Mausoleum, also known as 'Tomba Emmanuel' or 'Emanuel's tomb'.



DATE/TIME: Thursday, **September 27**, at 11:45

For more information, please contact the IF Office.

ART COMMITTEE

Harald Sohlberg: Infinite Landscapes at the National Gallery

Harald Sohlberg is one of the greatest Norwegian masters of landscape painting, and this year the National Museum has set up a major retrospective of his works. Well-known and much-loved paintings such as *Winter Night in the Mountains* (1914), *Summer Night* (1899), *Flower Meadow in the North* (1905) – below – and motives from the highland mining town of Røros will of course be on display. In addition, a number of works on loan from private and public collections will be on show for the first time in over fifty years.



DATE/TIME: Thursday, **October 4** at 11:30 for 12:00

SIGN UP: By email: int.forum@online.no and rosi.lov@online.no as soon as possible and no later than **September 27**.

For more information, please contact the IF Office.

A R O U N D O S L O

Akerselva River: A Cultural Experience

Thursday, **September 20**, between 20:00 and 23:00

Free of charge

Take a night-time walk along a torch-lit Akerelva river! All electric lights and lamp posts will be extinguished and 4,000 torches will be lit between lake Maridalsvannet and Grünerløkka as a tribute to the autumnal equinox and the start of autumn. Some torches will be in the river, others along the banks. Feel the enchantment!



The torches create a magical feeling. Experience nature in a different light, and enjoy the many art performances, installations and activities all the way down to the Vaterland Park!

Even if this is a night event, it is also exciting for children!

The event starts at 20:00 and finishes at 23:00.

Start anywhere. However, the organisers recommend that you move down towards the city centre.

You may take T-bane 4 and 5 to Nydalen Station and then bus 51 to Maridalen, Bus 54 from Tjuvholmen to Kjelsås Station, or trams 12 and 13 to Storo. Most stops are just a short walk away from the river.

For more information, please see:

<https://www.visitoslo.com/no/hva-skjer/kalender/?TLp=182605&Akerselva-Elvelangs-i-fakkellys&startDate=1537394400000&startTime=20:00>

Oslo City Walk: Historic walk along the Akerselva river

Sunday **September 23** at 14:00 - 16:00



This is a guided tour along the Akerselva river – one of Oslo’s many green areas and the cradle of Norwegian industry. The tour lasts approximately two hours, so put on sensible walking shoes! The guiding is in both Norwegian and English.

Tickets can be bought online, at the Oslo Visitor Centre, located in Østbanehallen at the Central Station (the old part of the complex), or directly from the guide (cash only).

Tickets: Children 100,- and adults 200,-

For more information, please see:

<https://www.visitoslo.com/en/product/?TLp=157211>

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