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Forum Diary

DATE	EVENT	TIME	PAGE
September 16	Oslo Marathon – 10 km Ambassadors for Peace	16:00	Aug NL
September 19	Aas Manor and Raasjøen Hunting Lodge	08:15	Aug NL
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From the President



Dear members,

September. There is something I love about this month. It's not because I celebrate turning another year older every time September comes around – oh, definitely not! Nor is it that I enjoy slipping back into a comfortable and predictable daily routine – hardly! It's something else. It's a feeling – it's in the air, I think. It's when the last sweet, fragrant, gentle vestiges of summer meet the bracing crispness of autumn. It's the mingling of the inevitable change of seasons.

Yes, and then there is the light – it's clarity which casts sharp, defining reflections on hillsides, lakes and fjords. Oddly, the senses awaken with the onset of subtly changing colours, cooler temperatures and the slanting, lingering rays of a September sun.

Look out for September with all its changes – its beginnings and endings.

Embrace it. Go for walks with friends... (Walking Group, anyone?)

Enjoy the excitement of a new season. Breathe in, breathe out. – Ah! It's September!

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sally Bergan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sally Bergan
Acting President

F R O M T H E B O A R D

International Forum is Looking for a New Auditor

After helping us steadfastly for many years, Karin Skoglund, our Auditor, will be relinquishing this post in June 2018. We will be extremely sorry to see her go.

It is mandatory that International Forum has an Auditor. Therefore, we urge all members to help find someone to fill this important post. Although a member would be preferable, an external candidate (man or woman) will be considered.

We are looking for someone who has the appropriate experience and credentials in book-keeping and auditing and who will be able to advise the Treasurer when required. Familiarity with standard **PC** programmes is necessary and knowledge of **Excel** in particular.

At present, the Auditor checks the accounts each month after they have been prepared by the Treasurer, prior to a report being sent to the Board. To do this the Auditor visits the Office once a month; however, the auditing may be done from home.

We would like to find a replacement as soon as possible to allow plenty of time for a smooth transition. Karin has kindly agreed to familiarize her successor with the accounting system.

If you are willing to step in or know of someone (family or friend) who would consider becoming our Auditor, we would be very happy to hear from you.

If you need more information about the Auditor's work, please contact:

Acting President, **Sally Bergan**.

or Auditor **Karin Skoglund**.

F R O M T H E O F F I C E

Membership Fee for 2017 – 2018

The Membership Fee is NOK **500,-** for full members and NOK 200,- for overseas or associate members. Please pay through online banking or by 'Giro' and remember to state your name clearly in the text field. The fees should be **paid NO LATER** than **September 30**.

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Bank account no.:

Office Help Needed **Would you like to join the Office Team?**

International Forum needs IF members with good general office skills to work in the office for two hours once a week. Occasionally, our office staffers travel or have other commitments, so a couple of extra hands to step in from time to time would be very much appreciated. General computer skills are required. If you are interested, please contact:

Gunvor Klaveness at the IF office, tel.: 22 83 62 90 on **Mondays** between **10:00 and 12:00**, or by email: int.forum@online.no

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

Amy Lusher on Plastic Pollution in the Oceans



Dr Amy Lusher from the Norwegian Institute for Water Research is an influential researcher in the field of marine pollution. She has been at the forefront of microplastic and marine pollution research in the last five years. Dr. Lusher has written and collaborated on several publications, articles and conference proceedings.

Currently, her research focuses on the distribution, interactions and potential effects of microplastics in the marine environment. She has been involved in the development of numerous methods for the identification of microplastics from different environmental matrices including sediments, water columns and biota.

Dr Lusher has developed an underway sampling regime to filter microplastics from water columns taken in the North Atlantic and the Arctic. She has also developed methods for taking samples of fish and marine mammals.

Most recently, she was a leading contributor to the Food and Agricultural Organisation's report focusing on microplastics in fisheries and aquaculture.

DATE/TIME: Monday, **October 2** at **18:45** for (19:00)

For more information, please contact the IF Office.

CHRISTMAS MEETING

This year, the Christmas meeting has been scheduled for **December 11** instead of the first Monday of the month. Please reserve the date!

AMBASSADORS FOR PEACE

Oslo Marathon – 10 km Run – September 16

For information, please see the *August Newsletter*

SPECIAL EVENTS

Day Trip to Aas Manor and Raasjøen Hunting Lodge

September 19, 2017

For information, please see the *August Newsletter*.

The National Archives

The Special Events committee would like to invite you to a guided tour of the National Archives of Norway (Riksarkivet). The purpose of the Archives is to preserve archive material for Norwegian state institutions and agencies, as well as contributing to the preservation of private archives.



It is an independent government agency under the Ministry of Culture and was established in 1817 at Akershus Castle. Henrik Wergeland was appointed the first Director General in 1840. Since 1974, the National Archives has been situated at Sognsvann and is open to the public for research purposes, genealogical studies, etc.

Our group will receive general information about the institution and get a taste of Norwegian history. We shall also be conducted into the mountain vault (fjellmagasinet). In addition there is a special exhibit in the vestibule.

Please note that there will be a fair amount of walking up and down stairs.

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, **October 11** at **9:45**.

For more information, please contact the IF Office.

THE ART COMMITTEE

Towards the Forest - Knausgård on Munch

The Art Committee would like to invite you to a guided tour at the Munch Museum for an exhibition curated by author Karl Ove Knausgård. Knausgård's aim with the exhibition is to emphasise key sides of Munch's artistry without being bound by biography or chronology: 'I have wanted to exhibit hitherto unknown works of art on the premise that it is possible to experience Munch as if viewing him for the first time as precisely what he was: a painter who never found inner calm and who never became stale.'

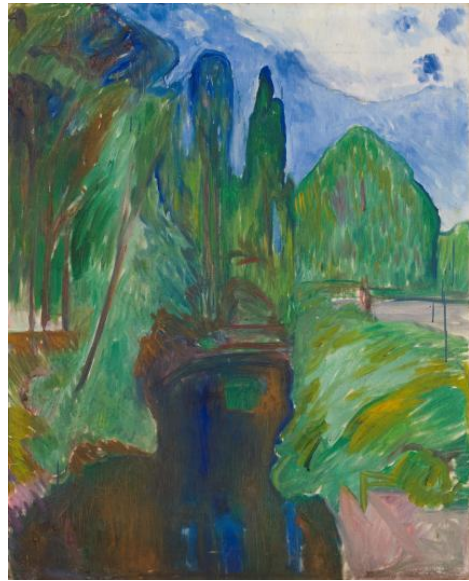
The exhibition includes more than 100 paintings and 30 graphic works, many of which are being brought out of storage for the first time. Knausgård's objective is to foster moods and tones that will be picked up by visitors as they ambulate between the rooms.

The exhibition begins in the 'outer world' in a room filled with light and sun and with motifs of people in parks and gardens. In the next section, the humans gradually disappear from the scene. Knausgård explains: 'The empty landscapes left behind are ambivalent spaces – the loneliness within the deserted landscapes

meets the force and wildness of nature. For Munch, the forest was not only a place where something ended, but it was also a place where something began.’



‘Tortuous tree in the snow’



‘In the park’

From here, we move from the external world into the internal world, into the chaotic and incomplete. Here hang paintings with cuts and scratches that show how, rather than hiding or covering over rough surfaces, slapdash brushstrokes and dripping paint, Munch cultivated these aspects within his work.

The exhibition’s title, *Towards the Forest*, reminds us of the threatening and latent element within nature. At the same time, it also alludes to how nature is depicted in art, something Munch explored through his rough treatment of the surfaces upon which he created his paintings, woodcuts and graphic prints. In the last section of the exhibition, we leave the inner world and return to the outer world. The entire room is crammed with portraits, for as Knausgård explains: ‘Munch’s art deals with relationships – the relationship with other people – and this is something that I wanted to show in a simple way. At the same time, Munch was an excellent portrait artist who not only saw *who* a person was, but also an artist who was able to capture their essence and convey this – exactly as he was able to do with a landscape or a tree.’

In connection with the exhibition, Karl Ove Knausgård has written a new book on Edvard Munch. In the book, Knausgård reflects upon Munch’s life and work, and also addresses more general questions about art and life. The book will be published as a collaboration between the Munch Museum and the publishing house Forlaget Oktober.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, **October 5** at **11:45** for 12:00

For more information, please contact the IF Office.

ACTIVITIES

The Cooking Group

A big *thank you!* to Inger Støtvig for hosting a lovely cooking day in June, ending the spring session. The food was lovely and very suitable for summer events and gatherings.



The next cooking session will be on Tuesday, October 17 at the home of Trine Westborg

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AROUND OSLO

Gamle Logen

Grev Wedels plass 2, 0151 Oslo

This autumn, Gamle Logen is hosting a series of café-concerts on Saturdays at 13:00. Among the coming events:

- October 14 – Café-Concert: Musical Café at 13:00
- October 21 – Café-Concert: Diagonal Jazzband at 13:00
- November 04 – Café-Concert: Ophelia 40 år! at 13:00
- November 11 – Café-Concert: Christiania 12 at 13:00
- December 02 – Café-Concert: Caledonia Jazzband at 13:00

All tickets come with a seating at a table for six. The price for one concert is NOK 230.- (seniors, students and children NOK 200.-)

For information, please see <http://www.gamlelogen.no/konserter> or call tel.: 22 33 44 70.

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