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Press Release

The Morag Husband Campbell Medal South Georgia Association 2023 Award to Dr Frederik Paulsen

The South Georgia Association is delighted to announce the award for the sixth year of the Morag Husband Campbell medal for 2023 to Dr Frederik Paulsen, in recognition of his *“outstanding and sustained support for the ecological restoration, preservation of heritage and enhancement of scientific knowledge of South Georgia”*

The Medal has been made possible by a generous bequest from a long-standing supporter of the Association, Miss Morag Husband Campbell. She was so enthralled when visiting South Georgia, she determined to leave a bequest to the SGA. The Medal comprises a Sterling silver relief medallion, 60mm in diameter. The name of the awardee is inscribed on the reverse.

The Recipient

Dr Frederik Paulsen has contributed significantly to the understanding, appreciation and promotion of South Georgia. Over the last 16 years Frederik Paulsen has played a key role as a major donor to the South Georgia Habitat Restoration project. The result has seen the world’s largest rodent eradication saving native bird species from extinction and increasing endangered seabirds on South Georgia by millions.

Frederik has furthered scientific studies of South Georgia. He sponsored and took part in the ACE (Antarctic Circumnavigation Expedition) in 2017, where researchers visited South Georgia and the Antarctic to study a wide range of science, from biology to climatology to oceanography.

Frederik is passionate about conserving the heritage of South Georgia and has previously supported the Scott Polar Research Institute in work to digitise historic images of the island. In 2011 he supported and was a keynote speaker at a conference whose aim was to discuss the options for the future of South Georgia’s industrial heritage. Most recently he has initiated a major programme to clean up oil, asbestos and other hazardous debris from the former whaling stations, and renovate the villa at Stromness Whaling Station. Frederik’s love and support of South Georgia has been hugely influential in conserving the island’s incredible environment and heritage.

The Award will be presented to Frederik Paulsen at the Spring Meeting of the Association in 2024.

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Notes for Editors:

The Award: is to individuals who have contributed significantly to the understanding, appreciation and promotion of South Georgia. This includes i) scientific studies as well as the arts and humanities including culture, history, heritage, artistic endeavour etc. ii) adventurous travel and "exploration", iii) activities which enhance the wider appreciation of South Georgia (e.g. in the media or through administrative functions).

South Georgia: is a sub-Antarctic island and a British Overseas Territory in the southern Atlantic Ocean. It is remote, mountainous and of exceptional natural beauty, with abundant wildlife both on the island and in the surrounding ocean. Uninhabited apart from two small research stations and a few government employees, it is an unspoilt wilderness with a fascinating heritage that is none the less environmentally vulnerable and has been featured in the recent Blue Planet II series. It is 165 km long and some 35-km wide. The Falkland Islands are about 1,300 km (810 mi) west. Captain James Cook made the first landing in 1775. It was the base for the extensive harvesting of fur and elephant seals in the late 18th and 19th Centuries. From 1904 to the 1960s its primary activity was whaling. Sir Ernest Shackleton landed and traversed the island after his perilous crossing from Elephant Island in 1916. He died on a subsequent expedition and is buried at the whaling station of Grytviken.

The South Georgia Association: was formed in 2001 to give voice to those who care for South Georgia and has several hundred members. Its aims are to encourage interest in, and concern for, the island of South Georgia, to encourage the study of South Georgia, and promote the conservation of its natural and cultural heritage, and to promote contacts and encourage fellowship among those who have lived and worked in or around South Georgia, have visited or are interested in the Island. Further details are to be found at: <http://www.southgeorgiaassociation.org>

