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ICELANDIC GALA DINNER

Thursday, September 27th, 2007
University Women's Club, 162 St. George St.
Cash Bar 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m.



Lynn Friesen and I are delighted to report that Mike Kollmell, the chef at the University Women's Club of Toronto, is looking forward, as we are, to the fall dinner of the ICCT, featuring Icelandic-inspired recipes and a wonderful, punny dessert invention all his own. We're including the menu here so you can see it for yourself. Some of us sampled Mike's cooking in July so that we could be assured of your pleasure. You'll have a choice of fish (halibut), meat (lamb, of course) or vegetarian, as well as of the appetizer. You won't want to miss the Bakejavik for dessert.



The club is in a beautiful Edwardian building on St. George St., just south of Bloor, with limited parking behind, accessible from Huron Street, plus lots of other parking sites in the area, and just kitty-corner from the St. George subway station (on the Bloor line). Come and meet your friends in the bar or lounge before enjoying dinner in the gracious dining room.

Betty Jane Wylie and Lynn Friesen

Markús Örn and Sigrún Stella and Michael below on the right.

UPDATES:

...
Ambassador Markús Örn Antonsson will be in attendance!

...Sigrun Stella and Michael Dilauro will entertain with Icelandic songs!



Appetizers

Smoked Whitefish Mousse with Dill Crackers and Seed Mustard Sauce

OR

Chevre Roulade with Red Current Coulis

OR

Elk Sausage on Bitter Greens with Orange & Juniper Vinaigrette

Mains

Brined Roast Halibut with Potato Pavé, Seasonal Vegetables & Roast Tomato Butter

OR

Herb Crusted Saddle of Lamb with Blue Potato Roesti, Vegetable Sauté and Black Current Jus

OR

Smoked Vegetables & Wild Mushrooms in a Beet Crepe

Dessert

Bakejavik

\$46 per person including taxes and gratuities.

Order form is enclosed

Deadline to book and pay: Thurs. Sept. 20



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe that another summer is almost over. I've had some really great things happen this past summer, a wonderful picnic at Rick Lindal's place and a visit from two young women on the Snorri West program. I'd like to thank Guðrun Girgis, Brenda Bjarnason, Don Gislason, Gail Einarson-McCleery and Gene and Linda Schuster for all their hard work to make Unnur and Friðny's 3 week stay unforgettable. After a few full weeks of all the best tourist attractions in town, it's time I rest up for what looks to be a very exciting fall season. Our Nordic films will be starting soon and our Gala Dinner is coming up just around the corner. I had the pleasure of joining some of our members for a trial dinner, and it was amazing! So don't forget to mark the date in your calendar, the details are in this newsletter. I hope you enjoy this issue and I look forward to seeing you all again soon! Kara Schuster

Message From the Executive

The ICCT would like to thank John Gudmundson for all his hard work on past issues of the newsletter. John will be having a very busy schedule with his OCAD classes and York PhD studies and will no longer be working on the newsletter. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavours. Want to get involved???? The ICCT has the following positions available:

- Newsletter Editor
- Secretary
- Merchandise Coordinator
- Christmas Party Coordinator
- Thorablott Coordinator

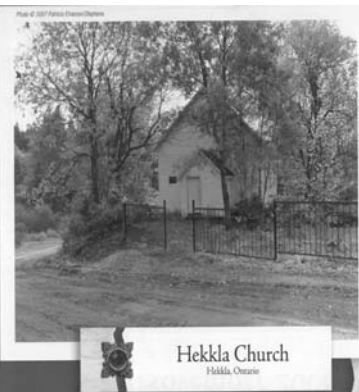
If you are interested in helping in these positions or in any other capacity, please contact Kara Schuster 905-828-1984 karaschuster@rogers.com

CALL FOR ARTISTS FOR 2009 INL CALENDAR!

For the 2009 calendar, visual artists are invited to submit a maximum of 3 painting images. Submissions will be in an open category, and the theme and images will reflect the discretion of the artist. The project is open to all visual artists of Icelandic descent. The committee will be accepting images from Sept. 1 to 29. This year only paintings will be accepted. Info: www.inlofna.org or contact Julianna Bjornson 604 542-0834

2008 Is Just Around The Corner

Order Your Calendars Today



Our beautiful Icelandic calendar, produced by our Minneapolis club, is now available.

This year it features pictures of pioneer Icelandic churches in North America. Order it from our treasurer, Lynne Thorkelson via the order form enclosed. Make out your cheque to Icelandic Canadian Club of Toronto and send it to Lynne at 1680 Scugog St. Port Perry, ON L9L 1E2 905 985-0433 \$10 each, \$2 for mailing one, \$3 for mailing two to four and \$6 for mailing 5 to 6 .

PROFESSOR GOES FOR A CHANGE IN CLIMATE

By Craig MacBride

(Reprinted with permission from "The Mississauga News")



Professor Kent Moore

July 25, 2007 - Kent Moore, chair of the department of chemical and physical sciences at the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM), is used to the inside of a classroom.

But earlier this year, for nearly a month, he was on board a plane 100 feet above the water, travelling through winds that reached 140 km/h.

It was part of the Greenland Flow Distortion experiment (GFDex), an International Polar Year research project involving Canadian, British, Norwegian and Icelandic scientists. Some 20 scientists took trips on the plane, between Feb. 18 and March 8.

The point of the research was to study tip jets, which are massive wind storms, and how they affect ocean currents.

"What we're testing is the idea these tip jets are causing the ocean to lose more heat and causing the convection to happen," said Moore, who spoke to The News from

Reykjavik, Iceland. "We have models that will predict how the climate will change...one of the processes we don't know much about is the tip jets." Moore is trying to help figure out what tip jets do to the circulation of the water. "The Gulf Stream is keeping Iceland and Europe warm. If that was to shift, these places would start to cool," he said. "There are large uncertainties about what can happen with climate change. By improving our understanding of it, we improve our ability to forecast how the climate changes."

The team of scientists, and 10 crew members, also looked at Greenland's shrinking glaciers.

Moore took 17, five-hour flights into the tip jets, on board a plane covered in sensors. The sensors measured the presence of ice in the clouds, temperature, pressure and humidity. On-board radar gathered more information, as did "sondes," which are small devices with parachutes that were dropped from the plane.

It will take the scientists a couple of years to analyze the data collected. Moore hopes it will give them a better idea of how the oceans, and therefore the planet, work.

THE SNORRI STURLUSON FELLOWSHIPS

The Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies invites applications for the Snorri Sturluson Icelandic Fellowships for

2008. The Fellowships are granted to writers, translators and scholars (not students) from outside Iceland, to enable them to stay in Iceland for a period of at least three months, in order to improve their knowledge of the Icelandic language, culture and society.

The amount of the Fellowships is based in principle on travel expenses to and from Iceland, plus living expenses while in the country. Should two equally-qualified candidates be under consideration, preference will, as a rule, be given to a candidate from Eastern or Southern Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America or Oceania.

The Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies advertises the Fellowships, handles applications, and assists Fellows during their stay in Iceland, at the conclusion of

which Fellows are expected to submit a report to the Institute on how the grant was spent. The Snorri Sturluson Fellowships are awarded once a year. A special three-man committee, comprising representatives of the International Department of the Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies, the University of Iceland Literary Institute, and the Writers' Association of Iceland, awards the fellowships. The deadline for applications for the Snorri Sturluson Fellowships in 2008 is 31 October 2007.

There are no special application forms for the Fellowships. Applicants should submit a brief but thorough account of the purpose of their stay in Iceland, specifying period of stay, as well as details of education and publications. Applications should be sent to the Institute, Sigurður Nordal Office, P.O. Box 1220, 121 Reykjavík, by ordinary mail (no e-mail)

ICELANDIC PAINTINGS AVAILABLE:

Helga Teitsson has Icelandic original art for sale. You can view it at: <http://cards.webshots.com/invite/pickup/133186452DGax/album/560097486mMKBPi>
Contact is: helga@remaxhallmark.com

ICELANDIC CLASSES:

Classes will recommence on Monday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the west end of the city. Margret and Haraldur will continue with the intermediate and beginner classes. If you are interested in joining us, call Darryl at 416 483-6563 or email hoggrd@rogers.com

Remember our webpage: <http://icct.info>

A Letter From The Future Fund



As you know, the Capital Campaign for raising \$1.5 million for Logberg- Heimskringla was formally launched on June 17, 2005 and was concluded on June 17 of this year - although it was, at the last minute, extended to the end of June.

On behalf of Ken Thorlakson and the entire Capital Campaign Cabinet, I am pleased to report that we were successful in reaching (even exceeding) the \$1.5 million target. We are very pleased with this accomplishment and are very grateful to the more than 700 people who contributed generously to this very worthwhile initiative. We all feel confident that the Icelandic newspaper now has the financial foundation and state of the art facilities to be able to operate successfully and to contribute to keeping the Icelandic community in North America well informed about Icelandic events in both North America and in Iceland.

I want also, on behalf of Ken and the Campaign Cabinet, to express our gratitude for the continuing support of the Icelandic Club of Toronto in supporting this initiative. We used your newspaper to advise of the Campaign at the outset and

several members of your executive team have continued to be very supportive throughout the two year period. You also allowed me to make a final pitch at your Thorrablot earlier this year. Please convey our thanks and appreciation to your Executive team.

I would like to add that the contribution from the Icelandic community in Toronto was generous and sincerely appreciated. As you know, Don Johnson played a major role towards the eventual success of the Campaign with his matching \$ for \$ contribution in the final few months of the Campaign. There were other donors in the Toronto region who also contributed generously.

We were also successful in getting some additional support from members of the Icelandic community in Nova Scotia. Don Gislason was very helpful with this additional initiative.

Again, special thanks to you and to the other members of the executive team of the Icelandic Club of Toronto for your continuing support over the past two years.

Sincerely

Oskar Sigvaldason,

Ontario Campaign Manager

NEW ICELANDIC SKIN PRODUCTS AVAILABLE IN CANADA

A new line of skin products is now available at Holt Renfrew, so far only the Bloor Street location. Here is some information from the website of skyn Iceland about these products.

"Think about Iceland for a minute. It's peaceful. It's unspoiled. It is absolutely pure and pristine. Think clean air and water, mineral-rich hot springs, deep fjords, untouched glacial rivers, health and harmony. Now think about what all of our lives are actually like. Do the words overscheduled, overextended, non-stop, and sometimes just totally overwhelming sound kind of familiar? We thought so.

For the makers of this new line of skin care products, Iceland represents a kind of ideal – a place of balance, of potent and uncomplicated beauty. Iceland also happens to be home to some of the world's purest and most beneficial ingredients. They've taken Iceland's most nurturing resources and enhanced them with the most advanced skincare science to create products that help relieve, heal and replenish chronically stressed skin. Refreshingly simple to use, skyn Iceland transforms exhausted, irritated and depleted skin so it emerges soft, clear, fresh and glowing.

Their mission at skyn ICELAND is to promote a stress-free life full of balance, beauty and wellness. Lofty goals

for a skin care company. They feel that their skyn ICELAND team – an amazing group of talented, creative and fun people – is up to the challenge. They know about stress – multi-tasking, juggling and choosing – in this crazy world in which we live. At skyn ICELAND, they believe that beauty and wellness are interconnected. They offer products and solutions for your breakouts, baggy eyes and dull skin. And they provide you with techniques and solutions to manage and diffuse stress – so you feel as good as you look, and your health remains strong so you can take on the world and its challenges.

Their founder, Sarah Kugelman, has worked for more than 15 years, creating, developing and launching skin care products for beauty's biggest names. Sarah enlisted the help of health and skin care experts to research and develop this highly effective, easy to use brand.

P.S. Their website says they didn't make up the name "skyn" just to look Icelandic. In the Icelandic language, "skyn"; actually means "senses". So the point they're trying to make is that there's a direct link between the senses – especially when they're completely overloaded by stress – and how your skin looks and feels. Make sense?

Please visit www.skyniceland.com for more information.

Snorri West Ontario/Québec 2007

Thursday July 5th, we travelled to Canada to participate in the Snorri West Ontario and Québec Program 2007. Like other Snorri Programs it aims at strengthening ties between Canada and Iceland. This is actually the first year



this program is being operated. Its participants, young people at the age of 18-28 years old, are given the opportunity to get to know Ontario and Québec, Canada's history and culture, its friendly people etc.

In this six week summer-program we got to know the cities of Ottawa, Montreal, Québec City and Toronto. These six weeks were absolutely wonderful! We experienced lots of interesting and fun things, went to all the most interesting tourist attractions, got to know the work of local Icelandic clubs in Canada and met lots of wonderful people. Our trip would not have been the same without all the great people we met. We definitely broadened our horizons and learned lots of new things.

We would like to say thanks for everything to all the wonderful people who welcomed us and helped us make this journey come to reality, made us feel at home and made our trip as good as it turned out to be.

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Kærar thakkir fyrir okkur!
Friðný Ósk og Unnur Ýr

Memories Are Forever

BY SARA LOFTSON

Life is lived in moments. Pressing my nose against the window as the bus passed by huge stone statues outside of Keflavik airport. Brushing my teeth to the sound of Hallsgrímkirkja's clanging bells. Choking down rotten shark and chasing it with Black Death. Gasping for breath while walking up Mount Esja.

Sharing a laugh with the president of Iceland in his home. Stopping the car to let a family of sheep pass on the highway. Feeling the tap of a screeching tern's pencil point beak on the back of my head on Grimsey Island. Smiling into the bright red midnight sun.

Hearing my name being said with a thick Icelandic accent. Tasting the sweet warmth of freshly home cooked pönnukökurs. Holding a handful of dried up lava bits at the Krafla. Sniffing out tiny black flies at Myvatn as they tickled the inside of my nostrils.



Krafla, a volcanic mountain in north-east Iceland

Smelling fresh unpolluted air as I rode my bike down a hillside in Akueryi. Shredding important documents by accident while working at Landsbankinn. Waiting in anticipation for a whale to emerge from beneath the Atlantic Ocean. Bumping up and down a dirt road on the back of an Icelandic horse.

Crashing into the water after falling out of a river raft. Caking on a gooey silica mud mask while basking Blue Lagoon's geothermal waters. Walking through the continental rift at Thingvellir. Reciting the Lord's Prayer in Icelandic by memory during a talent show.

My trip six-week excursion to Iceland with the Snorri Program feels like but a moment in time, yet I know these memories stay imprinted on my heart forever.

Stay tuned next month to hear from Anna Davison and her Snorri Experience

News from Iceland

Based on and edited from mbl.is, visir.is, ruv.is and icelandreview.com

Icelandair Flies To Canada

Our Ambassador, Markús Örn Antonsson, writes:

Good news. Following the conclusion in Ottawa last week of our negotiations on an Air Services Agreement between Iceland and Canada, Icelandair announced today that they will start a service between Iceland and Toronto next spring, for an all year round operation, 5-7 times a week.

The new open skies agreement grants designated airlines in both our countries permission to fly to any destination



On the way to Iceland

they choose and as often as they wish in the other country. Icelandair will increase its Halifax service and is also considering other destinations like Montreal, Winnipeg, Ottawa and St. John's.

In addition, I received confirmation during my visit to the Heimsferdir Travel Agency yesterday, that they will continue their weekly charter to Montreal next summer, starting May 26 2008. I came on their flight to Iceland last Friday and will be returning to Montreal today. The planes are fully booked now. A great number of Icelanders are flying to Montreal this summer and there is a lot of Canadian tourists seizing the opportunity as well to visit Iceland on these flights operated by the Icelandic carrier JetX.

Fuelling The Future

The focus on renewable energy is increasing all over the world. As you so well know Iceland is a frontrunner, so to speak, in that field with 72% of its total energy consumption from hydro- and geothermal sources. Nearly

100% of the country's houses are heated with renewables and nearly 100% of the electricity is generated from renewable sources. The next step is renewable energy for vehicles.

"Fuelling the Future of Transport" is a name for the the first annual conference on renewable energy for vehicles, which will take place in Reykjavik 17-18 September 2007.

Further information can be found on the conference's website www.driving.is

So Much Work, So Few Hands

Icelandic employers have increasing problems finding people to man all the jobs that are available. They are increasingly hiring foreigners, mostly from the EU. Among the hardest hits employers are the "care industry", e.g. day care, nursing home etc. According to recent news around 40% of employees at nursing home are of foreign origin.

Refined Industry

Much discussion is now in Iceland about the possibility of a oil refinery in the Vestfjords. The idea is to refine oil from Russia on the way to N-America. Many want to broaden the employment base, especially in the Vestfjords, which has suffered declining population, other say that industry of this kind has no place in the volatile Icelandic nature, and threatens other industry like tourism. Environmental evaluation for the project starts in September.

Appetite For Minke Whales

According to news reports the demand for whale meat has been good and rising in Iceland this summer. Boats that have been hunting Minke whales, as a part of the scientific program, controlled by the Icelandic Marine Research Institute, have caught around 200 Minke whales since the program started in 2003.

According to news reports the sales this summer have exceeded the expectation and meat of all the whales has been sold. A few whales are left of the research quota.

Eco Friendly, Friendly to the Purse

A change in the parking regulations in Reykjavik were put into effect recently; cars that are considered to be eco-friendly, don't have to pay any parking fees in the center of the city. Estimation on how many cars fall under the eco-friendly badge is about 1400 of over 200.000 cars registered in Iceland. A car is considered eco-friendly if it consumes less than 5 litres of petrol per 100 km.

Icelandic Companies More Visible in Canadian Business

Icelandic companies keep on increasing their share in Canadian business, though it hardly is an "invasion" as it has often been dubbed in Denmark and the UK. But Eimskip which recently bought the Canadian Atlas Cold Storage, has now finished the buying of Versacold Income Trust (www.versacold.com), another cold storage company. Geysir Green Energy, an Icelandic investment company which specializes in investments in renewable energy, especially geothermal, recently acquired 20% of the shares in Canadian geothermal company Western GeoPower Corporation (www.geopower.ca). The Canadian company has geothermal projects in the pipeline, both in Canada and California. Geysir Green Energy is also a major shareholder in Enex, which also is working on geothermal projects in the US.

Junction Art Festival

ICCT member Raina Stebelsky informs us that she will be showing her art in the Junction Arts Festival September 6 to 9

DAYS TO REMEMBER: CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 8 to 15

Toronto, ON: Toronto International Film Festival features "Jar City" from Iceland. Check www.tiff07.ca for times and dates)

Wednesday, September 26

Toronto, ON: Nordic Nights features the Finnish movie "Trench Road" National Film Board, 150 John St. 7:30 p.m. free

Thursday, September 27

Toronto, ON: Icelandic Gala Dinner 6:30 p.m. Cash Bar; 7:30 Dinner See Page 1

Saturday September 30

London chapter first meeting. Venue TBA, time TBA. Further information on back page.

Tuesday, October 30 (Note day change)

Toronto, ON: Nordic nights features the Icelandic movie "Thicker than Water" National Film Board, 150 John St. 7:30 p.m. \$5 students/seniors/NFB members, \$6 others With reception at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 28

Toronto, ON: Nordic Nights features the Finnish movie "Homesick" National Film Board, 150 John St. 7:30 p.m. FREE

Sunday, November 25

Toronto, ON: Christmas Party. Time and venue announced later.

Leifur Eiríksson Day Proposed

New Westminster/Burnaby MP Peter Julian has proposed that October 8th be made Leifur Eiríksson Day. He writes:
July 10, 2007 Dear Friends,



I would like to inform you and other members of the Scandinavian community of Motion 37, that I presented to the Parliament of Canada on April 4th last year. The motion is to provide formal recognition to Canadians of Swedish, Finnish, Norwegian, Danish, and Icelandic origins for the many contributions made by Scandinavians to Canada. Motion 37 is on the order paper of the House of Commons, but it will take a substantial level of public support in order to get this motion adopted by Parliament. It is my intention to move unanimous consent this fall in the House of

Commons to assure passage. This has been done for other Private Members Motions, but only with substantial public support.

I would like to extend my personal appreciation to you for any support you and your organization are able to provide. In particular, a letter of support from your organization could be helpful. Please send any correspondence to my office in Ottawa by

INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNIC JUNE 16



Irene Gibson, Stella Hansen and host Rick Lindal

playing badminton, partaking of the BBQ and just visiting and making new friends.

Toronto held its Independence Day picnic this year at the lovely country property of Rick Lindal east of Toronto near Grafton, on June 16th. It was a lovely sunny day with about 35 people in attendance, many of them Icelanders from nearby towns who haven't been able to attend events before... everyone enjoyed the lovely surroundings, walks in the woods, swimming in the pool, climbing on the rocks,

e-mail or postage-free surface mail.

Please feel free to forward this information to other organizations that may be interested in this initiative. Please accept my best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely Peter Julian, Member of Parliament Burnaby, New Westminster 604.775.5707f. 604.775.5743 7615-6th St. Burnaby, BC V3N 3M6

Film of the Month - September:

Nordic Nights at NFB 150 John Street, Toronto - Wednesday September 26 at 7.30 PM Finnish film

Trench Road/Juoksuhaudantie by director Veikko Aaltonen from 2004 where the ultimate dream of every Finn of owning one's own house becomes an obsession for Matti Virtanen. He is a modern husband and father who loses



his wife and daughter with a single blow of his fist. Convinced that providing his family a home will bring them back together to live happily ever after, he dedicates himself to this task with such zeal that he loses touch with reality.

Kari Väänänen, who plays the part of the real estate agent, received a Jussi, the Finnish national film award, for best actor in a supporting role. More about the film at: <http://www.kinotar.com/film.php?id=52>

The film will be shown in Finnish with English subtitles, admission is free

Jar City at the TIFF

As the Falkinn went to print, it was not clear when and where the movie by Icelandic director Baltasar Kormákur, "Jar City (Mýrin)" would be screened.

Most likely it will be screened Thursday 8th and Saturday 10th of September. Time and location TBA. All information regarding "Jar City" and all other movies at the TIFF at: www.tiff07.ca

LONDON CHAPTER BEING FORMED

Following the success of the Vikingur and Karen concert in London, organizers Nancy Johnson and Ardath Finnbogason-Hill are working on setting up an ancillary chapter to the ICCT in London, Ontario.

Their plans include an event on Sunday afternoon, September 30th, so that Icelanders in the London area can get to know one another better and plan events to investigate and celebrate their Icelandic culture. There may be some surprise guests, and the venue is TBA for now. For further information, contact Nancy at nancycjohnson@hotmail.com (519) 657-3994 or ardath@rogers.com

Film of the Month - October:

National Film Board, Icelandic Canadian Club of Toronto, Icelandic Consulate and Icelandic Film Center present: "Thicker Than Water" (Blóðbönd) – English subtitles - Film by Árni Ólafur Ásgeirsson

Tuesday, October 30 (Because of Halloween)

7:30 p.m. Preceded by a reception that starts at 6:30

The National Film Board

150 John Street, Toronto

Admission: \$6 for NFB members, seniors, students, \$8 others.



Director: Árni Ólafur Ásgeirsson; Script: Árni Ólafur Ásgeirsson, Jón Atli Jónasson og Denijal Hasanovic; Cast: Hilmar Jónsson, Margrét Vilhjálmsdóttir, Aron Brink og Ólafur Darri Ólafsson
Iceland/Germany 2006/ 90 min.

"Thicker Than Water" is an Icelandic film from 2006 which portrays the life of Pétur and Ásta, a happily married couple in Reykjavik. Ásta is pregnant and to make up the happy family they have a 10 year old son.

When by coincidence Pétur finds out that he isn't the father of their son, the happiness is shattered and matters spin a little out of control.

Thicker Than Water is the first feature film by Árni Ólafur Ásgeirsson and has been shown at various film festivals, among them the TIFF last year, the film won award at a festival in Germany. The film offers a believable everyday



persons facing problems that are not so faraway in modern day Iceland. The people come to life as most of the actors turn in a good and believable performance. Technically the film is superb, excellent cinematography, good music and good script, though maybe a little thin at the end.

This is the first Icelandic Film in the "Nordic Nights" series at the NFB this winter, with more Icelandic film to follow in December (a childrens movie), January and March. Watch this space in future Falkinn for further information.