

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Lecture by Professor Arild Vatn in Heyerdahl's childhood home



The Italian ambassador spoke about green economy



Concert with the winners of the T.O.S.C.A. competition



The winners of the Thor Heyerdahl scholarship 2017



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Dag Hareide in the USA



Liv Arnesen in the USA



Anders Sundnes Løvlie



Herdis Hølleland



Hilde Henriksen Waage

The activities of The Thor Heyerdahl Institute have in common that they consolidate the cultural heritage of Thor Heyerdahl, his global efforts for nature and environmental protection, his understanding for and dialogue between people from different cultures, his dissemination of information about global challenges, and his strong will to start debates and work across academic boundaries in science. The Institute is involved in projects that continue to develop Heyerdahl's values within the fields of international dialogue, protection of the global environment and interdisciplinary research. Thor Heyerdahl's archives have been on UNESCO'S Cultural Heritage List since 2001.

THE PAST YEAR

The Thor Heyerdahl International Day

This year the Institute organised The Thor Heyerdahl International Day 2017 on the theme of cultural heritage and identity. The programme included a lecture by Herdis Hølleland who talked about the role of nature as an important part of our common heritage, and a presentation by Anders Sundnes Løvlie about future methods of disseminating cultural heritage using technology. The conference received financial support from the Fritt Ord Foundation.

Thor Heyerdahl-stipend

During the celebration of Thor Heyerdahl's 100th anniversary on 6 October 2014, the Norwegian Government presented The Thor Heyerdahl Institute with a gift of NOK 150 000. The gift was given in the form of three scholarships worth NOK 50 000 each. It was decided to award the scholarships on a competitive basis over three years, with a new theme for each year. The target group comprises pupils at sixth form colleges in Norway. The theme for 2016 was international dialogue, and in 2018 it will be climate and the environment. The 2017 theme was cultural heritage and identity, and this year's competition attracted more than 50 entries from all over the country. The projects included illustrations, paintings, dance, film, photographs, texts and games, thus displaying great breadth within a wide range of communication channels and modes of expression. The scholarship was awarded to a group of pupils from Dahlske Videregående Skole (sixth form college) for a study of conformity among youth in South Norway, and to photography pupils studying Media and Communication in their second (Vg2) and third (Vg3) years at Fyrstikkallen Videregående Skole (sixth form college) for a documentary project centred on the Oslo suburb of Helsfyr.

Seminars and concerts

As part of its lecture series on "Larvik - open to the world", the Institute has organised a seminar with Hilde Henriksen Waage about the situation in Syria, and one with the Italian Embassy in Oslo about the green economy and hydropower. Both seminars took place in Thor Heyerdahl's childhood home in Larvik. We have also continued our positive co-operation with the municipality of Andora in Italy and organised another concert with the winners of the T.O.S.C.A. singing competition.

Nobel Peace Prize Forum

Furthermore, two board members, Liv Arnesen and Dag Hareide from The Thor Heyerdahl Institute, took part in a conference in the US where they held a lecture organised by Augsburg University in Minneapolis at The 2017 Nobel Peace Prize Forum.

The Thor Heyerdahl Institute wishes all its friends a
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