



Sherbrooke Inauguration of the Musée du Fjord Exhibition

Abyss: Life in the Deep sea

La Baie, September 15, 2009 - Ms. Guylaine Simard, General Manger of the Musée du Fjord, Mr. Bertrand Morin, President, and Ms. Marie-Claude Bibeau, General Manger of the Musée de la nature et des sciences de Sherbrooke, will inaugurate the Musée du Fjord Exhibition *Abyss: Life in the Deep sea* on September 17. The exhibition takes visitors on a technological, geological and biological voyage into the heart of the ocean depths. The Sherbrooke museum will play host until February 1, 2010, before the exhibition continues its Canadian tour.

Through spectacular images, audiovisual and interactive animation, and specimens, visitors are called upon to develop and sharpen their knowledge in order to discover the singular habitats that are Abysses; cold, silent environments inhabited by strange creatures. The educational experience offered by *Abyss: Life in the Deep sea* meets the teaching goals set out by the Québec Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sport.

Production of our bilingual travelling exhibition was made possible in part by funding from the Canadian Heritage Museum Assistance Program and support from our Presenter, DeepOcean Quest. The exhibition will hosted by museums throughout Canada over the next five years.

The Musée du Fjord presents temporary historical and scientific exhibitions focusing mainly on nature and the environment. Of particular interest is the relationship between the natural environment and human occupation in the Saguenay–Lac-Saint-Jean region and Baie des Ha! Ha!, especially following the floods which devastated the region in 1996. Exhibitions from other museums are also featured, along with various activities such as conferences, informal discussions, and school tours.

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