

Antarctica 2009: A Continent in a State of Alert

HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco

H.S.H. Prince Albert has travelled all over the world including visits to France, Italy, the United States, Russia, Great Britain, Germany, Japan, and China. In these countries he was received by the principal heads of State and political and economic leaders. At the same time, he receives credentials from over fifty countries which now maintain diplomatic relations with the Principality. Since May 1993, the Prince has led the Monegasque delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations. Since the opening of the 48th Session in September 1993 in New York, His Highness has regularly taken the floor on behalf of the Principality of Monaco.

At the 36th Plenary Assembly of the Mediterranean Science Commission (CIESM) held in the Principality from September 2001, representatives of the member states unanimously elected Monaco to head the Commission. The Prince, Head of the Monegasque delegation, chairs this Commission. Created at the beginning of the century on the initiative of Prince Albert I, the CIESM is an intergovernmental body with 23 member states, 20 of which are located along the Mediterranean coast. Its objectives are to promote multilateral international research and facilitate the exchange of information, in particular between countries on the north and south sides of the Mediterranean Sea. The CIESM cooperates with 500 specialised institutes. In October 2004, the Prince presided over the delegation of Monaco in Strasbourg for the official ceremony of accession of the Principality to the Council of Europe as the 46th member state of that organization.

H.S.H. Prince Albert II has proved to be particularly concerned with the Principality's economic development in a spirit of ethics and transparency. He is committed to a policy of developing facilities and conducting major works, enabling in particular the construction of a new hospital (the Princess Grace General Hospital), the creation of community facilities (hotel school, new secondary school) on "abandoned" railway tracks and the launch of many operations, accommodating social housing and offices.

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Presentation overview

His Serene Highness, Prince Albert II of Monaco, will be featuring his film, *Antarctica 2009: A Continent in a State of Alert*, and will be providing remarks about his 17-day trek to meet researchers and to learn about the scientific projects being conducted in Antarctica. His journey was facilitated in response to an invitation by the scientific community to 'bring Antarctic Science to the public eye,' according to Jose Retamales, Director of the Chilean Polar Institute. A panel discussion and question and answer session will follow.