

To whom it may concern

Letter of support for Sigbjørn Rønbeck's project Captain Adrian Jacobsen Society

I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Sigbjørn Rønbeck's project Captain Adrian Jacobsen's Society.

As a historian who wrote my thesis on Jacobsen in 2012 I have first-hand knowledge on the life and the historical importance Adrian Jacobsen has in a global aspect. His role as a collector and a writer has vast importance in both historical and ethnological aspects of understanding the inner life of the indigenous people, and paved the way for other researchers as Franz Boas who became a pioneer in anthropology after reading and studying the so-called Jacobsen collection and Jacobsen's writing. Adrian Jacobsen was and still are unknown in Norway his country of birth although some of his artifacts found their way to Norway. We know that Jacobsen corresponded both with Fridtjof Nansen before Nansen wrote his book "The first crossing of Greenland" and Roald Amundsen came to Hagenbeck Zoo before he sailed to the South pole discussing the possibility of using polar bears as "sled dogs".

As a scholar of history from the Arctic University of Norway and a researcher on Jacobsen's life it is my greatest pleasure to contribute with all my knowledge, material and research to the Captain Adrian Jacobsen Society to bring light on his many expeditions, collecting and life to researchers all over the world. To help translate and understand Norwegian documents written by Jacobsen. My knowledge on Jacobsen's life is vast as is my collecting of books and documents through many years. This understanding of Jacobsen can help other researchers to come to understand Jacobsen better.

It is my true beliefs that the life and work of Adrian Jacobsen shall have a greater place in the polar history of the world. He needs to be lifted up as one of the "great ones" in the same category as Nansen and Amundsen. Although there are many aspects of his work, one can consider controversial, researchers need to highlight these issues as well.

The Captain Adrian Society will help not only researchers but also indigenous groups to understand their history and can help others to understand the complexity and the historical importance of the life and work of Captain Adrian Jacobsen.

Sincerely,



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