

The Antarctica Challenge

SYNOPSIS

Al Gore's Academy Award-winning documentary **An Inconvenient Truth** has done a lot to raise the international awareness of the environmental issue of global warming. But where do things stand today? **The Antarctica Challenge** is a one-hour documentary that will go to the source of the climate change crisis: Antarctica. Here we will explore first-hand the environmental challenges facing that frozen continent and, by extension, the world.

The International Polar Years 2007-2009 represent an incredible opportunity for the world to work together. This film will meet these brave scientists working at the famed **Faraday Station** (aka Vernadsky Station) as they concentrate their efforts living in often harsh and life-threatening conditions in their heroic attempt to save the world.

This documentary will also provide support interviews from polar experts and research scientists around the world as well as rare footage of wildlife including penguins in their hatching season.

One of the highlights of the film will be an interview with Alexandra Shackleton, granddaughter of the legendary explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton whose courageous expedition to cross Antarctica from sea to sea in 1914 to 1917, blazed a trail for all of mankind today.

We will also include rare footage shot during the Shackleton expedition showing Antarctica nearly 100 years ago as well as the devastating destruction of their ship *The Endurance* as the unforgiving ice crushed their ship leaving Sir Ernest and his men stranded.

The Antarctica Challenge will be shot in HD and provide audiences with a rare glimpse of the Earth's most undiscovered continent through the eyes of award-winning cinematographer, Damir Chytil, CSC, one of the world's foremost polar cameramen and a pioneer of HD film photography.

It is the mandate of this documentary to bring to light the theories and statistics first brought to the public's attention in **An Inconvenient Truth** with hands-on exploration of the continent, its wildlife and the brave men and women who have given up the comforts of civilization in order to save it.

This is...**The Antarctica Challenge**.