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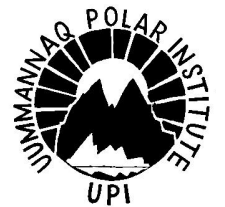
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Uummannaq Polar Institute is an umbrella for the cultural and outdoor activities undertaken by the Uummannaq Children's Home.

# Greenland 100 years ago !

Hand-colored photos from 1909 and 1912





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### Uummannaq before and now



Erik Torm August 2012

### The background to the exhibition and the book

In 1909 the Swiss geologist Arnold Heim completed a scientific expedition to Disko Island and the Nuussuaq Peninsula. On this expedition he took over 700 photos, many of which are of high quality. Subsequently, a part of the photographs have been hand-colored.

At the same time, the Swiss alpine and polar explorer and meteorologist Alfred de Quervain completed a scientific expedition in Uummannaq fjord and on the ice cap. Arnold Heim was involved in the final stage of de Quervain's expedition.

In 1912 Alfred de Quervain became the first polar explorer ever to cross the central Greenlandic ice cap from west to east. From this expedition, there also exist some hand-colored photos.

### About the exhibition

The exhibition includes 41 posters in size 1 x 1 meter divided in 3 series (plus a Greenland map and a sponsor poster):

1. Arnold Heim 1909 (15 posters following the route of Arnold Heims expedition and showing the settlements of Disko Bay, Nuussuaq Peninsula and in the Uummannaq Fjord and daily life of the Eskimos)
2. Alfred de Quervain 1909 (14 posters from Ikerasak, Qarasap Nunataa and Great Qarajaq Glacier, Ummannatsiaq and Uummannaq - following the last part of de Quervain's expedition where Arnold Heim joined him)
3. The crossing of the Ice Cap 1912 (12 posters with expedition photos from de Quervain's crossing of the Ice Cap)

Series 1 and 2 consists mainly of cultural and historical photos showing the settlements, the Eskimos, their houses and their daily work. Some of the posters are new photos from the same locations where the old hand-colored photos are made.

The book "Greenland 100 years ago" written by Erik Torm will be sold at the exhibition for the benefit of the Children's Home in Uummannaq.

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