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HIGHLIGHTS OF “ENDS OF THE EARTH: FROM POLAR BEARS TO PENGUINS” FEB. 9 – APRIL 27, 2008

PHILADELPHIA —“Ends of the Earth: From Polar Bears to Penguins” at The Academy of Natural Sciences explores the unique nature of the Earth’s polar regions, the current research being conducted and how climate change is affecting the Arctic and Antarctic.

The exhibit, from Feb. 9 through April 27, 2008, is **free** with museum admission. The following interactive activities are only the tip of the iceberg. Don’t be left out in the cold!

Explore Arctic wildlife by comparing bear skulls, examining polar bear hair under a magnifier and learning about the impact of climate change on polar bears.

Follow the journey of the Arctic tern, the only animal that migrates pole to pole.

Run animations of seasonal sea ice movement to understand the effects of climate change on the Arctic landscape.

Walk and slide like a penguin and discover what researchers are finding about penguin behavior – their feeding, family life and unique (some say comical) movement.

Test your "Ice Q" to compare and contrast the Arctic and the Antarctic.

Travel to the poles and listen to the polar explorers’ compelling stories of challenge and survival through archival photographs, videos and journal excerpts.

For more information, go to www.ansp.org/polar. “Ends of the Earth: From Polar Bears to Penguins” was produced by Science North and was made possible with support from Quark Expeditions.

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The Academy is located at 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and weekends until 5 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children ages 3-12, senior citizens and college students, and free for Members and children under 3. There is a \$2 fee for “Butterflies!”

The Academy of Natural Sciences, the oldest natural science research museum in the Americas, is a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. The mission of the Academy is the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences.