ORBIS ET GLOBUS *CIRCLE & SPHERE*

Grímsey is an island 50km off the north coast of Iceland, the only place where the Arctic Circle makes landfall in Iceland.

The work is a sphere, 3m in diameter, located on the Arctic Circle, wherever that may be at any given time as its location shifts, on average, 14.5m annually due to the earth’s axial tilt and is now (2014) at 66° 33.9´N. Each spring the sphere is rolled to the corrected latitude in a generally northward direction. As the movement of the Arctic Circle is either northwards or southwards depending on the fluctuations of the axial tilt cycle the procession to the north of is laboriously slow. Presently the movement is southwards and this will continue for the next decade whence it will turn northwards until it reaches the northernmost promontory of the island. The sphere will be held at this point while the Arctic Circle takes a brief jaunt over the sea and will then be moved south again on it’s return. The following turn to north will see the sphere depart from the island in 2047 not to return for 20,000 years.

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