

# HIGH ALTITUDE MEDICINE AND PHYSIOLOGY

HIGH ALTITUDE BASIC RESEARCH

HIGH ALTITUDE FOR THE CLINICIAN AND EXPEDITION DOCTOR

## MONDAY 26 MAY 2014 HIGH ALTITLIDE BASIC BESEARCH

LOCATION	AUDITORIUM (MAIN SESSION)
10:30-11:00 11:00-12:30	SESSION A - Genetic adaptation to high altitude: species and population differences - C Beall / J Storz  30 Mechanisms of hemoglobin adaptation to hypoxia in high-altitude vertebrates J Storz (United States)  310 004-0 Functional genomics of adaptation to hypoxic cold stress: regulatory plasticity and thermogenic performance in high-altitude deer mice Z Cheviron, A Connaty, J Jones, G McClelland, G Scott, J Storz  10 013-0 Genetic evidence of Paleolithic colonization and Neolithic expansion of modern humans on the Tibetan Plateau X Qi, C Cui, Y Peng, X Zhang, Z Yang, H Zhang, K Xiang, X Cao, Y Wang, L Ouzhu, S Ba, S Ciwang, B Bian, I Gongga, T Wu, H Chen, H Shi, B Su  10 015-0 Down-regulation of EPAS1 contributes to high altitude hypoxic adaptation in Tibetans B Su, Y Peng, C Cui, T Wu, S Bhandari, K Xiang, H Zhang, Ouzhuluobu, Bianba, Gonggalanzi, Basang, Ciwangsangbu, H Chen, H Shi, X Qi Comparative population biology and genomics of high-altitude human populations C Beall (United States)
11.00-12.00	<ul> <li>New physiological and genetic factors for CMS?         F Villafuerte (Peru)</li> <li>Tibetan adaptations and their physiological mechanisms         T Simonson (United States)</li> <li>Iron requirements in hypoxia         M Muckenthaler (Germany)</li> <li>Whether Epo evolved to generate red blood cells         M Gassmann (Switzerland)</li> <li>10</li> <li>O10-0 Hypoxia-induced vascular leakage and microhaemorrhage in the mouse brain: role of HIF target genes         H Marti, R Kunze, A Hoffmann, S Reischl, X Helluy, M Bendszus, S Heiland, M Pham</li> </ul>
12:30-14:00	LUNCH BREAK & POSTER VIEWING SESSION (TOPIC 1 AND 3, SEE PAGE 35)
14:00-15:30	
	SESSION C - Mitochondria—Key organelle for bioenergetics in hypoxia and cold? - E Gnaiger / R Boushel  1. Hypoxia - is mitochondrial capacity and efficiency an issue?  2. E Gnaiger (Austria)  2. Contribution of convective 0 <sub>2</sub> supply, diffusion and mitochondrial OXPHOS capacities to maximal oxygen consumption at high altitude  2. R Boushel (Sweden)  2. Enhanced fatty acid oxidation capacity and phosphorylation control of human skeletal muscle mitochondria following 16 days at 5260 m  2. A Chicco (United States)  2. Muscle mitochondrial function in Sherpas  2. A Murray (United Kingdom)  3. 10 007-0 Human skeletal muscle mitochondria at high-altitude: adaptation and acclimatization  3. J Horscroft, A Kotwica, V Laner, E Gilbert-Kawai, D Howard, H Montgomery, M Grocott, D Levett, E Gnaiger, D Martin, A Murray
15:30-16:00	<ul> <li>4 Hypoxia – is mitochondrial capacity and efficiency an issue?         E Gnaiger (Austria)</li> <li>Contribution of convective O<sub>2</sub> supply, diffusion and mitochondrial OXPHOS capacities to maximal oxygen consumption at high altitude         R Boushel (Sweden)</li> <li>Enhanced fatty acid oxidation capacity and phosphorylation control of human skeletal muscle mitochondria following 16 days at 5260 m         A Chicco (United States)</li> <li>Muscle mitochondrial function in Sherpas         A Murray (United Kingdom)</li> <li>10 007-0 Human skeletal muscle mitochondria at high-altitude: adaptation and acclimatization</li> </ul>

CONFERENCE HALL (PARALLEL SESSION)						
Special issues - Workers at high altitude - RL Ge / J West						
© 20	Strategies for improving work performance at high altitude  J West (United States)					
© 20	Associations between hemoglobin concentration and exercise capacity in Tibetan highlanders G Wei (China)					
© 20	Effects of chronic intermittent hypoxia on health status and performance of Chilean miners  JP Richalet (France)					
© 10	096-0 Chile dictates safety and health standards for intermittent occupational exposure to 3000-5500 meters altitude D Jimenez					
© 10	101-0 Annual and occupational screening of miners at high altitude gold mine (4000 meters) effectively precludes sick people from employment D Vinnikov, N Brimkulov, R Redding-Jones					
© 10	<b>098-0</b> Increase in hemoglobin values through the years in Peruvian highland workers C Mejia, D Quiñones, C Cruzalegui, V Gómez, R Gomero, I Arriola					
COFFEE BREAK						

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Meet the expert - Practical medical problems at base camp - U Hefti / L Freer

Introduction U Hefti (Switzerland)

Practical medical problems at base camp

© 12 Mount Everest L Freer (United States) © 12 Pilgrims expedition P Koirala (Nepal)

12 Himlung Himal Research Expedition 2013 D Berger (Switzerland)
 10 A commercial expedition L Freer (United States)

© 8 A privately organized expedition U Hefti (Switzerland)

## Controversies in expedition medicine

© 8 Thrombolytic medication on an expedition is a must Affirm: P Hackett (United States)

Oppose: P Hoigné (Switzerland)

 $\odot$  8 The hyperbaric chamber is part of the expedition medical kit

Affirm: J Pichler (Switzerland)

Oppose: P Koirala (Nepal)

○ 8 Dexamethasone for summit day; a good idea?

Affirm: P Hackett (United States)

Oppose: T Merz (Switzerland)

LUNCH BREAK & POSTER VIEWING SESSION (TOPIC 1 AND 3, SEE PAGE 35)

Meet the expert - Prevention and treatment of AMS, HAPE, HACE - M Maggiorini / P Hackett - Guests: M Piris, L Freer

This session is an interactive discussion of clinical cases. The aim is to guide participants in solving interesting health problems of high altitude. Participants are encouraged to share their own cases during the discussion as well.

## COFFEE BREAK

Future issue	es - Ultrasound and NIRS—new tools for research at high altitude - M Wilson / G Strapazzon
© 20	Ultrasound and NIRS at altitude—implications of the Xtreme Everest study and the future
	M Wilson (United Kingdom)
O 15	Ultrasound and NIRS during acute hypoxia, hypercapnia and cold—from experiments to the clinic
	G Strapazzon (Italy)
O 15	<b>053-0</b> Correlation of severity of high altitude illnesses with the optic nerve sheath diameter in non-acclimatised
	lowlanders at high altitude
	U Yanamandra, A Gupta, S Yanamandra, S Patyal, V Nair
O 15	049-0 Ultrasound-based biomarkers as predictors of acute mountain sickness
	L Pratali, RM Bruno, S Malacrida, B Catuzzo, S Armenia, R Brustia, E Cauchy, G Giardini
O 15	<b>050-0</b> Cerebral hemodynamic responses to 6 days at 4350 m
	S Verges, T Rupp, M Villien, P Bouzat, F Esteve, C Lundby, S Perrey, Y Warnking, P Robach, P Levy
© 10	Discussion on future perspectives

#### HELPFUL HINT ON SESSION TYPES

Main sessions (sessions A to D) cover main topics with a focus on clinical and science updates. Simultaneous translation in English, German and Italian will be provided.

Special issues sessions deal with specific topics related to the environmental influence that laypersons and rescuers have to face in mountain and remote areas.

Future issues sessions present front-line, open issues that are currently under discussion.

Meet the expert sessions are an interactive, seminar-like session hosted by leading experts in the field.

Technical workshops focus on practical rescuerelated issues and are addressed to medical and non-medical rescue personnel.

Wilderness workshops present practical wilderness-related issues by the leading experts in the field and are addressed to medical and non-medical attendees.

Medical workshops are offered in an adjunct programme and are addressed to medical attendees. Pre-registration is required.

## TUESDAY 27 MAY 2014 HIGH ALTITUDE FOR THE CLINICIAN AND EXPEDITION DOCTOR

0.00.40.00	
9:00-10:30	SESSION A - Science update - Acute altitude illnesses (AMS, HAPE, HACE) - B Basnyat / M Maggiorini
	<ul> <li>Epidemiological and clinical aspects of high altitude illness         B Basnyat (Nepal)</li> <li>047-0 The AL.P.I. project (Altitude &amp; Pathology in Italy, AL.P.I.) Italian Survey on High Altitude Illnesses on behalf of Club Alpino Italiano (CAI) and the Italian Society of Mountain Medicine (SIMeM)         F Marchiori, I Rigucci, G Nadali, M Cavana, L Fortunato, L Bastiani, M Bartesaghi, G Miserocchi, G Giardini, L Pratali</li> <li>15 051-0 Impact of study design on the incidence of acute mountain sickness. Systematic review         B Waeber, N Elia, L Dumont, C Lysakowsky, MR Tramèr, B Kayser</li> <li>15 Circulatory hemodynamic aspects of high altitude illness         M Maggiorini (Switzerland)</li> <li>0 15 044-0 Cerebral hemodynamic characteristics of acute mountain sickness upon acute high-altitude exposure at 3700 m in young Chinese men         L Huang</li> <li>0 15 052-0 Observational study of radiological features of 588 cases of HAPO and validation of new radiological severity scoring         U Yanamandra, A Gupta, S Yanamandra, M Chinta, S Patyal, V Nair</li> </ul>
10:30-11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00-12:30	SESSION B - Science update - Chronic mountain sickness - RL Ge / F León Velarde
	© 20 Recent advances of pathophysiological studies on chronic mountain sickness in China  RL Ge (China)  © 20 New risk factors for CMS?
	F León Velarde (Peru)  © 15 <b>097-0</b> Differential gene expression profile and biological features of bone marrow mesenchymal stem cells in chronic mountain sickness
	J Li, J Feng, W Li, X Dai, L Wang, G Han, G Han, W Yan
	HH Bao, M He, RL Ge
	© 15 <b>095-0</b> Major components level of the ACE-Ang-AT1 axis in local hematopoietic bone marrow of patients with chronic mountain sickness L Ji, Z Li, S Cui, J Su, H Geng, H Xiong, W Luo, X Ma, Y Chen, RL Ge
	© 5 Discussion
12:30-14:00	LUNCH BREAK & POSTER VIEWING SESSION (TOPIC 2 AND 6, SEE PAGE 35)
14:00-15:30	SESSION C - Women and children at high altitude - H Messner / D Jean
	© 25 Exercise and travel at high altitude during pregnancy
	L Keyes (United States)  25 Children going to the mountains
	D Jean (France)  ○ 15 High altitude illness in youth: do parents matter?
	S Kriemler (Switzerland)  149-0 Using ventilation to get ahead: gender differences in ventilatory parameters at high altitude
	S Dua  S Dua  150-0 Acute mountain sickness (AMS) among high altitude Nepalese pilgrim children – A five year study
	M Pun, PS Holck, GB Thapa, S Neupane, N Kharel, S Shrestha, P Subedi, M Neupane, B Basnyat
15:30-16:00	COFFEE BREAK  SESSION D. Prog. copy. In physiologic testing helpful for predicting the rick of court high altitude illnesses? P. Pörtsch / ID. Pichalat
16:00-17:30	SESSION D - Pros-cons: Is physiologic testing helpful for predicting the risk of acute high altitude illnesses? P Bärtsch / JP Richalet
	© 20 Pro: Hypoxic exercise test is useful for the detection of subjects at high risk for severe high altitude illness  JP Richalet (France)
	© 20 Con: Physiologic testing is not helpful for predicting the risk of acute high altitude illnesses  P Bärtsch (Germany)
	Abnormal hypoxic pulmonary vascular response alone is not sufficient to induce high altitude pulmonary edema     C Dehnert (Switzerland)
	© 15 <b>045-0</b> Can lung function assessment help predict Acute Mountain Sickness?  O Johansson, A Patrician, S Wisniewski, E Schagatay
	<ul> <li>15</li> <li>181-0 Maintaining a good ventilatory efficiency in the transition between normoxia (N) and hypoxia (H) at rest predicts a better oxygenation (SpO<sub>2</sub>) during exercise in hypoxia</li> <li>G Papi Renzetti, G Giardini, G Mandolesi, B Catuzzi, A Cogo</li> </ul>

CONFER	ENCE HALL (PARALLEL SESSION)	SEMINAR ROOM (PARALLEL SESSION)
Special i	ssues	
	Everest 2 - D Martin	
© 15	Xtreme Everest 2  D Martin (United Kingdom)	
© 15	Microcirculation at high altitude	
© 15	E Gilbert-Kawai (United Kingdom) Mitochondrial metabolism at high altitude	
	A Murray (United Kingdom)	
Resamo	nt 2 project - G Miserocchi	
© 15	Individual differences in the adaptation of the air-blood barrier when an increase in oxygen	
	diffusion/transport is requested  G Miserocchi (Italy)	
© 15	Human genomics and hypoxia adaptive response	
© 15	P Laveder (Italy) / S Malacrida (Italy)  Regional differences in lung matrix remodelling in hypoxia	
0 13	A Panariti (Italy)	
COFFEE E	BREAK	
	expert - Requirements for expedition doctors—what to bring and what to know F Berghold / R Fischer	
© 20	Do they really need an expedition doctor?  F Berghold (Austria)	
© 20	From the airport to basecamp R Fischer (Germany)	
© 20	Up to the summit	
0.00	W Schaffert (Germany)	
© 30	Discussion	
LUNCH B	REAK & POSTER VIEWING SESSION (TOPIC 2 AND 6, SEE PAGE 35)	
Meet the	expert - Prevention and treatment of non-altitude sickness related problems - B Basnyat / K Zafren	Applied Workshop – High-resolution respirom-
© 15	Problems at altitude other than AMS/HACE and HAPE	etry and mitochondrial function under hypoxia: overview, demo experiment and discussion –
0 15	K Zafren (United States)	E Gnaiger
O 15	Neurologic problems at altitude other than AMS/HACE	
© 15	B Basnyat (Nepal)  178-0 Medical data from Aconcagua Provincial Park's Medical Service, 2011-2012 season	A three-part applied workshop including an <b>over-</b> <b>view</b> of the measurement of mitochondrial function
0	S Donato, M Straniero, I Rogé, V Rainone, F Borzotta	in the lab and the field and its scopes and limitations,
O 45	Interactive case presentations	a demo experiment on cell respiration and ROS
		production under normoxia and hypoxia, and a discussion of mitochondria and intercellullar oxygen
		levels and what is normoxia.
		Location: Seminar 8
COFFEE E		Pre-registration is required at the info-desk.
Future is	sues - Utstein style and GRADE—models for establishing high altitude recommendations? K Monsieurs	
© 20	How to use GRADE for guideline development  K Monsieurs (Belgium)	
© 20	Data collection in emergency medicine (UTSTEIN)	
© 20	JT Gräsner (Germany) Assessing high altitude illness over the last 25 years: can we do better?	
© 15	M Maggiorini (Switzerland)  046-0 Strengthening Altitude Research (STAR): guidelines for collecting and reporting data from high altitude	
9 15	studies	
	The STAR task force (in alphabetic order): P Bärtsch, H Brugger, M Falk, P Hackett, M Maggiorini, S Malacrida, E	
© 15	Procter, G Strapazzon, K Zafren Discussion	

## WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2014 HIGH ALTITUDE FOR THE CLINICIAN AND EXPEDITION DOCTOR

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LOCATION	AUDITORIUM (MAIN SESSION)					
9:00-10:30	SESSION A - Pre-existing cardiac and metabolic diseases at high altitude - G Parati / A Luks					
	<ul> <li>Cardiac patients at high altitude 1: Coronary artery disease and cardiomyopathy         <ul> <li>A Luks (United States)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cardiac patients at high altitude 2: Hypertension             G Parati (Italy)</li> <li>127-0 Hypobaric hypoxia causes body weight reduction in obese males, double-blinded, placebo-controlled study             B Buchzik, M Robinzonov, RM Huber, J Behr, R Kiefl, N Robinzonov, M Karasz, R Fischer</li> <li>15 128-0 Normobaric hypoxia stress test in coronary heart disease patients             B Catuzzo, G Giardini, M Sicuro, B Thiebat, G Cavoretto, F De la Pierre</li> <li>15 126-0 Prevalence and predictors of ambulatory hypertension among high altitude dwellers; HIGHCARE-ANDES Highlanders Study             G Bilo, FC Villafuerte, C Anza Ramirez, JL Macarlupu, G Vizcardo-Galindo, M Revera, A Giuliano, A Faini, S Caravita, F Gregorini, G Parati             Discussion</li> </ul>					
10:30-11:00	COFFEE BREAK					
11:00-12:30	<ul> <li>SESSION B - Pre-existing pulmonary, immunologic and neurologic diseases at high altitude - E Swenson / A Cogo</li> <li>20 Going high with immunologic diseases         E Swenson (United States)</li> <li>20 Going high with respiratory diseases         A Cogo (Italy)</li> <li>20 Going high with neurologic diseases         R Baumgartner (Switzerland)</li> <li>15 184-0 Applying pulmonary function parameter changes to screen hypoxia-susceptible candidates of Chinese Antarctic expeditioners in Tibet         C Xu</li> <li>15 006-0 Genetic evidence for the origin and dispersal of HBV/CD in Tibetans on the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau         C Cui, X Qi, L Ouzhu, B Bian, T Wu, B Su</li> </ul>					
12:30-14:00	LUNCH BREAK & POSTER VIEWING SESSION (TOPIC 4, 5 AND 7, SEE PAGE 35)					
14:00-15:30	UIAA/IKAR/ISMM Diploma of Mountain Medicine and other educational initiatives - D Hillebrandt (UIAA MEDCOM) / B Basnyat (ISMM) / F Elsensohn (ICAR MEDCOM)  8					
15:30-16:00	COFFEE BREAK					
16:00-17:30	SESSION D - Pros-cons: Medications at high altitude—moving on from right and wrong to disclosure - J Ellerton  Introduction J Ellerton (United Kingdom)  Panel discussion D Hillebrandt (United Kingdom), B Basnyat (Nepal), N Dikic (Serbia), D Moens (France), I Tomazin (Slovenia), D Wagner (United States)					

CONFERE	CONFERENCE HALL (PARALLEL SESSION)					
Special is	Special issues					
Solar irra	diation and eye problems at high altitude - MM Bosch					
O 15	Solar irradiation and its damaging effects to the eye at high altitude					
	MM Bosch (Switzerland)					
© 10	092-0 The influence of chronic hypoxia to retinal venous and ocular perfusion pressure					
© 10	M Baertsch, J Flammer  162-0 The clinical curative effect observation about the treatment of Lucentis in choroid					
0 10	neovascularization of high altitude					
	L Ling					
O 10	Discussion					
Kilimanja	ro: a mountain medicine hot-spot - P Hackett / A Kulkarni					
O 15	Safety, evacuation and rescue on Kilimanjaro					
	A Kulkarni (Tanzania)					
O 10	<b>180-0</b> Our experience in telemedical prevention and treatment of acute mountain sickness in					
	280 clients ascending to 5895 m above sea level					
© 20	P Jonetzko, T Kobielski Panel discussion					
COFFEE B	REAK					
Meet the	expert - Advising mountaineers in planning a trip to high altitude - P Hackett / P Bärtsch					

## LUNCH BREAK & POSTER VIEWING SESSION (TOPIC 4, 5 AND 7, SEE PAGE 35)

© 30 Risk assessment of ascent profile / Preacclimatization

© 30 Protocols for treatment and medical kits / Preexisting medical conditions

© 15 Introduction

P Bärtsch (Germany)

P Hackett (United States) © 15 Summary and discussion

Meet the expert - Sport climbing injuries - V Schöffl / T Küpper					
© 10	Epidemiology of sport climbing injuries				
	V Schöffl (Germany)				
O 10	Ice climbing injuries				
	M Schneider (Germany)				
O 15	Prehospital emergency care of sport climbing injuries				
	T Keil (Germany)				
O 15	Are supplements needed to improve climbing performance?				
	A Morrison (United Kingdom)				
O 15	Osseous adaptations and osteoarthritis in long time climbers				
	A Schweizer (Switzerland)				
O 10	Finger injuries in sport climbing				
	V Schöffl (Germany)				
O 15	Sport climbing with internal medical conditions				
	T Küpper (Germany)				

## COFFEE BREAK

Future issu	Future issues - Registries in high altitude and mountain emergency medicine - BH Walpoth / JK Baillie			
© 20	International Hypothermia Registry			
© 20	BH Walpoth (Switzerland) International HAPE Registry—REDCAP's to the rescue			
O 15	S Harris (United States) International Alpine Trauma Registry			
© 20	G Strapazzon (Italy) International HAPE Database: direct recruitment of probable cases of altitude illness			
0 20	through www.altitude.org			
© 15	JK Baillie (United Kingdom) Discussion			





# THURSDAY 29 MAY 2014

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THURSDAY 29	MAY 2014	FOCUS TOPIC: RESCUE IN NEPAL
Location	AUDITORIUM (MAIN S	ESSION)
14:00-15:30	<ul> <li>15 Helicopte         <ul> <li>G Biner (S</li> </ul> </li> <li>15 272-0 Fro remote are</li> </ul>	e initiatives in Nepal - B Basnyat / I Tomazin based training and rescue in Nepal witzerland) m Sagarmatha to Bung: training helicopter rescuers, developing a rescue chain in the Khumbu region and improving health in tas of Nepal
	<ul> <li>○ 15</li> <li>267-0 Mo M Neupan</li> <li>○ 15</li> <li>259-0 Pro M Doe, N</li> <li>○ 15</li> <li>Nepalese G Strapaz</li> <li>○ 15</li> <li>○ 15</li> </ul>	· · · · ·
15:30-16:00 16:00-17:30	COFFEE BREAK  Panel discussion - Nep	al mountain rescue development projects - <i>G Cologna</i>
	<ul> <li>15 An inside P Koirala (</li> <li>10 Discussio</li> <li>10 Perspecti</li> <li>GB Thapa</li> <li>55 Panel disc</li> <li>B Basnyati</li> </ul>	r account of the Everest tragedy 2014  Nepal) / S Stokes (United Kingdom)  n  ve on future developments in mountain rescue in Nepal (Nepal)

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME CONFERENCE HALL (PARALLEL SESSION) 9:00-17:30 MEDICAL WORKSHOPS Location: Free University of Bozen/Bolzano (see page 35) 7:30-17:30 **GUIDED EXCURSIONS** (see page 38) Special issues - Research initiatives in Nepal - A Ponchia / A Lohani © 15 **094-0** Educational and research project to increase awareness of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) in Nepal and investigate the respiratory health in mountain dwellers exposed to indoor pollution A Cogo, L Pratali, Italian-Nepalese Research Group O 15 O48-0 Science in thin air: Himlung Himal Research Expedition 2013 - a study of human adaptation to hypoxia J Pichler Hefti, P Koirala, T Merz, U Hefti O 15 O99-0 Exposure to indoor air pollution induces endothelial dysfunction in nepalese high-altitude dwellers L Pratali, A Cogo, Italian-Nepalese Research Group O 15 O73-P Role of low dose Acetazolamide (125 mg bid) in prevention of acute mountain sickness in pilgrims ascending rapidly: A prospective double blind placebo controlled randomized trial M Pun, M Neupane, A Lohani, GB Thapa, S Yadav, PS Holck, B Basnyat © 15 025-P A genome-wide association study of acute mountain sickness susceptibility in the Nepalese Himalaya M MacInnis, N Widmer, U Timalsina, A Subedi, A Siwakoti, BP Pandit, M Freeman, E Carter, I Manokhina, GB Thapa, M Koehle, J Rupert © 15 **Discussion** COFFEE BREAK Future issues (panel discussion) - Revision of the Lake Louise Score - P Hackett / JK Baillie © 15 Acute mountain sickness - the need for a data-driven definition JK Baillie (United Kingdom) © 15 Laboratory- and field-based evidence to revise the current definition of acute mountain sickness M MacInnis (Canada) O 15 O42-0 A different scoring system to assess acute mountain sickness in the Italian Survey (Altitude & Pathology in

L Bastiani, L Fortunato, F Marchiori, I Rigucci, G Nadali, M Cavana, M Bartesaghi, G Miserocchi, G Giardini, S

Italy, AL.P.I.): Psychometric properties

○ 15 Acute mountain sickness - the laboratory experience

Molinaro, L Pratali

© 30 Panel discussion

R Roach (United States)



# MOUNTAIN EMERGENCY MEDICINE

IV. INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HYPOTHERMIA

TRAUMA, AIRWAY & CIRCULATION

## FRIDAY 30 MAY 2014 IV. INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HYPOTHERMIA

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LOCATION	AUDITORIUM (MAIN SESSION)
9:00-10:30	SESSION A - Clinical update - Accidental hypothermia—prehospital management - K Zafren / G Strapazzon
	<ul> <li>Update on the physiology and pathophysiology of accidental hypothermia         K Zafren (United States)</li> <li>Field assessment and core temperature measurement in cold patients—a hot issue         G Strapazzon (Italy)</li> <li>Field management of hypothermic patients without cardiac arrest         SC Skaiaa (Norway)</li> <li>Field management of hypothermic patients with cardiac arrest         P Paal (Austria)</li> <li>220-0 Deep accidental hypothermia with core temperature below 24°C         M Pasquier, B Weith, N Zurron, P Turini, F Dami, P Carron, P Paal</li> <li>Protection against cold—from simulation to practice         P Lundgren (Sweden) / O Henriksson (Sweden)</li> <li>Discussion</li> </ul>
10:30-11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00-12:30	<ul> <li>SESSION B - Clinical update - Accidental hypothermia—in-hospital management - BH Walpoth / D Brown</li> <li>© 20 Extracorporeal rewarming of deep accidental hypothermia victims         BH Walpoth (Switzerland)</li> <li>© 20 Outcome of accidental hypothermia with circulatory arrest in 7 young victims. Experience from the Danish Præstø Fjord boating accident         M Jaeger Wanscher (Denmark)</li> <li>© 15 218-0 A proposal of modified in-hospital hypothermia algorithm in trans-border coordinating center for treatment of accidental hypothermic patients         L Festi, G Covaia, C Beghi, F Perlasca, G Minoja, A Zoli, G Avanzi, A Larghi, L Introzzi, F Barazzoni, M Lepori, C Bravi</li> <li>© 15 217-0 The Bernese Hypothermia Algorithm goes Swiss         M Brodmann Maeder, I Breitenmoser, BH Walpoth</li> <li>© 20 Accidental hypothermia—building the chain of survival         D Brown (Canada)</li> </ul>
12:30-14:00	LUNCH BREAK & POSTER VIEWING SESSION (TOPIC 8 TO 11, SEE PAGE 35)
14:00-15:30	SESSION C - Avalanche accidents - H Brugger / C Grissom  O 20 Update on the pathophysiology of avalanche victims
15:30-16:00	COFFEE BREAK
16:00-17:30	<ul> <li>SESSION D - Traumatic and therapeutic hypothermia—recent developments and open issues P Mair / M Holzer</li> <li>Traumatic hypothermia—An overview P Mair (Austria)</li> <li>Therapeutic hypothermia after cardiac arrest: pros, cons and open issues M Holzer (Austria)</li> <li>15 223-0 Mild therapeutic hypothermia and DADLE rescue the brain after ischemia K Schmitt, M Feldmann, G Tong, F Berger</li> <li>15 243-0 Is core temperature assessed and relevant in severe alpine trauma victims? G Strapazzon, A Trincanato, A Frasnelli, F Bonsante, G Rammlmair, E Gruber, E Fop, G Drüge, F Ploner, G Hofer, W Lunz, C Rilk, E Pandolfo, M Ströhle, P Zanon, P Mair, H Brugger for the International Alpine Trauma Registry group</li> </ul>

CONFERENCE HALL (PARALLEL SESSION)	SEMINAR ROOM (PARALLEL SESSION)
Special issues	Technical workshop - Stretchers: different mod- els in mountain, canyoning and cave rescue
Immersion hypothermia and consequences for rescue and resuscitation - J Bierens	CNSAS - F Bonsante / G Mancinelli / A Santini
© 15 Immersion hypothermia and its consequences for rescue and resuscitation	
J Bierens (Netherlands)	The evacuation and transport of victims in mountain,
© 15 Immersion hypothermia in a disaster setting	canyoning and cave rescue are strongly influenced
M Jaeger Wanscher (Denmark)	by environmental and logistical factors. In a hands-on
O 15 From a Lazarus case-report to an immersion hypothermia protocol	workshop CNSAS-Italian Mountain Rescue Service
RD O'Connor (Netherlands)	medical and technical personnel will illustrate
	different medical and technical characteristics of
Insights from diving science - C Balestra	the stretchers (e.g., protection from impact/collision,
O 15 Patency of the cardiac Foramen Ovale (PFO) / "The Normobaric Oxygen Paradox"	positioning according to terrain transport and injury).
C Balestra (Belgium)	Participants will rotate between three stations
© 15 <b>285-0</b> Comparative analysis of decompression stress at altitude based on the Dan Europe DSL (Diving Safety	dedicated to specific scenarios.
Laboratory) database using gradient factor (GF) analysis	
S Murat Egi, M Pieri, D Cialoni, C Bonuccelli, C Balestra, A Marroni	Location: Seminar 7
© 15 <b>286-0</b> Effect of acute hypobaric hypoxia on cerebral arousal in non-acclimatized lowlanders	
S Theunissen, Q Crèvecoeur, E Cauchy, S Bolognési, S Dupont, P Germonpré, C Balestra	

## COFFEE BREAK

Meet the ex	xpert - Frostbite and crevasse accidents - E Cauchy / B Durrer	Technical workshop - Rescue of hanging victims: technical and medical aspects - CNSAS -
© 25	New advances in frostbite treatment: which treatment considering the healthcare environment?	F Bonsante / M Biasioni
	E Cauchy (France)	
© 25	On-site treatment of crevasse accidents. State of the art 2014?	The on-site management of victims on walls and
	B Durrer (Switzerland)	couloirs of the Dolomites requires specific medical
© 15	221-0 Epidemiology of glacier crevasse accidents	and technical skills. CNSAS-Italian Mountain Rescue
	M Pasquier, A Kottmann, O Reisten, U Mosimann, O Hugli	Service of South Tyrol, in collaboration with its his-
© 15	219-0 The cold-induced vasodilatation response as a predictor of the risk of freezing cold injury	torical group called Judacrep Gherdeina-Catores, will
	J Gorjanc, SS Cheung, M Milcinski, I Mekjavic	lead an interactive demo-workshop on the side of the
© 10	Discussion	congress building explaining specific evacuation and
		transport techniques and medical tips.
		Location: Seminar 8

## LUNCH BREAK & POSTER VIEWING SESSION (TOPIC 8 TO 11, SEE PAGE 35)

Wilderness workshop - Surviving the cold - S McIntosh / G Rodway

This workshop focuses on the prevention and treatment of cold and cold injuries in the mountains: non-freezing cold injuries,
frostbite, and hypothermia. In a practical session we will demonstrate how to care for and manage these problems, both as a

patient and rescuer.

Technical workshop - Helicopter-supported water rescue - Fire Department Bolzano / Emergency Dispatch 118 / Helicopter Rescue South Tyrol

Hosted by highly-specialized teams from the local rescue organizations, this workshop focuses on the logistical and medical aspects of white water, flooding and ice accidents. Participants will discuss the elements of a coordinated response by air-based and water rescue teams, rapid intervention for hypothermic and drowning victims, and practical application to real case examples.

Location: Seminar 7

Future issu	es - Avalanche mass casualty accidents—advances in rescue strategies - A Kottmann / M Genswein
© 5	Introduction
	A Kottmann (Switzerland) / M Genswein (Switzerland)
O 15	Statistical overview of MCIs in avalanche rescue
	J Schweizer (Switzerland)
© 20	The USAR and UAvSAR perspective on MCIs
	S Thorvaldsdóttir (Iceland)
© 20	AvaLife, Survival chance optimized decision making and procedures in avalanche rescue
	M Genswein (Switzerland)
© 20	ICAR MEDCOM Avalanche victim resuscitation checklist. And if it is a mass casualty avalanche?
	A Kottmann (Switzerland)
© 10	Panel discussion and summary
	A Kottmann (Switzerland) . I Schweizer (Switzerland) . S Thorvaldsdóttir (Iceland) . M Genswein (Switzerland)

Technical workshop - Insulation techniques in the field - BRD im AVS

This workshop provides an overview of common and novel insulation techniques used in the field. The aim is an interactive discussion with experts and exchange of experience between participants.

Location: Seminar 8

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SATURDAY 3	1 MAY 2014 TRAUMA, AIRWAY & CIRCULATION
LOCATION	AUDITORIUM (MAIN SESSION)
9:00-10:30	<ul> <li>SESSION A - Clinical update - Alpine trauma treatment - F Elsensohn / E Visetti</li> <li>Multiple trauma in mountain rescue: Treatment, rescue strategy and limitations         F Elsensohn (Austria)</li> <li>15 271-P Evaluation of pain management in mountain rescue: a prospective observational study of 49 patients managed by Physician Staffed Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (P-HEMS) during mountain rescue missions         M Blancher, E Dubie, I Favier, F Rocourt, R Briot, V Danel</li> <li>15 244-0 Can emergency physicians correctly assess the pattern and severity of injury at the scene in alpine multitrauma victims?         M Ströhle, E Moritz, G Strapazzon, H Brugger, P Mair</li> <li>15 256-0 Two year prospective observational study on mountaineering medical events and trauma: "Mind the head"         R Brustia, G Enrione, B Catuzzo, A liriti, L Cavoretto, M Pesenti Compagnoni, E Visetti, E Cauchy, G Giardini</li> <li>15 257-0 Epidemiology of fallers in Snowdonia, UK         N Dodds, J Christley, L Dykes</li> <li>10 Discussion</li> </ul>
10:30-11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00-12:30	SESSION B - Clinical update - Basic and advanced airway management - P Paal / I Tomazin  241-0 Basic Life Support trained nurses ventilate more efficiently with laryngeal mask Supreme than with facemask or laryngeal tube Suction-Disposable—a prospective, randomized clinical trial  E Gruber, R Oberhammer, K Balkenhol, G Strapazzon, E Procter, H Brugger, M Falk, P Paal  Non-invasive ventilation and basic life support ventilation in mountains  P Paal (Austria)  30 Advanced airway management in mountains  I Tomazin (Slovenia)  Discussion
12:30-14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00-15:30	SESSION C - Clinical update - Circulation management and cardiac arrest in mountain and remote areas J Ellerton / M Milani  20 Shock update P Paal (Austria)  30 Termination of CPR including traumatic cardiac arrest M Milani (Italy)  15 AED in remote areas—a case series from South Tyrol G Rammlmair (Italy) / L Lintner (Italy)  10 261-0 Cardiac arrest in mountain setting (above 1800m); two years HEMS experience review in Aosta Valley, Italy G Enrione, S Roero, B Catuzzo, G Giardini, E Visetti  15 Discussion
15:30-16:00	COFFEE BREAK
16:00-17:00	<ul> <li>Key lecture &amp; Closing ceremony</li> <li>30 Recent developments and future perspectives in out-of-hospital resuscitation in mountain areas         H Brugger (Italy) / F Elsensohn (Austria)</li> <li>30 Presentation of XI. World Congress 2016         B Basnyat (Nepal) / P Hackett (United States)</li> </ul>

SEMINAR ROOM (PARALLEL SESSION) CONFERENCE HALL (PARALLEL SESSION) Technical workshop - Rescue strategies in cable Special issues car evacuations - BRD im AVS Shoulder dislocation and thoracostomy - C Kruis / A Rinaldi ⊙ 15 Traumatic pneumothorax—minithoracotomy With the amount of tourist traffic via cable cars in A Rinaldi (Italy) mountain areas in the Alps, cable car evacuations ① 15 When and how to reduce a shoulder dislocation in the field belong to the basic skills of a mountain rescue team. C Kruis (Germany) This unique workshop presents a standard rescue © 15 **240-0** Improving patient safety—minimally-invasive drainage in the field for the treatment of a traumatic or technique that was successfully introduced in South spontaneous pneumothorax L Festi, E Nardecchia, MA Cattoni, F Berizzi, U Hefti, L Dominioni Location: Seminar 7 Lightning - K Zafren © 45 The shocking truths about lightning injuries! K Zafren (United States) COFFEE BREAK Meet the expert Analgesia in the field - J Ellerton © 15 Managing moderate and severe pain in mountain rescue. Official recommendations of ICAR MEDCOM J Ellerton (United Kingdom) ② 15 **258-0** Not to be sniffed at: efficacy & safety of intranasal diamorphine in UK adult mountain casualties N Dodds, K Nakirikanti, J Ellerton, L Dykes

Canyoning and caving rescue - I Soteras © 25 Scenario and panel discussion

© 5 **268-0** First-responder caving rescue bags

I Soteras (Spain), O Reisten (Switzerland), G Strapazzon (Italy), J Ellerton (United Kingdom)

② 10 **260-0** Canyoning injuries. Impact of wearing technical canyoning shoes in canyoning related accidents

L Pilo, A Santini, M Milani, G Strapazzon, Medical Commission of the CNSAS Italian Caving Rescue (CoMed

L Pilo, A Santini, R Trevi, G Mancinelli, M Milani, G Strapazzon © 5 **269-0** STC Speleo Trauma Care—a course focused on trauma care in caving rescue

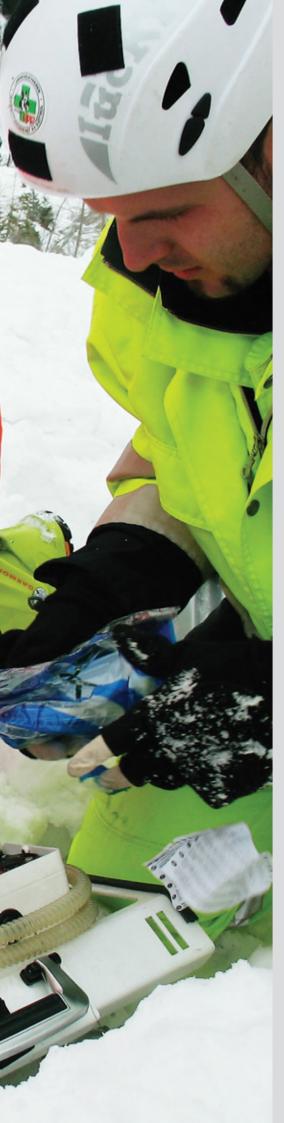
G Mancinelli, P Schiavo, M Biasioni, M Milani, G Strapazzon

J Faurax, M Blancher, F Rocourt, I Favier, F De Felix, R Briot

© 5 **266-0** A new strecher for canyoning rescue based on medical and technical experience

JS Dupeyrat, C Riello, J Barberis, F Rocourt, I Favier, R Briot, M Blancher © 10 **262-0** Medical management of caving injuries in France. 71 medical rescue missions deep inside

### Special issues - Rescue in mountain and remote areas: educational and logistical issues M Blancher / G Cipolotti Technical workshop - How to extricate and immobilise a patient in extreme rescue situations © 15 Mountain telemedicine, here and there, today and tomorrow B Jelk / BRD im AVS E Cauchy (France) / P Zellner (France) © 15 Telemedicine in mountain huts: going beyond simple AEDs This workshop will be a discussion of extrication and G Cipolotti (Italy) immobilization skills from specific and extraordi-① 15 **183-0** Telemedicine backpack: bringing healthcare attention closer to inaccessible areas nary rescue situations, drawing on the long-time M Sierra, M Avellanas, J Coll, R Anglés, S Mayo, V Rodrigalvarez, R Hurtado experience of air-based rescue teams in Switzerland © 15 **263-0** Lessons learned from the Yushu earthquake 2010 and South Tyrol. C Gongbao © 15 **264-0** Ultra events at high altitude: A challenge for the doctors Location: Seminar 7 P Koirala © 15 **265-0** Medical simulation training in mountain rescue V Lischke, A Berner, U Pietsch, J Schiffer, L Ney



# **POSTER SCHEDULE & MEDICAL WORKSHOPS**

## Poster schedule

Posters have been assigned to the first section (High Altitude Medicine and Physiology, 26-28 May 2014) or the second section (Mountain Emergency Medicine, 30-31 May 2014). Posters can remain for the entire duration of the section, but authors should be present between **12:30 and 14:00** during the poster viewing session specified below.

TOPIC	POSTER ID	DATE
1 Molecular or genetic aspects of hypoxia and high altitude	016-P to 037-P	MONDAY 26 MAY 2014
2 Acute exposure to hypoxia and high altitude	054-P to 089-P	TUESDAY 27 MAY 2014
3 Chronic exposure to hypoxia and high altitude	102-P to 124-P	MONDAY 26 MAY 2014
4 Preexisting diseases at high altitude	129-P to 148-P	WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2014
5 Women and children at high altitude	151-P to 161-P	WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2014
6 Medications at high altitude	163-P to 173-P	TUESDAY 27 MAY 2014
7 Mountaineering, expedition and sports medicine	185-P to 208-P	WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2014
8 Hypothermia and cold injuries	222-P, 227-P to 237-P	FRIDAY 31 MAY 2014
9 Airway, circulation and trauma management	242-P, 245-P to 254-P	FRIDAY 31 MAY 2014
10 Rescue in mountainous or remote areas	270-P to 282-P	FRIDAY 31 MAY 2014
11 Special issues	287-P to 290-P	FRIDAY 31 MAY 2014

## Medical workshops

These refresher medical workshops are an adjunct programme. Pre-registration is required online or

at the info-desk by Wednesday, 28 May 2014.				
Location / Date	FREE UNIVERSITY OF BOZEN/BOLZANO / THURSDAY	29 MAY 2014		
9:00-12:00	WORKSHOP 1 Targeted temperature management in accidental hypothermia P Mair / P Paal  A practice-oriented workshop on targeted temperature management in accidental hypothermia, including inter- active discussion of case studies and current technology for core temperature measurement.	WORKSHOP 2 Trauma management E Gruber / I Tomazin  An update on front-line issues in trauma management. This is an interactive session with discussion of case studies.		
	Price: 100 €	Price: 100 €		
14:00-15:30	WORKSHOP 3 (group 1) Mechanical chest compression devices in mountain emergency medicine G Putzer / O Reisten  With the current buzz around mechanical chest compression devices, this workshop provides a discussion of existing evidence for use of these devices in terrestrial and air rescue and ample hands-on time for participants to familiarize themselves with different commercially-available devices.	WORKSHOP 4 Alternative access for drug and volume administration  J Ellerton / M Milani / P Paal  Participants will be shown state-of-the-art alternatives for prehospital drug and volume administration.	WORKSHOP 5 Ultrasound at high altitude I — optic nerve P Lochner / ML Zedde / L Coppo  Participants will receive hands-on instruction in optic nerve ultrasonography and discuss its application in clinical studies at high altitude. The participants will be introduced to the basics of transcranial color-coded son- ongraphy and its value to detect, localize and quantify disease and evaluate hemodynamic responses.	
	Location: Room D0.02	Location: Room D0.03	Location: Room F0.03	
	Price: 50 €	Price: 50 €	Price: 50 €	
16:00-17:30	WORKSHOP 3 (group 2) Mechanical chest compression devices in mountain emergency medicine  G Putzer / O Reisten		WORKSHOP 6 Ultrasound at high altitude II—lung L Pratali / L Gargani  Participants will receive hands-on instruction	
	With the current buzz around mechanical chest compression devices, this workshop provides a discussion of existing evidence for use of these devices in terrestrial and air rescue and ample hands-on time for participants to familiarize themselves with different commercially-available devices.		in lung ultrasonography using a portable ultrasound device and will be introduced to its application in clinical practice and clinical studies at high altitude.	
	Location: Room D0.02  Price: 50 €		Location: Room F0.03  Price: 50 €	