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# ON THE TRAILS OF THE GLACIERS

THE PROJECT "ON THE TRAILS OF THE GLACIERS", WHICH STARTED IN 2009 WITH OUR FIRST EXPEDITION IN THE BALTORO GLACIER IN THE KARAKORUM REGION, CONTINUES IN THE CAUCASUS, WHERE A LARGE NUMBER OF NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES WILL BE SHOT PORTRAYING THE EXACT VIEWPOINT AND PERSPECTIVE OF PICTURES TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF TWENTIETH CENTURY BY THE MOST IMPORTANT PHOTOGRAPHERS AND EXPLORERS.

OUR TEAM OF PHOTOGRAPHERS AND RESEARCHERS IS READY FOR A NEW CHAPTER OF OUR INVESTIGATION ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE MOST IMPORTANT MOUNTAIN GLACIERS ON EARTH.



## EP. 2 - MISSION TO CAUCASUS

COMPARING THE HISTORICAL AND THE MODERN IMAGES, WITH THE AID OF FIELD SURVEYING, WILL ALLOW THE RESEARCHERS OF THE PROJECT'S SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE TO GATHER THE DATA NEEDED TO EXAMINE THE CONDITION OF GLACIERS, VALUABLE GAUGES FOR ASSESSING CURRENT CLIMATE SITUATION AND, MOST OF ALL, ITS EVOLUTION IN THE COURSE OF TIME.



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OUR EXPEDITION IN THE KARAKORUM HAS RECEIVED A WARM RESPONSE BOTH BY MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC, AND RAISED AN ENTHUSIASTIC INTEREST ALSO IN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY.

THESE FACTS HAVE GRANTED THE PROJECT A STRONG AND DEFINED INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, FOREBODING A GROWING ATTENTION FOR THE NEXT EXPEDITIONS – ESPECIALLY, THE ONE SCHEDULED IN SUMMER 2011 AND HEADED FOR CAUCASUS, A PECULIAR, CHARMING AND INTERESTING AREA, ALSO IN TERMS OF SCIENTIFIC APPEAL.

THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE, HELD IN HIGH REPUTE IN THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY, WILL BE EXTENDED: DOCTOR CHRISTOPH MAYER OF THE BAVARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (GERMANY), WILL JOIN PROFESSOR CLAUDIO SMIRAGLIA AND PROFESSOR KENNETH HEWITT, AND WILL ACTIVELY COLLABORATE IN THE DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS.

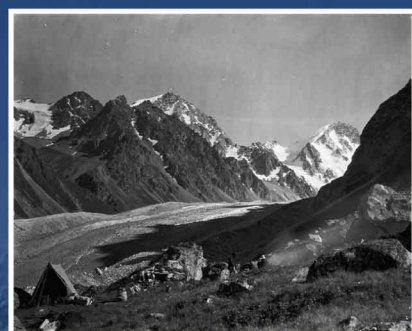
IT SATELLITE COMMUNICATION AND WEB-PUBLISHING TECHNOLOGIES, ALLOWING REAL-TIME INFORMATION FLOW, WILL BE AGAIN EMPLOYED TO PROVIDE MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC WITH LIVE NEWS AND UPDATES.

THE PRELIMINARY STUDIES AND THE PREPARING STAGE HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY PLANNED, AIMING AT STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING THE PROJECT GOALS.

THE NEXT EXPEDITION, "CAUCASUS 2011", IS ON PREPARATION: SCHEDULED IN JULY/AUGUST 2011, IT WILL BE FOCUSED ESPECIALLY ON THE MASSIF OF MOUNT ELBRUS (5462 M), THE HIGHEST PEAK OF CAUCASUS RANGE, LOCATED IN THE RUSSIAN REPUBLIC OF KABARDINO-BALKARIA, AT THE BORDER WITH GEORGIA.

THE MOST IMPORTANT EXPEDITIONS LEAD BY THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPHERS AND EXPLORERS IN THE PAST WERE THE ONES ORGANIZED BY W. F. DONKEY (END OF 1800), BY VITTORIO SELLA (THREE EXPEDITIONS: 1889, 1890 AND 1896) BY HERMANN WOOLLEY (THREE EXPEDITIONS: 1888, 1889 AND 1895), BY ANDREA POLLITZER (1929), BY VITTORIO RONCHETTI, (5 EXPEDITIONS BETWEEN 1911 AND 1920) AND BY VILIAM HECKEL (TWO EXPEDITIONS: 1958 AND 1962).

ALL EXPLORERS-PHOTOGRAPHERS LEFT AN IMPRESSIVE LEGACY: WIDE ARCHIVES CONTAINING A VERITABLE FORTUNE IN TERMS OF ICONOGRAPHIC REFERENCE, WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE A PRECIOUS HISTORICAL BASIS FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPARISON HIGHLIGHTING THE EVOLUTION OF GLACIERS IN THAT REGION.



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