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Annual Seminar 2015

The Himalayan Club will hold the Annual Seminar on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th February 2015. It is open to all members and their guests. Leading mountaineers, explorers and writers will be presenting audio-visuals and illustrated talks on various topics.

Venue: The Mysore Association, Bombay, 393, Bhau Daji Road, near Madras Cafe, Matunga (East), Mumbai – 400019.

Registration: A Registration fee for two days is Rs. 200 (for Club members) and Rs. 300 (for Guests) per person. It will include tea and snacks.

Kindly register with the Club office or on our website by Paying Online or by email to events@himalayanclub.org

Saturday, 14th February 2015

3.30 pm onwards	Registration
4.00 pm	<u>INAUGURATION</u>
4.15 pm	<p><u>KAIVAN MISTRY MEMORIAL LECTURE</u></p> <p><u>LINDSAY GRIFFIN</u> 'Escape from Mongolia'</p> <p>Lindsay Griffin has had many adventures in the mountains but perhaps one of the most extraordinary took place in the early 1990s, and is a story about human spirit, teamwork, and a considerable dose of luck.</p>
5.15 pm	<p><u>JAGDISH NANAVATI AWARD CEREMONY</u></p> <p>The '<u>Jagdish Nanavati Award for Excellence in Mountaineering</u>' and the '<u>Garud Medal</u>' for the year 2014 instituted by the Club and the Nanavati family in the memory of Late Jagdish Nanavati will be presented to the awardees.</p>
5.40 pm	Tea Break
6.20 pm	<p><u>KEKOO NAOROJI BOOK AWARD</u></p> <p>The 8th <u>Kekoo Naoroji Book Award</u> for Himalayan Literature will be presented to Tony Smythe (UK) for his book 'My Father Frank'.</p>

6.30 pm	<p><u>Tony Smythe</u> 'My Father Frank'</p> <p>Tony will talk about his award winning book including the conceptualisation, research and the process of understanding the unique position of Frank Smythe in history of exploration and mountaineering. Tony will also screen a 20 minute film on Kamet by Frank Smythe.</p>
<p><u>Annual Dinner:</u> The contributory annual dinner will be at 8.00 pm for all members and guests. Please register at the Club office before 14th February by paying Rs. 1500/- per person.</p>	

SUNDAY, 15th February 2015

'Everest? Perspectives and Philosophies in Mountaineering'

3.00 pm	<p>Introduction to the theme</p>
3.05 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DIVYESH MUNI</u></p> <p>Divyesh will talk about the challenges of self organised expeditions to smaller but unexplored as well as technically difficult mountains - illustrated by his recent expedition to Rassa Glacier.</p>
4.00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DAWA STEVEN SHERPA</u></p> <p>Dawa Steven will explain perspectives of the Sherpas, commercial organisers and the environmental impact of climbing on Everest and other high mountains.</p>
4.45 pm	<p><u>Tea Break</u></p>
5.15 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>HARISH KAPADIA</u></p> <p>An intrepid explorer, Harish will share the joys of trekking, discovering new valleys and climbing areas rather than climbing high mountains.</p>
5.35 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>UMESH ZIRPE</u></p> <p>An organiser and leader of three successful expeditions to 8000 m peaks, Umesh will talk on his experience of climbs on Everest and other peaks.</p>
5.55 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MURAD LALA</u></p> <p>Dr. Murad is a self-proclaimed 'tourist trekker' who climbed Everest with a commercial expedition. He will give his perspective as a client of a guided climb to the top of the world.</p>
6.20 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Panel and interactive discussion with audience</u></p> <p>Panellists – Lindsay Griffin, Harish Kapadia, Divyesh Muni, Dawa Steven Sherpa, Victor Saunders (on line), Umesh Zirpe and Murad Lala</p>

14 January 2015

Nandini Purandare
Hon. Secretary,
The Himalayan Club

Brief Introduction of the Speakers

Lindsay Griffin lives in North Wales, from where he continues to report on developments in world mountaineering. During a life dedicated to climbing, Lindsay served a long apprenticeship in the Alps, climbing new routes in both summer and winter, and authoring several guidebooks. He made nearly 35 expeditions to the Greater Ranges, almost all in a lightweight style. He has completed over 60 first ascents of, or on, remote peaks, and had several life-threatening epics. He has also spent well over two decades documenting the world's great climbs, primarily editing Mountain INFO reports, and in the last 12 years as an editor of the American Alpine Journal. He is currently President of the Alpine Club, Chairman of the Mount Everest Foundation, a former vice president of the British Mountaineering Council and an honorary member of the Himalayan Club.

Tony Smythe is the recipient of this year's Kekoo Naoroji Book Award for Himalayan Literature for his book, 'My Father, Frank'. He climbed his first hill at the age of 14, the year before his legendary father, Frank Smythe, died. After leaving school he joined the R.A.F. and became a pilot, flying Canberras and Javelins before resigning to spend more time mountaineering and travelling. He made numerous climbs and expeditions on British rock and in the Alps, Eastern Europe and Russia, Canada and Alaska, South America and the Himalaya. To discover more of the Scottish Highlands he set about completing the Munros, summiting the last in 2005, just 50 years after the first. He is also the author of 'Rock Climbers in Action in Snowdonia', a much sought-after book of the 1960s and he has written extensively for journals and magazines about his adventures.

Dawa Steven Sherpa is a Nepalese Sherpa entrepreneur who has scaled Everest twice. He was born in March 1984 and graduated from Heriot-Watt University, Scotland with an Honours Degree in Business Administration. Dawa Steven's achievements include his effort to run the world's highest bakery at Everest base camp (5330 m) and Eco Everest Expedition to draw attention to the impact of climate change on the Himalaya. His efforts in the field of environment have been recognised by World Wildlife Fund (WWF), the Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation Canada, the International Mountaineering & Climbing Federation (UIAA), and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). He also started the 'Cash for Trash' cleanup campaign on Everest. Dawa Steven was featured in WWF-hosted TEDx talk in 2011.

Victor Saunders is a world-renowned British mountaineer and became a mountain guide in 1996 after a career as an architect in London. He relocated to Chamonix, France in 2003. He has climbed extensively throughout Europe, the Himalaya and Karakoram achieving many first ascents including the North Pillar of Spantik. He recently calculated that he's spent five years of his life under canvas! Victor has summited Everest six times and with back to back summits on Aconcagua in 2013, he completed his Seven Summits bid. He has also climbed other 8000 m peaks like Manaslu and Cho Oyu. His ascents list is predominantly on climbs of a remote and desperately hard nature, and Victor is still bubbling over with enthusiasm for the peaks and peoples of the Himalaya after 40 years of climbing. In addition Victor is a prolific writer and recipient of the Boardman Tasker prize for mountain literature. He will be joining us online for the panel discussions.

Harish Kapadia is a distinguished Himalayan Explorer. He has been awarded the Patron's Medal of the Royal Geographic Society, UK and the Life Time Achievement Award for Adventure by the President of India and the King Albert Mountain Award presented by The King Albert I Memorial Foundation. He has written numerous books and articles on the Indian Himalaya. His first visit to the Himalaya was almost 40 years ago. His main contribution to Himalayan climbing has been to explore unknown areas and, in number of cases, to open up climbing possibilities. Currently he is engaged in explorations in the remote areas of Arunachal Pradesh. He was the editor of the Himalayan Journal for more than three decades and now is 'Editor Emeritus' of the Himalayan Journal.

Divyesh Muni, a Chartered Accountant by profession, has climbed 30 Himalayan peaks and has made several first ascents of difficult peaks. His climbs include a new route on Chong Kumdan I (7071 m), first ascents of Chamshen (7017 m), Rangrik Rang (6656 m), Bhujang (6560 m), Abale (6560 m), Khhang Shiling (6360 m), Lugzl Pombo (6414 m), Rassa Kangri (6250 m), ascents of Kagbhusand (5830 m), Kamet (7756m), Manirang (6696 m), Sujtilla West (6273 m), etc. He has been the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary of the Club and is currently a member of the Managing Committee of the Club. Divyesh is well known for his exploratory climbs of technically difficult mountains. His recent expedition to Rassa glacier was awarded 'Excellence in Mountaineering' award by Indian Mountaineering Foundation.

Umesh Zirpe is a Tax Consultant by profession and has been active in mountains since 1978. He has organised and led many expeditions to the Himalaya. Some of the notable achievements of his expeditions in the Indian Himalaya include Manda (6510 m), Bhriugu Parvat (6041 m), Shivling (6543 m), Jaonli (6632 m), Shrikanth (6133 m), Sudarshan Parvat (6507 m) to name a few. He also led three expeditions to the peaks above 8000 m including Everest (8848 m), Lhotse (8516 m) and Makalu (8463 m). He is Secretary of 'Giripremi' and 'Aarohak', both Pune based climbing organisations. He was awarded many times for his mountaineering exploits and leadership qualities.

Dr. Murad Lala became the first Indian Doctor on the top of the world on 19 May 2013. An avid adventure sports lover, he has indulged in many extreme sports such as Sky diving, Bungee Jumping, Parasailing, White Water Rafting etc. He holds a Private Pilot's license and is also the gold medallist of 'Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme'. He is a cancer surgeon by profession working with Hinduja Hospital for the past 13 years. Towards realising his childhood dream of summiting Everest, he completed the 'Triple Crown Expedition' in October 2012, when he summited three peaks above 6000 m around Everest. The month long vigorous training in mountaineering, rock climbing, crevasse rescue and snow craft geared him to take on the greater challenge of summiting the highest point on earth.
