

*The Italian science
and cooperation
at the shadow of K2*

SKARDU EVENTS

International Mountain Film Festival
Trough CKNP Exhibit
CKNP New Headquarters

Italian K2 Museum, September 12 - 13, 2013



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PRESENTATION

The Ev-K2-CNR Committee and the Karakoram International University, in the framework of SEED project, promote a set of events in Islamabad and Skardu to celebrate the bilateral cooperation between Italy and Pakistan. The four-day event, patronized by the Italian Embassy in Islamabad is the opportunity to spread what the Ev-K2-CNR Committee and SEED project are doing to guarantee a sustainable development of the Central Karakorum National Park and highlight the role of the Governments of Italy and Pakistan, donors of the project.

September 13
10.00 am

CKNP NEW HEADQUARTERS

The CKNP directorate inaugurates his headquarters in a new ecologically sustainable complex, relying on renewable energy sources, such as a solar water heating system, a small scale wastewater treatment and proper insulation techniques. The CKNP headquarters, realized in the framework of SEED project, shall become a model for eco-sustainable construction in the area and serve as a pilot for testing of new small-scale/ rural eco-technologies. After the inauguration, the center will host the SEED project stakeholders meeting.

Inauguration
September 13, 5.00 pm

TROUGH CKNP

HISTORICAL, CULTURAL,
ENVIRONMENTAL ROUTES
ON THE WAY TO THE MOUNTAINS

The Central Karakorum National Park (CKNP) is not only an area to be crossed to reach the main peaks for mountaineering and trekking, but it is a rich territory with historical and cultural heritage and an unexpected flora and fauna. Depending on these considerations, the Ev-K2-CNR Committee and the Karakoram International University in the framework of SEED Project, promote the *Trough the CKNP* exhibition: more than 20 panels, with the support of multimedia documentations, guide the visitors through the most peculiar routes inside the Park. The exhibition panels include the outputs carried out in the framework of SEED project research activities and, at the same time, give the visitors an overview about the historical cultural heritage as well as about the flora and fauna.



INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

Organized in collaboration with "Orobie Film Festival"

IN THE HEART OF ASIA

Country: Italy-Pakistan

Direction: Stefano Ardito

Duration: 20' Year: 2013

September 12 - 6.30 pm

In 1913 the Italian scientist and explorer Filippo De Filippi organized a scientific expedition in Central Asia. Departed from India, he reached Skardu, Leh, the Rimu glacier, the Depsang Plains, the highest Karakorum passes, and arrived to Kashgar, in the Chinese Xinjiang.

The documentary, thanks to his diaries and his photos, retraces De Filippi's life and work before, during and after this great accomplishment and shows its true historical and scientific value.



NEXT TIME INSHALLAH

Country: Spain

Direction: Alex G. de Bikuña

Duration 35' Year: 2011

September 12 - 7.00 pm

The documentary relates the human experiences of Basque Alex Txikon, the Austrian Gerfried Göschl and the Canadian Louis Rousseau, in reaching the summit of the Gasherbrum I during the winter of 2011. For 61 days we will live with the three alpinists and their two Pakistani cooks, showing what life is like and the relationships in the Base Camp and how they take on this powerful mountain, to try and open a new route up the south face with the aim of achieving the first winter of this 8 thousand.



THE KARAKORAM ANOMALY

Country: Italia

Direction: Niccolò Piazza

Duration: 45' Year: 2013

September 12 - 8.30 pm

A documentary about climate change on the Karakoram and Himalayan ranges. The mountains here hold the largest amount of glacier water outside the Poles, and the locals' livelihoods have been depending on it for centuries.

The film shows the kind of irreplaceable human heritage that is at risk of being lost because of climate change: the local culture, its rich history, and its miraculously successful symbiotic relationship with the mountains and the glaciers.



ALONE ON THE WALL

Country: USA

Direction: Nick Rosen

and Peter Mortimer

Duration: 24' Year: 2009

September 13 - 5.30 pm

Alex Honnold is one of the most strong and versatile American climbers. Here we see him climbing in free solo (with no rope) the impressive rock of North America. Starting from the Utah sandstone desert, the images take us to the base of the north-west side of Half Dome, a granite colossus of 2700 meters in the Yosemite National Park, where Alex fulfils his dream and improves rock climbing to a new level.



MOUNT SAINT ELIAS

Country: Austria

Direction: Gerald Salmina

Duration: 100' Year: 2009

September 13 - 6.00 pm

A dramatic and awe-inspiring feature documentary following three of the world's greatest ski mountaineers to the Mount St. Elias in their attempt to realize the longest ski descent of the world. Set against the backdrop of Alaska's dangerous beauty, the movie is about a visionary borderline experience where unparalleled physical and mental pressure pushes the protagonists to the absolute limit. A movie about men who accept mountains as a challenge and whose vision becomes a real adventure.



A BUFFET WILL BE OFFERED AT THE END OF THE FILM FESTIVAL

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