

*The Italian science  
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# REDISCOVERING THE ABODE OF SNOW

Photo highlights from Filippo De Filippi 1913-1914  
Scientific Expedition in Central Asia:  
*Karakoram - Himalaya - Eastern Turkestan*

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National Art Gallery, Islamabad



The expedition was a major step forward for the knowledge of Karakorum, especially on the scientific side. The exhibit is made by photographic materials extracted from the original photo albums of the expedition conserved in the Archives of the Society for Geographic Studies of Florence, Italy: high resolution enlargements of the original photographic heritage depict the natural and cultural landscape of that time, and the pioneering scientific works of Filippo De Filippi. Thanks to this visually striking feature, it is possible for visitors to get details of the true historical and scientific value of that important expedition.

## REDISCOVERING THE ABODE OF SNOW THE EXHIBIT IDEA

The exhibition is dedicated to the great scientific expedition organized by the Italian scientist and explorer Filippo De Filippi in Central Asia in 1913-1914.

Departed from Italy in summer 1913, the Italian explorers travelled across British India by train, reached the Indus Valley and settled in Skardu for 4 months, doing several quick trips in the

nearer valleys.

In February 1914 the expedition reached Leh, the Rimu Glacier and the Depsang plateau.

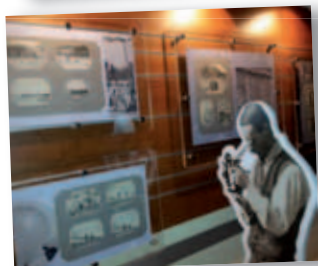
Few months later, in August, the group reached Kashgar in the Chinese Xinjang. Due to the First World War, the way back across the Russian Asia was very difficult and done by foot and train.



Final Expedition survey on Rimu Glacier De Filippi 1913-1914 Expedition - Camp at the Glacier's front lat 35° 21' 0.80" N lon 77° 38' 46.56" E Heading: 65°



# FILIPPO DE FILIPPI



De Filippi Exhibition in Florence



**F**ilippo De Filippi was one of the greatest scientists and explorers of the XXth century. Born in Turin in 1869, he graduated in medicine at the university of his town. After working as assistant at the University of Bologna and Genoa, he became reader in operative surgery at Bologna, where he pursued researches of great value in physiological and biological chemistry. His first experience as explorer dates back to 1897, when he joined the expedition of the Duke of the Abruzzi to Alaska as scientific observer, and took part in the ascent of Mount St. Elias. In 1906 he again accompanied the

Duke of the Abruzzi on an expedition to the Ruwenzori range of central Africa. The first detailed map of the higher part of this mountain region was a result of this journey, together with many valuable geological observations. In 1909 de Filippi and the Duke of Abruzzi were one more time together: destination of this new expedition, the western Himalaya and the Karakoram mountains.

De Filippi returned in that area in 1913-1914 for a great scientific expedition, that passed through the Central Asia and reached the far Chinese Turkestan. For his valuable investigations he received many honors from British and foreign scientific societies, and he is a gold medalist of the English and Italian Royal Geographical Societies.



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