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Share Everest 2011: the main goal has been reached, but not the summit

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EVEREST, Base camp, Nepal -- Daniele Bernasconi and Daniele Nardi, after reaching South Col, decided not to leave for the summit, where they would have installed a sophisticated sensor, able to send real time data about temperature and atmospheric pressure from the roof of the world.

Daniele Bernasconi and Daniele Nardi decided to attempt the summit of Mount Everest soon after installing the world's highest automatic weather station, which took place a week ago. The plan was to bring the sensor to the summit with the help of two Sherpa, but in the last few days, for different reasons, the Sherpa team decided not to climb up to the summit. Anyway, they accepted to climb up to South Col, bringing the summit sensor and equipment there.

The two Italian climbers decided, anyhow, to attempt the summit for installing the sensor without the help of the sherpa but with the aid of supplementary oxygen.

Today the climbers, Bernasconi first and Nardi after a few hours, reached South Col (8000 m) while the Sherpa team, after bringing the sensor up there, cleaned the place from the remains of the old automatic weather station and from the expedition materials. Bernasconi checked the proper functioning of the new automatic weather station at South Col, with the radio support of Gianpietro Verza from the Pyramid Laboratory. In the late afternoon, the final decision on the summit attempt.

"Unfortunately Daniele Nardi has not felt very well because of a bronchial disease - Bernasconi says from South Col -. At the moment he is taking oxygen. I cannot climb up to the summit by myself with the all weight of the sensor on my shoulders, therefore we have decided of not attempting the summit tomorrow. It is a shame, it would have been another great success. But the risk is too high in such conditions. We are proud of the success obtained with the re-establishment of the automatic weather station at South Col".

"It is a wise decision - Da Polenza says from the Everest base camp -. The concrete difficulties moved us to stop here the expedition. Tomorrow morning, however, the climbers are going to test the summit sensor at South Col and to give the last check to the new SHARE automatic weather station".

The SHARE Everest 2011 expedition, which started at the end of April, has reached its goals: installing the webcam on the top of Kala Patthar, that allows to monitor every 60 seconds the weather changes around the Everest summit (Link: <http://www.evkc2cnr.org/WebCams/PyramidOne/everest-webcam.html>) and the re-establishment of the SHARE automatic weather station at South Col (8.000 m) which is sending real time data about temperature and humidity, wind speed and direction, solar radiation and pressure.

"I would like to stress - Da Polenza concludes - that both the successes of Kala Patthar and South Col are the result of the commitment and the expertise of a wide team, composed by the two climbers - Nardi and

Bernasconi -, the EvK2Cnr staff, the Isac-CNR technicians and researchers, the Nepalese staff of the Pyramid, our technical manager Gianpietro Verza and all other people who worked for this expedition, included the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Scientific Research (MIUR), the Italian National Research Council (CNR) and all our Nepalese partners, among which NAST and the DHM, who have supported us”.

Find out more on: www.share-everest.com , www.evk2cnr.org, www.montagna.tv

Videos and photos of the mission, at high resolution, may be downloaded by connecting to the following ftp:

Host: [ftp3.evk2cnr.org](ftp://ftp3.evk2cnr.org)

User: evk2cnrftp3

Password: kondor77

Web access: <http://www.ftp3.evk2cnr.org/>

Please note that it is possible to communicate by telephone with the Pyramid-Laboratory and in particular with Agostino Da Polenza, President of the EvK2Cnr Committee and Giampietro Verza, technical responsible of EvK2Cnr’s monitoring stations. It is also possible to contact mountaineers Daniele Nardi and Daniele Bernasconi.

To find out more about the SHARE project and its high altitude studies, feel free to contact our press office.

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