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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL TECHMEETING 2012

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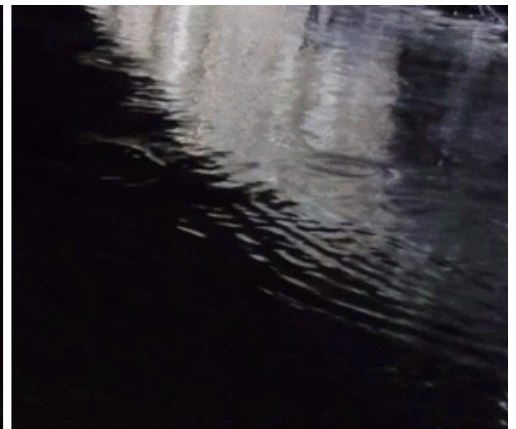
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TWO  
WEEKS  
TO  
START



# Argumenty Roberta Korima

It is obvious this day that Techmeeting will be extraordinary. Past meetings are deeply overshadowed by today's volume, number of presentations, legends' and present stars 'participation. Therefore I think, you should, even if:

- ..... this year you do not want to dive from various reason
- ..... you did not like TM in previous years
- ..... you planed something else to do in first week of February
- ..... you think that 50 Eur for entry is too much
- ..... you are little squabble with someone from participants
- ..... your stepmother has 60
- ..... fill yourself the reason

type to the keyboard

[www.techmeeting.eu](http://www.techmeeting.eu) and sign up for Slovak, Czech and today we can write even central-european divers "snipped" by syndrome of wrapping around and breathing



from several bottles.

It is unique occasion to meet the best word's divers, to touch their equipment or ask them about unpublished diving details. Do not miss that!

Robert Korim,  
The organizing committee

**WORDS  
FROM  
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## ATTEN- TION

The tickets for TM must be bought through on-line registration on [www.techmeeting.eu](http://www.techmeeting.eu). There is no option to buy them at the door. The entry will be checked and each participant will get registration card and hand strap. There will not be option to order the service as earphones, board, accommodation, t-shirt, calendar and so on. All this attributes are provided by other companies therefore will be prepared only for those, who ordered them ahead.

Today's price for meeting is 65 Eur. Finishing week the price

## How to buy ticket

A momentary entrance fee for the event is 65 Eur. The last week will be 70 Eur. Renting headphones with translation cost 5 Eur additionally.

All necessary information and instruction how to sign up are displayed on the official web page [www.techmeeting.eu](http://www.techmeeting.eu) !

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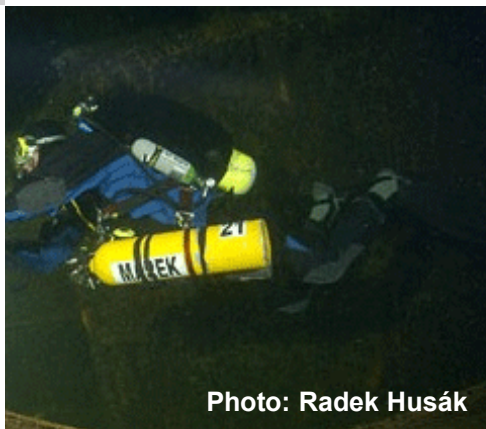
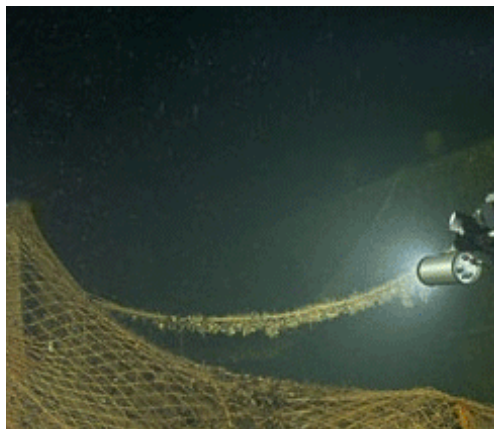


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# HEADLINERS TECH - MEETING 2012

## Brett Hemphill

**Training:** NACD - DPV; NSS-CDS - Full Cave Certified; IANTD - KISS Rebreather

**Dive Log:** Logged over 3000 dives with a maximum depth of 130 M

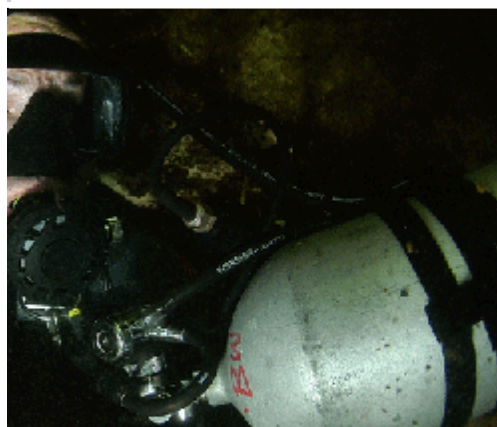
**Projects:** USA, Mexico, Belize,

**Occupation:** Director for Karst Underwater Research

**B**rett Hemphill has been exploring since he can remember. Having moved 5x before the age of 12, including a year in the country of Japan, his desire to investigate his ever changing childhood surroundings is what certainly molded him into the person he is today. Climbing everything that was climbable, searching every creek to its source, there never seemed to be enough to satisfy his curiosity. At the age of 14 he attended a youth dry cave excursion. While the others slept, Brett and two trip counselors managed to find a yet undiscovered section of the cave. This discovery, small as it may have been at the time, stayed with Brett for many years. Following Brett's underwater cave training in the early nineties, it was widely believed that no significant exploration in this field was left to be had, especially in Florida. No words could have provoked him more. Utilizing side-mount and no-mount and techniques, Brett began to probe and explore every sink-hole, tidal vent and spring within a fifty miles his central Florida home. By 1994 the discovery of several significant underwater caves had been made. Shortly following these discoveries he formed a specialized research organization designed specifically to document, study and preserve underwater caves. Brett has filmed and assisted in producing multiple under water cave documentaries and is responsible for the design several mainstream cave diving equipment configurations. Brett adapted pre-existing designs from long time side-mount divers such as: Woody Jasper, Wes Skiles, Lamar Hires, and Mark Long, designing a very holistic configuration named the Armadillo. Brett has filmed and assisted in producing a series of short under water cave documentaries including



NACD's The Need for Training. He speaks regularly on: Cave exploration and logistics, RB design, safety and use in overhead environments. For over 20y with the support and companionship of friends and team members, Brett Hemphill has assisted with the exploration, mapping and research of nearly a dozen of some of the US deepest, largest and most unique underwater cave systems. Additional exploration and research locations includes; Baha-mas, Cay Sal Banks, Dominican Republic & Yucatan.



**Brett's presentations on the Techmeeting 2012 at Bratislava:**

### ... CAVE DIVING

**Overview of Central Florida's Coastal Karst Features & Weeki Wachee Springs Exploration (60')**

### ... RB (CCR/SCR)

**Logistics for rebreather exploration (60')**

Author: Jana Gondova



# HISTORY OF TM YEARS 2008 - 2009

## 2005 Vizovice / CZ

Anniversary 10th year run under supervision of north-moravian divers. At the beginning there were mentioned 10 "bravies" who attended all 10 TMs and they were decorated.

Friday evening has been accredited to movies Haven, Dubník (Smola) Azory pod hladinou (Dlouhý) Speleozáchrana (Pišl). Very interesting has been lectures from history Subcom/Decom (Brázda) Barotrauma (Novomeský). There was interesting discussion about SCR and CCR apparatus, which moderated Honza Žilina.

Presentation Tres Presidentes (Čáni, Prachař, Skoumal) about securing of freediving records in extreme depth had as well big sympathy. Š. Novotny talked about problems of PFO. The top of meeting's talks was article of K. Svobodové, R. Husáka a H. Žiliny about penetration in Moravian carst, in Stovka and Cervik caves, which presents grate move ahead from prof. Absolon and Mirek Měkota era.

Further there were achievements in area discovery in cave Grotta del Bue Marino on Sardinia, the nicest one in Europe, we think. Manufactures and sellers as usually were promoting their technical products.

And one remark at the end - Shared project Xibalba which has been done by Czechoslovak speleological group recapitulated as always great H. Žilina.

As David Skoumal commented: "modesty of these discoverers is totally in discrepancy with their achieved goals..."



## 2009 Modra / SK

The 3rd Slovakian meeting in the row except record's attendance brought two main changes into program's structure of meetings. Administrators put into program autonomous block, devoted to diving accidents and their analyses. Enjoyable part of meeting was tradition of accepting tech. diving personality into Hall of Fame. Its first member became Silvester Pěkník, who really deserted it and made his hands impression to clay. In a history talk block we have seen old equipment from 60th (Trpík), heard summary of technical diving start on Florida in 70th (Klein) and admired gas mixing in 90th (Peknik). Present time has been represented by lecture from Hungarian divers about caves exploration Rákoczi a Kossuth Barlang (Balasz, Meixner, Pataki). Polish divers were presenting Baltic's wrecks (Popek a Stachura) and mystery of 2nd torpedo on Szent Istvan solved Zelenák with Baloghom (HU).

Author: Robert Korim

FAQ



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### FAQ - Video recording

There will be option to record running lectures in the meeting rooms.

### FAQ - Raffle

- 1) date: Sunday 18.00 after the end of program - it is the last part of program
- 2) how: occasional pick "from hat"
- 3) who can win: everyone, who is present at the time of raffle and has valid Techmeeting entry ticket as a proof
- 4) extra raffle tickets are not for sale, therefore everyone has same chance to win
- 5) prices are shown on our web side [www.techmeeting.eu](http://www.techmeeting.eu)

### FAQ - How to buy tickets

We always have reaction from you that you do not know if you are registered or not, because you did not receive any reply. After filling up the registration form you have to get this information on the screen:

„Rezervation has been successfully sent“.

Per return you will receive the e-mail. If you do not receive it please contact us.

In 48 hours we will contact you with payment notice.  
If that do not happend, please contact us by e-mail :  
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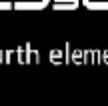
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## ĎAKUJEME

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## Dahab

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We are looking forward to meet you all and especially to our price winner. Lighthouse Center

