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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
INTERNATIONAL TECHMEETING 2012

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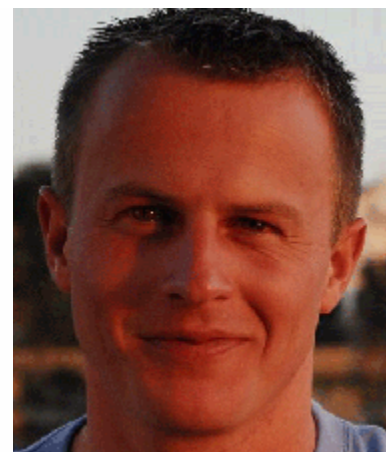
Since the first known cave dive which was made in France in 1878 and other dives made in Britain, Switzerland and Austria in the final years of the century has been a long time.

Same with year 1934 and 90-metre dive in Switzerland and the following year the initial chambers of Wookey Hole (England) were explored to 50 meters.

Much time has passed during that until now and that time with a lot of learning, experiences, fatal accidents, major dives, explorations and discoveries has been filled with the action by the best divers in the field.

Their collected memories, friendliness, willingness to share are here.

Now we have a chance to be with them, listen to their incredible stories, learn and use their mistakes for our way of diving...do not



miss this opportunity and sign up for Techmeeting 2012.

They...we will be there, having fun - are you?

David „Čani“ Čáni,
The organizing committee

Exclusive information

Whole history, presence and future of WKPP will be presented on TM by immediate parties B. Stone (legend of cave diving and underwater research) and C. McKinley (Project director WKPP).

History: Explorations at Wakulla Springs: Early Mixed-Gas Cave Diving; Rebreather Development; and 3D Underwater Cave Mapping

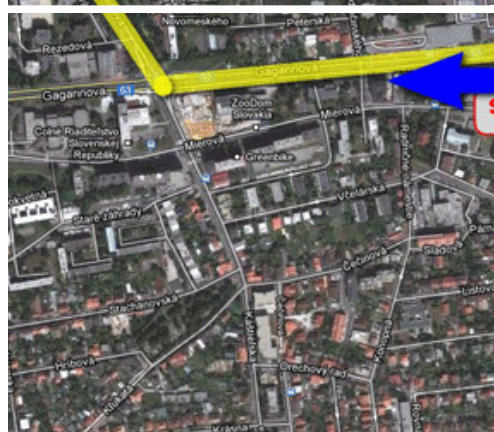
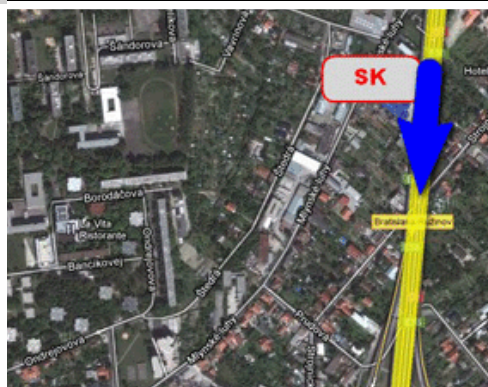
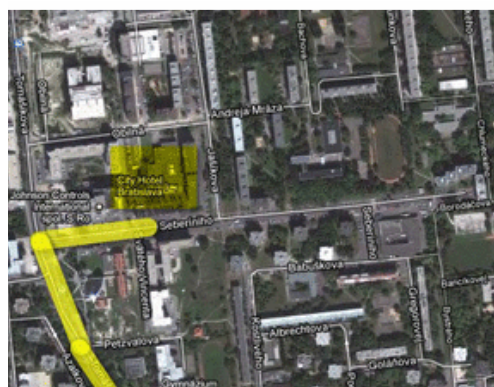
Present and Future: WKPP - Wakulla Springs to the Ocean - The Challenge Ahead

How to reach us

- GPS coordinates: 48.153982,17.166425 (put into Google Maps and you will see position of conference City Hotel Bratislava entry)
- Specification of route / see map
- Parking – directly in front of hotel is its parking for 5 EUR a day or in neighborhood

When to arrive

- Registration will start from 15.00 in the hotel entrance (everyone has to have electronic entry ticket printed with him)
- Individual meetings with visitors of TM
- 21.00 Bill Stone – autography – bring with you book “Beyond the Deep” (there will not be any book sale on the spot, because all of them are hopelessly sold out and we are waiting for reprint)



IMPORTANT !!!

There is only one way to sign up for TM – through on-line registration on our web side. There is no option to sign up on the spot! Please do not underestimate situation. It is due to technical conditions. Entry will be carefully checked and without valid, over web registered ticket, entry will not be possible. Consider the volume of attendants and follow the instructions for smooth progress.

HEADLINERS TECH - MEETING 2012

Casey McKinlay

MBA - 1997 Florida State University/ BS Finance - 1991 University of Central Florida

Professionaly: Halcyon Manufacturing, Inc.; Vice President, Chief Operating Officer

GUE - Board of Directors; WKPP - Project Director; The Explorers Club member

World record penetration from Wakulla Springs - 25,766ft/7856m - June 13, 2008

Casey McKinlay is a renowned aquatic explorer with more than 20 years of active research and discovery experience. Cave exploration since 1989. Woodville Karst Plain Project (WKPP) member since 1993.

Casey is currently responsible for directing operations for the WKPP, which is the most active and successful cave diving exploratory project in the world with more than one hundred members.

The WKPP recently received a Resolution from Florida Governor Crist and the Florida Cabinet recognizing the project's 20 year contribution towards underwater cave exploration and its work to protect Wakulla Springs.

Casey and his diving partner Jarrod Jablonski hold several cave diving world records including the longest exploration dive into a flooded cave system at more than 5 miles requiring more than 28 hours underwater.

Casey serves on the GUE Board of Directors, is a fellow of the Explorers Club and serves as an advisor to the Wakulla Springs Water Quality Working Group and Unit Management Planning Committee, promoting responsible use, study and protection relevant to water quality issues affecting Florida Springs.

Casey along with Global Underwater Explorers recently completed a successful wreck exploration project to USS Atlanta in the Solomon Islands and 3 cave diving expeditions to mainland China at the invitation of the Chinese government in addition to assisting with ongoing exploration and research projects in the Bahamas and Mexico.



He is giving a expertise in:
Exploration, support, video, survey, decompression, rebreather and mixed gas logistics.

Extreme exposure exploration, planning and logistics.

- 5-13 hours at 300ft/90m, 10-16 hours decompression, 15-30 hour run times
- 800 Cave Dives / 375 Wreck Dives / 675 Decompression Dives



Casey's presentations on the Techmeeting 2012 at Bratislava:

... CAVE DIVING

WKPP – Wakulla Springs to the Ocean – The Challenge Ahead (60')

... WRECK DIVING

2011 Expedition to the USS Atlanta (CL-51) (60')



**INTERNATIONAL
TECHMEETING
2012**

**3.-5. februára 2012
Hotel Bratislava
Bratislava - Slovakia**

25 speakers, 40 lectures, 30 exhibitors

Author: Jana Gondova



HISTORY OF TM YEARS 2010 - 2011

2010 Liberec / CZ

12th year of TM, organized by divers from Liberec under patronage DIR - Team CZ, was graphically presented on the new nice web-side. O. Lukš introduced Society of historic diving in Czech Republic. Medicine themes were presented in the articles about decompression chamber therapy (D. Skoumal) and oxygen (Z. Kalista). Always very good prepared J. Žilina referred about dives on the wreck Graf Zeppelin. Slovak lecturers substituted M. Palkovič with horrible sounded theme: Rebreathers fauna - panic or fiction. The main stars of the meeting were JP Bresser and John Thorton. JP talked about objectives and projects IKPP and DIR. John was talking about wreck diving on Scapa Flow and Dutch cruisers.

2011 Hustopeče / CZ

The last Techmeeting was held in a wine country, where we could find good food and hospitality. Its organization was very well prepared by team around Jarda Nesvadba. Hotel Centro had decorous premises. All tickets were sold out; therefore when another member of Hall of Fame has been decorated, there were almost 200 guests in the room. It was Mirek Lukáš who deserted its place and imprinted his hand prints on the plaque. To it he added print of his revolutionary light, which changed our diving history about two decades ago. After that the marathon of lectures could start. Krzysztof Starnawski/PI introduced evolution, ideas, attempts and putting in operation his twin rebreather. He was proofing its function on



his over 200 m deep dives in Egypt and cave Pit in Yucatan. Another Polish divers, Sebastian Popek - substituted Bałtyckie Rowarzystwo Wrakowe, talked about diving into wreck Grom and Andrej Kruczkowski about the support in technical diving. Michal Guba referred about mass drill of Integrated emergency system and Czech army system, where they practiced cooperation with rescuing a diver in Hranická abyss. By an irony of fate the rescue mission has changed to real rescue action. There was interesting article from Petr Slezak about diving in extreme low conditions. Techmeeting ending was moderated by Peter Kubička by DIR theme discussion. It was effort to map this kind of diving in CZ and SK after decade of existence. There have been some offset exhibitions at the smaller room especially CCR and SCR. Underwater photos and movies have been showed as well and they presented really high standard - especially Robert Crofta, Sebastian Popek, Slawka Pačko and our Břetislav Vaisara and Petr Vaverka.

Zaznamenal: Robert Korim



Photo: Radek Husák

RAFFLE AND PRICES

Raffle procedure

Techmeeting prices from sponsors will be drawn in Sunday about 17.00, after finish a last presentation as a last part of program. Raffle will be done by random draft from "hat". Everyone can be winner, who is present at the time of draft and has valid ticket as a proof. Extra tickets are not for resale; therefore each has the same chance to win some of the valuable prices.

List of drawn prices

- Scooter Suex XJOY 7
- Liquivision X1
- Oceanic OC 1 PIONEER Limited Edition Complete System
- Lighthouse Dive Center - Seven days Liveboard safari in Egypt for 2 people.
- PRIŠČAPAC DIVING CENTRE - Vouchers containing 10 dives for 2 divers. Island Korcula, Croatia - friendly DC for technical divers.
- DTD Stream 20 stainless-steel backplate 3 mm
- OMS Lerry Green 70 lb
- PIRATE Diving Helmets - MARK V. "antique 10 kg" Rozměry: 45 x 45 x 45 cm
- PIRATE Diving Equipment - Gift certificate
- PIRATE Diving School - 10 swimming goggles
- Dry pack KUBI Dry gloves
- UWH - Podvodní pouzdra - Nikon L25 + underwater housing Ikelite
- Fourth Element - ARCTIC 2 piece (Upper and Lower part, bag)
- TENSIO TECHNOLOGY - HP filling house 1m, 300 bar Gauge from L&W
- UWATEC digital 330 - EQUILIBRIUM
- KUBI diving bags for technical diving
- AQUAREA - 4 entry Tickets, Year 2012 to AQUAREA diving base
- DIVE 2000 Production - Regulator Bonaire - Subgear - 2. stage, ScubaBag - Scubapro, Book - „Cesty za tichom 1“, DVD 01 Slovensko/Kráľovná Karpát
- FINN SUB s.r.o. - FINN LIGHT 750 Short
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- SistemA Sidemount gear - 3x Tecdiving stage riggings for 80 cuft tanks
- new SF-2 Rebreather - 3x Tecdiving stage riggings for 80 cuft tanks
- iQsub - GoPro housing MOD up to 150m (Delrin)
- Mentos - Travel CCR balíček (O2 senzor Teledyne R22D a 2x travel pack absorbent Sofnolime 797)
- REEF d.o.o - Analox O2 EII

PROGRAM

Saturday - February 4th, 2012

8.00 h: Techmeeting opening (important organization info, Hall of Fame, recall of Robert Klein, introduction of lecturers)

9.00 - 19.00 hod: Lectures

21.00 - 02.00 hod: Evening reception with fun diving party (program with music band)

21.30 hod: Personal submission of 12 books to draft participants of evening reception. Bill Stone: "Beyond the Deep: The Deadly Descent into the World's Most Treacherous Cave".

Sunday - February 5th, 2012

9.00 - 17.00 hod: Lectures

17.00 hod: Raffle - draft of techmeeting prices from exhibitors

18.00 hod: The event end

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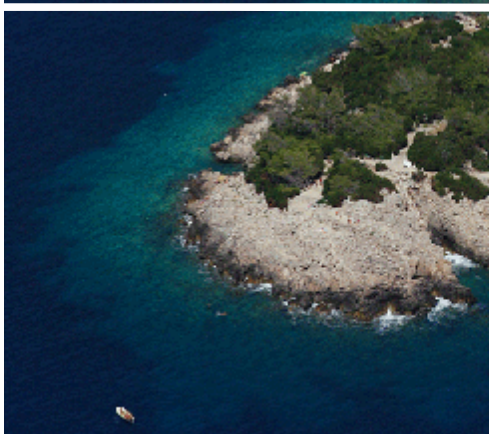
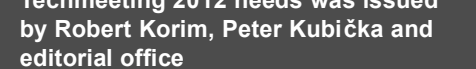
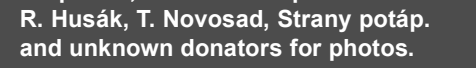
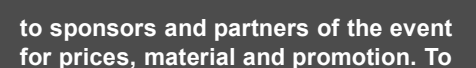
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Priščapac

Our diving center is situated on the Island Korčula in Croatia. The base is offering very wide range of services in recreational and technical diving. Its core is base by the water with very appropriate natural condition for training and care of certified divers. Accommodation and board can be arranged by us in the apartment hotel.

Location

Diving center preference is in its unique location directly in stricture "neck" of the priščapac half peninsula. Distance from beach entry or from pier, on which is diving equipment loading and unloading, is only a few meters. This location is practically within ship transportation, which we see as an advantage from another dive bases.

The position near the water makes divers possible to dive directly from the shore. It establishes very safe entry for divers in various diving classes even night dives. Beginners, parents with "diving kids" and advanced technical divers could appreciate beach entry.

Legitimism

All activities whose are providing in Priščapac, Korčula are legal and in accordance with the Justice of Croatian Republic. Podmorje, our Croatian company obtained all kind of permits and concession from local authorities to be able to organize diving. Our staff is qualified to lead dives under this permissions. Boats

passed the control and obtained certificates. Accommodation You can book via our partner Travel Agency Aronnax in Bratislava, Slovakia.

Equipment

For fast approaching diving places we are using 2 inflatable boats (4 and 8 m long) with strong outboard 150 HP engine. Compressors BAUER is used for filling tanks. Qualified divers can take advantage of filling oxygen, nitrox and cut and dried trimix. Base is equipped by various communicate and rescue devices.

Dives

Only 5 minutes by boat from DC are falling walls into 120 m depth. Island Korčula is even well known by its terrestrial caves. Similar terrain is waiting for divers under the water. Therefore our localities more often create various rock formation, towers, underwater bridges, square window ladders, canyons and even caves. There are tens of caves in the close range, which some of them are 200 m long, different ones are opened to small lakes in island entrails. We are ready to talk about this beauty on the Techmeeting 2012, or at least two of you (our price winners) show them personally on our diving base.



Robert Korim and Jozsef Zelenák,
Priščapac Diving Centre
- Korčula, Croatia.

You are more then Welcome!

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