

Explore 2009

SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHIES

Lt Col John Adams

John has had a full army career spending time with the Commando and Parachute Forces. During his service he undertook Adventurous Training Expeditions, involving climbing, sailing, canoeing and sub aqua diving as far as Australia and New Zealand in the East and Belize, Canada and Alaska in the West. He has recently retired from the Army's Accident Investigation Team where he was responsible for the investigation and reporting on all accidents within the Army which have a safety implication in order to prevent a recurrence. John is also the Chairman of the drafting committee for BS8848, Specification for the provision of visits, fieldwork, expeditions and adventurous activities outside the United Kingdom.

Dr Arita Y Baaijens

Arita Baaijens is a biologist, author and photographer. Twenty years ago she gave up her job as an environmentalist, bought camels and made a solo crossing across the Western Desert of Egypt. Today she has made over 25 expeditions (3-6 months at a time) with her own caravan of camels and is the first Western woman to have travelled the whole of the northern desert of Sudan on camel. She is also the first Western woman to have travelled the Forty Days Road twice. One of her discoveries is a hidden valley in the Eastern desert of Sudan with hundreds of petroglyphs depicting cows. She just came back from Darfur and is on her way to Egypt and Mauretania. Although she knows everything about camels, she intends to travel on horseback on the next expedition from Siberia to Afghanistan. Her most recent book is *Desert Songs, a woman explorer in Egypt and Sudan* (American University Press, 2008). For more information go to www.aritabaaijens.nl

Paul Baker

Paul first got the explorers bug at university in the late 1960's but it was not until 1973 with a trip to the Hoggar Mountains that he realised how important it was to explore with the young. Since those early days he has been taking students aged 10 to 20 to many different parts of the world. His favourites have included Morocco, Kenya, Borneo, India, and Brazil. He is secretary of the Rainforest Club. Having retired from 38 years of teaching in 2008 he is now a Geography consultant working to with schools and the Geographical Association. He is leading an rainforest conservation expedition to Sabah in July 2010.

Edward Bassett

Ed served in the British Army for ten years. He has taken part in adventure expeditions in Africa, Asia, Central America and North America/Canada. Since leaving the Army in 1986 he has concentrated on canoeing expeditions. His most recent projects include the 1997 Coppermine River Expedition, the 2001 Burnside River Expedition, the 2004 Trans Kenya Trek and the Sabaki River Expedition. He is keen to develop equal opportunities in expeditions and also works towards the development of an ethical approach to Charity Fundraising. Ed now runs a successful adventure holiday company as well as providing personal development training for young people aged between 13 and 25 through a charitable organisation

called Fairbridge. He lectures in expedition skills and land navigation for colleges across the UK.

Sarah Batten

Sarah has been working with the Land Rover Experience for a number of years. Their client base is wide and varied and they actively assist with the specialist training of Police traffic officers, mountain rescue teams and other emergency services, VIP's, Civil Dignitaries and the Royal Household, to name but a few. To date Sarah has been involved in the selection and training process of the competitors on both the G4 Global Challenges and worked on the G4 Challenge in 2006. Sarah's role as a Lead Instructor in the Training and Development department often finds her visiting the 30 odd global Land Rover Experience Centres, she has also been involved in a number of Global Launches for new Land Rover Products. Currently Sarah is working on developing new courses and ensuring standards are maintained across the Land Rover Experience network of centres.

Josephine Beynon

Josephine Beynon has just graduated this summer from Edinburgh University with a Zoology BSc. At university she was Secretary and then President of the Expedition Society (ExpEd) and enjoyed participating in student-led scientific expeditions to Borneo (2007) and Gabon (2008). She was responsible for filming the latter expedition and now that finals are over is currently editing the footage. Over August she took part in an expedition to Baffin Island where she assisted in recording the effects of climate change. Josephine is currently pursuing a career in natural history documentary filmmaking. She has also travelled widely in Yemen, Namibia and Morocco, as well as sailing extensively in the Mediterranean, including North Africa. Next week she is off to Oman to investigate possible opportunities to make a documentary.

Gavin J Booth

In November and December 2008 Gavin completed an unsupported expedition to the Geographic South Pole from the edge of the Antarctic continent. For the 45 days duration, the expedition was unsupported with no resupply and the 2-man team had to drag sleds almost twice their bodyweight across the ice. Fulfilling this dream was the highlight of many years preparation and organisation. He also completed an expedition to a previously unexplored area of North Greenland in 2007, and prior to that competed in ultra-running events in remote locations from desert to jungle to the Canadian Arctic. Gavin fits these adventures into his spare time as he spends the other part of his life working in London.

Yuri Boyanin

Yuri just returned to complete his undergraduate degree at Newcastle University after an year abroad in Finland. He is founder of the Bulgarian Oral History Association which hopes to promote oral history in his home country. In the summer of 2009 he led an expedition to Kyrgyzstan to study the nomadic settlement and collectivization of the 1930s, by interviewing direct witnesses of the forced Soviet campaign. He hopes to go onto to do a graduate African Studies degree. He takes pride in the number of countries he has been to (39), and suffers from an unending enthusiasm to explore new cultures.

Ollie Bray

Ollie Bray speaks to global audiences on creativity and innovation in education and is a national adviser for learning and technology futures. He has been a school leader, head of department and is an award winning teacher for innovative classroom practice, especially with the use of ICT, and project development. Ollie is also one of

Scotland's leading experts on internet safety and responsible use for schools. He has a particular interest in social media in schools, computer games in education, mobile technologies, school design, 21st century school leadership, and outdoor learning, and is a full member of the Association of Mountaineering Instructors. For more information go to www.olliebray.com

Jamie Buchanan-Dunlop

Jamie is director of Digital Explorer, an organization that aims to enhance young people's emotional engagement with the wider world. He is interested in communicating from the field and is happy to try to answer questions on: using the web, digital media (including filmmaking), Google Earth and the like, GPS, remote communications, youth expeditions and how to make your expedition relevant to the classroom. He also knows a little about the Himalayan regions of India, Pakistan and Tibet as well as Lebanon, Morocco and Oman.

Steve Burgess

Since leaving school he has earned a living on his family farm in Yorkshire raising cattle and drystone walling. Having explored the mountains of the former Yugoslavia as a teenager, 35 years of wanderlust led him to, amongst other things, surveying the derelict railway from Masawa to Asmara; travelling the coast of Panama by dug out canoe; and more recently driving across the land mass of Russia and Siberia by Landrover, culminating in the first crossing of the Bering Strait to Alaska by vehicle.

Dr Bill Burnett

Bill is a marine ecologist with a PhD in evolutionary genetics. He has worked and dived extensively in Australia, Indonesia, Panama, the Red Sea, US Virgin Islands and Scotland, and was a Research Fellow at the Department of Marine Sciences and Coastal Management, University of Newcastle. Between 1998 and 2001 he ran a coral reef monitoring project in Seychelles through the RGS-IBG Shoals of Capricorn Programme. Bill is now Head of Biology at St Paul's School in London, and is involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme and diving and sailing expeditions. Bill is a former trustee of the Marine Education Trust which supports local education initiatives in the Western Indian Ocean and is now contracted to the Trust as an educational consultant.

James Cheshire

James is a geography PhD student and Tutor at University College London. Utilizing internet mapping tools to share information is one of James' interests – something especially useful for sharing expeditions and fieldwork experiences. Before undertaking a PhD James pursued his interest in mapping glacier change by conducting fieldwork in Alaska, as part of the Juneau Icefield Research Program, and Iceland as part of the GLACSWEB project. James has presented a number of times at, and on behalf of, the RGS-IBG and is especially keen to talk with those just starting out on a research project. He is involved with the Worldnames project (www.publicprofiler.org/worldnames) which shows people their global surname distribution, and is a member of the RGS-IBG Quantitative Methods Research Group Committee. You can follow his research at www.jamescheshire.co.uk

Luce Choules

A fine art landscape photographer and managing director of Foldedsheet, Luce is a specialist in information mapping, editorial photography, graphic design and visual communication. Inspired by exploration, and based in Chamonix Mont Blanc, Luce documents experiences of journeys through a collection of written and visual details. An archival record of photographs, routes, itineraries, weather reports and kit lists are made for each cycle tour, walk, field trip, climb or expedition. New online work looks

at a relationship of people and place through a growing archive of photography-led narratives – see www.mappalogue.com for more details.

Phil Coates

Phil is a producer, director and location cameraman with over 15 years experience of working across all 7 continents – from minus 40 C to 50 C and up to 8,000m. Productions have included 'Blizzard – Race To The Pole' for the BBC, 'Everest Beyond The Limit' for Discovery Channel International, 'Challenge 8000' for ITV and Channel 4 and 'Ice Break Heart' for Channel 5. Phil runs Images of Adventure, a production company that specialises in adventurous programming and offers a range of production services to expeditions and organisations looking to tell the story of their adventures through the moving image. For information on expedition filmmaking courses in the UK, the French Alps or further afield see www.imagesofadventure.com

Dr Rob Conway

During the days (and the all too frequent nights) Rob is an anaesthetist. He loves his job but he spends much of his time dreaming of expeditions he has been on which all started here at Explore some years ago. No longer so fresh faced, he has been part of a number of expeditions that have ranged from SCUBA diving in the warm waters of Eastern Africa and the islands and shoals of the Western Indian Ocean, medical research in the Andes climbing peaks with only a handful of coca and a bottle of lucozade, through to kiting across the frozen landscapes of Greenland. Rob is currently acting as chair of Blue Ventures Conservation, an award winning charity working to increase the awareness of threatened coral reefs (www.blueventures.org). He teaches on expedition medicine courses and can be found at the bar wearing a beard.

Dr Alan Crofts

Dr Alan Crofts has had a lifetime fascination of desert environments that has led him to organise exploration, photographing and mapping expeditions in the African, Asian, Arabian and American deserts. He has crossed the Sahara through the western, eastern and central areas; made a solo crossing of the central Karakum desert of Turkmenistan in 2004; and recently traversed the Mongolian Gobi desert with his wife, Jacquelyn. He has undertaken significant mapping projects during his expeditions, particularly in Northern and Southern Arabia, the Chihuahuan desert of Mexico, and in the Kalahari desert of Botswana and Namibia. From 2001 to 2006 he worked as an intelligence officer for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force using common core deployment skills (including advanced first aid) and organization of expeditions. He has recently returned from crossing the Al Rub-Al Khlai empty quarter of Oman and Saudi Arabia.

Jacquelyn Crofts

Jacquelyn Crofts main passion is climbing. She has rock climbed in the French Alps and UK – mainly Yorkshire, Wales and Lake District crags. She has also done winter mountaineering in some of these areas and has spent months in Nepal, trekking to the Everest, Annapurna and Machapuchare base camps. She has also trekked in the jungle environments of northern Thailand and Cambodia. She is able to contrast the drama of mountains with the serenity of desert environments, having crossed the Mongolian Gobi desert and desert off-roaded in remote areas of Morocco. She has recently returned from a mini-expedition to the Al-Rub Al-Khali sand sea of Oman and Saudi Arabia.

Matthew N Davies

Matt is an expeditioner and also a Partner at top 40 Law Firm Hill Dickinson LLP. He specializes in advising travel and leisure companies, including providing expedition

companies with legal, safety and crisis response advice, and training. He is a Committee Member of the Travel and Tourism Lawyers and a member of the committee for BS:8848 dealing with safety on overseas expeditions. His interests include outdoor activities, medical, survival and safety aspects of an expedition and remote environments. This includes delivering safety training to companies overseas.

Roger Daynes

Polar experience includes 2½ years with British Antarctic Survey at Halley Bay and expeditions to Iceland and Svalbard. Started and has managed Snowsled (now Snowsled Polar Ltd) since 1988, manufacturing and supplying cold climate and mountain rescue equipment and clothing.

Josie Dew

Josie Dew has cycled some 350,000 miles across six continents and 47 countries (some of them by accident). The survivor of several wonky knees and a handful of worn-out bottom brackets, she is still firmly fixed in the saddle. She has written seven books about her travels. More recently she has towed her two-year-old daughter over 10,000 miles in a bike trailer around England. For more information on bikes and her books visit www.josiedew.co.uk

Matthew Dyas

Matthew Dyas is a filmmaker with a background in expedition productions. He began his career producing BBC Radio 4 documentaries before making the move into documentary filmmaking. In 2008 he finished a 2 year project producing BBC/Discovery Channel's Oceans Scuba Diving series. With a group of scientists and some of the world's leading underwater filmmakers the team explored the world's marine ecosystems, from Indian Ocean tropics to sailing an ice breaking research ship through the polar ice cap. Matthew has recently returned from the Arctic where he has been producing a BBC Geology Series and National Geographic co-production called How The Earth Made Us – a series exploring how geology has shaped human history.

Myles Farnbank

Myles has paddled, climbed and sailed in many of the world's wildest places. He is Director of Training for Wilderness Scotland developing and leading multi day expeditions in Scotland and overseas. He is one of a small number of Leave No Trace Master Educators operating in the UK., and runs a range of training courses in minimum impact camping and journeying techniques. He is currently working on a book and a website to support the development of these techniques and attitudes that are relevant to the UK.

Matthew Fielding

Matthew Fielding has been exploring and researching various parts of the tropical world since he was old enough to travel alone. His first trip to Peru, aged 18 has led him on a track through university expeditions, research expeditions and adventurous expeditions. He has conducted research over the past 8 years in Asia, Africa and South America. He completed some of the first ever soil surveys of the Manu National Park, using ingenious techniques and has since continued to focus on this region in his current position as Head of Research for the CREES Foundation and in planning expeditions for CREES Expeditions.

Charles Foster

A writer and traveller with extensive experience organising desert expeditions, particularly involving camels. He read veterinary medicine and law at Cambridge, was a research fellow at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem and is a barrister and a

tutor in medical law and ethics at the University of Oxford. He is a Fellow of Green Templeton College, Oxford. His expeditions have included the Western Desert, Sinai and the Algerian Sahara. He has skied to the North Pole, run the Marathon des Sables, and swum the Hellespont. He has studied the immobilization of gazelles in Saudi Arabia, and water metabolism in mules in the Danakil Depression in Ethiopia. His latest books are Tracking the Ark of the Covenant (Lion Hudson, 2007), The Selfless Gene (Hodder 2009), Wired for God: The biology of spiritual experience (Hodder 2010) and The Sacred Journey (Thomas Nelson, 2010). He is currently planning to swim the route arguably taken by Odysseus from Troy to Ithaca. And yes, he does know that Eratosthenes said that 'You will find the scene of Odysseus's wanderings when you find the cobbler who sewed up the bag of winds'. For more information go to www.charlesfoster.co.uk

Dr Rita Gardner

Rita is Director of the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), a role she has held since 1996. A geographer and field scientist by training (UCL and Oxford) she has spent extensive periods studying environmental change and soil erosion in many parts of the world, in some of the most remote and testing places. A year studying the red dune sands of South East India for her PhD, having driven alone from Mumbai to Chennai three weeks after passing her driving test in the UK (!), was followed by studies in Kashmir, Thailand, Oman (as a member of the Society's field research programme in the Wahiba Sands) and Egypt. Between 1990 and 1998 she developed, led and funded (£500,000 from DfID) a team of Nepali and UK scientists making some of the first systematic studies of soil erosion in the Middle Hills of Nepal, which was another of the Society's field research programmes. Swapping an academic career at King's College and at Queen Mary (London University) to head the Society, she has been instrumental in the Society's development in recent years. She travels widely and passionately believes geography is essential to people understanding our changing world. She has edited and written four books, numerous journal articles, and has advised two TV series on the British landscape.

Anthony Geffen

Anthony Geffen is one of the world's leading documentary producers and film makers. He began his career working for the BBC before setting up Atlantic Productions in 1992. He has made over twenty acclaimed series and films, but has also produced cutting edge multi-media projects using the Internet, Enhanced Television, Web TV, Computer Animation and Virtual Reality. His films have been nominated and won many of television's most coveted awards including Emmy, BAFTA, Banff, Cable ACE and Critics' Guild awards and prizes at the New York and Chicago film festivals. Anthony is currently working on a major theatrical documentary retracing the steps of George Mallory, the legendary British explorer who may have been the first man to summit Mount Everest.

Paul Goodyer

Paul Goodyer is the CEO of Nomad Travellers Store & Medical Centres. The idea for this company was conceived 20 years ago combining his experience in tropical travel and his retailing of army surplus. His travels over the last 30 years include trips to Africa, Asia, South/ central America and the Middle East. The diversity of the trips has given him specialist knowledge on travel equipment and staying healthy which is the foundation of the Travellers Stores and his own range of travel products. Paul personally tests the products he recommends and sells and has had numerous expeditions and independent journeys into rainforest and desert doing just that. He also writes weekly travel tips for the Sunday Times.

Elizabeth Gowing

Elizabeth is a writer, translator, and education consultant in the UK and the Balkans. Her NGO, The Ideas Partnership, focuses on sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and education projects in Kosovo, and she works with the Balkans Peace Park Project which develops and runs programmes in Kosovo, Albania and Montenegro where the skills of international volunteers support education and environmental awareness among the region's young people. She is currently writing a book about the Edwardian watercolourist, anthropologist, relief worker and Balkans traveller, Edith Durham.

Dick Griffiths

Dick Griffiths is the Evaluations Co-ordinator of the Young Explorers' Trust and the Assistant County Commissioner (Expeditions) for West Lancashire County Scouts who have been independently audited for compliance with BS8848. He has spent a lifetime providing adventure opportunities for young people, particularly in taking members of the Scout Movement on mountaineering trips to the Alps and to remote places like Northeast Greenland. Dick is also currently a Freelance Expedition Leader and generally takes six student expeditions each year to developing countries.

Adam Griffiths

Adam Griffiths is an expedition leader and adviser. He has been on several expeditions around the globe, and has spent over 14 months living in the high arctic. Recent trips have included expeditions to Greenland, Spitsbergen and Kamchatka. His interests include ski mountaineering and endurance events. Adam teaches off-road vehicle handling and leadership development and is currently studying medicine at Swansea University. Adam studied Modern History at the University of Oxford, where he was Secretary of the Oxford University Exploration Club.

Dominic Hall

Dominic Hall runs Fieldskills UK, providing training and logistical support for expeditioners both in the UK and in North Borneo. He has built up experience over more than twenty expeditions including Gap year programs to Belize and Borneo – clocking up more than two years living in his jungle hammock – school expeditions to Norway, Costa Rica and Peru and science volunteer expeditions in Oman and Slovakia.

Paul Harris

Paul Harris has been a freelance documentary, travel and expedition photographer for over 20 years. His particular interest has always been in people, culture and the impact we have on the environment. His first professional assignment took him across the Steppes of Mongolia in search of the legacy of Genghis Khan with the writer and Explorer, Tim Severin. Expeditions to Russia's Far East, Kamchatka, Ladakh, The Malay Archipelago, Chile, Nepal, Niger, Kyrgyzstan and Vietnam continued to inspire and hone his vision. In recent years, he has documented the vital work of Survival International, Coral Cay Conservation and Earthwatch and was one of two 'photographers-in-residence' for the RGS expedition to Brunei. He is a recipient of the RGS Cherry Kearton Award for photography of "Peoples and the natural world" and currently writes a regular column for Outdoor Photography magazine. For more information go to www.paulharrisphotography.com

Martin R Hartley

One of the world's leading expedition photographers, Martin has won 5 international awards for his adventure photography and to date has documented 19 major polar expeditions and is one of the only professional photographers to have crossed the

Arctic Ocean on foot and with dogs: Adventure Ecology Top of the World Trans Arctic Expedition 2006, and Catlin Arctic Survey 2009 – an international collaboration between polar explorers and some of the world's foremost scientific bodies to more accurately determine how long the Arctic Ocean sea ice cover will remain a permanent feature of our planet. The WWF have selected some of Martin's images to hang at COP15 this December.

Peter Harvey

Peter has been involved in the outdoor Industry since 1991 working both in the commercial and volunteer sector. He was the founding director of Wilderness Expertise, a youth expedition company focusing on personal development, and his work in this field lead him to support BSES expeditions for 10 years before helping form an industry association of Expedition Providers. Currently, Peter works as a consultant advising teams working in remote environments, from exploration geologists to seed collectors. He is Chair of the Young Explorers' Trust who promote youth expeditioning and has been an active member of the BS8848 technical committee. In his wider life he has escaped and worked on Denali for the National Park Service, collected white-fly larvae in the forests of Guyana and survived running across the Atacama Desert.

Alex Hibbert

Alex recently led the Tiso Trans Greenland Expedition that travelled 1374 miles without power support or resupply, one of the longest fully unsupported polar expedition in history. Alex read Biology at the University of Oxford and was twice a finalist in the international BBC Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year. In 2002, aged 15, Alex was one of the youngest people to complete the 125-mile Devizes to Westminster kayak ultra-marathon. Alex spends as much time as possible mountaineering, skiing, white-water kayaking and drinking good beer. He joined the Royal Marines in 2008 now also works as a photographer, author and speaker.

Frazer Higgins

Frazer Higgins has recently completed a six week RGS-IBG supported expedition to the Mahamavo dry forest and associated wetlands in the west of Madagascar, conducting a biodiversity survey. He has also had experience in the Mangoky region in south-western Madagascar working as a field assistant, in Trinidad and Tobago on university placement and in Honduras studying on a field course. He is particularly interested in GIS, ecology and conservation issues.

Peter Holland

Peter won an RGS-IBG Learning and Leading Gap Scholarship in 2008. He used his sponsorship to map game reserves, track and monitor animals in South Africa. In September 2009 he went to Newcastle University to study a 3 year degree in Geomatics. From a young age Peter has owned a hand held GPS and used it for walking around the UK, linking up to OS maps and satellite data for A-Level projects. He has also completed work experience with the British Antarctic Survey in their mapping department where he was shown the use of ArcGIS software to help create bespoke maps for the scientists.

Emily Hufton

Emily is a registered nurse who primarily works in the Emergency Department of Manchester Royal Infirmary. She is also employed as a travel nurse for Nomad and lectures on travel health risks to health care professionals. Emily holds the diploma in Tropical Diseases from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Diseases and has completed the Wilderness Medicine Training in the French Alps. Her passion for travel began as a student on a cycle trip that pioneered a route through the Indian

Himalaya. Since then she has travelled extensively and has worked as a medic and project manager for Raleigh expeditions in Costa Rica and Nicaragua and as a medic for British Military Fitness in Borneo. In 2010 Emily will be moving to East Africa to work in health promotion for VSO.

Lyn Hughes

Lyn Hughes is the co-founder and editor-in-chief of Wanderlust magazine, the UK's leading travel magazine for adventurous travellers. A fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, Lyn is regularly consulted by tourist boards and governments on travel-related issues, especially regarding ethical tourism and she sits on several committees, including the Latin American Travel Association and the Visit Japan Committee. In 2007 and 2008, Lyn was Highly Commended as Publisher of the Year while The Times lauded Lyn as one of the "50 Most Influential People in Travel."

Alastair Humphreys

Alastair Humphreys, 32, cycled off-road across England when he was 14. Later he cycled from Pakistan to China, Mexico to Panama and Argentina to Peru. Alastair attended Explore in 2000 and, upon graduating in 2001, was inspired to cycle round the world. His journey, in support of 'Hope and Homes for Children', covered 46,000 miles, 60 countries and 5 continents. Alastair has written 3 books about his journey. He has done some work with Sustrans promoting their schools' cycling campaign. He ran the 2008 Marathon de Sables and, after a short stint as a teacher, walked across India. He is now preparing for SOUTH, the first unsupported return journey to the South Pole. For more information go to www.alastairhumphreys.com

Charlie Jaques (CJ)

At 24 CJ found himself driving All-terrain expedition vehicles in South America for one of the most reputable commercial expedition companies. Popping out two years later he found himself in the driving seat going from the UK to Nepal via Iran and the Pakistani tribal lands. What followed has been 15 years driving expedition vehicles through some of the harshest and most challenging of environments, quite often pioneering new driving routes. He has driven the length of Africa, the Americas, the Middle East, Central Asia, India, China and Russia to name but a few...Mud, sand, interesting borders and bridges are all old friends. He has, amongst others, advised commercial overland companies, classic car rallies, not-so-classic car rallies and the 2012 Olympics.

Tony Jones

Tony started work life as a motorcycle engineer and spent five years as an expedition leader and truck mechanic for Dragoman which took him to most parts of Africa including two trans-Africas and on an expedition to China through central Asia then returning via Mongolia and Russia. He has been expedition leader on motorcycle trips through west Africa and have just returned from leading the first commercial round the world motorcycle expedition London to New York.

Nakul Krishna

Nakul Krishna read Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Exeter College, Oxford, and is Secretary of the Oxford University Exploration Society. He spent the last summer as the treasurer, fundraiser and occasional interpreter in a student expedition to Arunachal Pradesh in Northeast India. The team was there to record the religious and folk music of the culturally Tibetan Monpa tribe native to the region.

Josh Levene

Josh Levene has worked in international development and humanitarian relief for fourteen years. He has worked extensively throughout Africa, Asia, the Balkans and

Oceania and specialises in participatory approaches to development. He currently manages the UK office of Praxis – the Institute for Participatory Practices (www.praxis-uk.org). One of Praxis' current projects is the Voice of the Nile. This is an innovative development expedition down the Blue and White Niles, using participatory assessments and Google mapping to give people, who depend upon the Nile, a voice in policy decisions regarding the rivers future. You can find out more about the expedition at www.voiceofnile.org

Robert Lilwall

In 2004 Rob Lilwall left his job as a geography teacher in Oxfordshire and instead decided to do something far more relaxing... he flew to Far Eastern edge of Siberia and then spent the following three years riding 30,000 miles home on his bicycle – via Papua New Guinea, Tibet and Afghanistan. Along the way he endured camping at minus forty, a bout of malaria, and being robbed at gunpoint (www.cyclinghomefromsiberia.com). Since making it back to London at the end of 2007, Rob has made a TV series about the journey (National Geographic), written a book (published by Hodder & Stoughton). He is currently trying to decide whether he is brave enough to go back into teaching.

Dan Linstead

Dan Linstead is the editor of Wanderlust, the UK's leading magazine for independent and adventurous travellers. Prior to joining Wanderlust in 2006, he gained ten years experience as a magazine editor and journalist, focusing on in-flight and consumer lifestyle titles. Dan plans and commissions each issue of Wanderlust, appears regularly on TV and radio as a travel industry commentator, and provides advice to aspiring travel writers. His most recent travels for the magazine have been to Rajasthan, Romania and Borneo.

Dr Peter Long

Peter is a research officer at the University of Bath, working on the interface between GIS and conservation genetics. He has led three RGS-IBG supported expeditions, including the 2009 RGS Ralph Brown expedition to study ecosystem services in wetlands in Madagascar. Since 2007 he has also co-ordinated biodiversity monitoring programmes in Honduras, South Africa and Madagascar for Operation Wallacea. Favourite subjects include: biodiversity databases, monitoring theory, GIS, remote sensing, classification and change analysis, species distribution models, ecosystem services and conservation planning at landscape scale. Peter works in rainforest, dry forest, savannah and wetlands.

'Mac' Mackenney

Ex-Army Helicopter Technician specialising in remote area operations and RAF Pilot. Overland vehicle Expedition Leader in Africa and UK Camel Trophy competitor. Logistics & Forward Reconnaissance Leader to Land Rover Global Expedition, via the sea-ice of the Bering Strait, led by Sir Ranulph Fiennes. Former Expedition Consultant to Land Rover, undertaking 3 long-distance driving records, vehicle expeditions in Asia and humanitarian mission during Kosovan war. Right-hand man to Ran Fiennes' during North Pole expedition and Expedition Manager for Xtreme Everest medical research expedition – largest ever medical research expedition at high altitude. Member of first team to complete amphibious crossing of the Bering Strait and Leader of Bus to Beijing for London 2012 Olympics. Writer for Land Rover Monthly as expert on overland expeditions. Director of Max Adventure Ltd, specialising in expedition logistics and consultancy.

Jessamy Marsden

Jessamy has just started an MSc in Outdoor Environmental and Sustainability Education at Moray House in Edinburgh . Since graduating in July 2008 with BSc (Hons) Tropical Environmental Science from the University of Aberdeen, she has been working towards her Mountain Leader Training; trained and started working as a first aid instructor with First Aid Academy and ITC; and worked as a volunteer for Durrell Wildlife Trust in St. Lucia. She was involved with 3 expeditions as an undergraduate: 1) to Mexico looking at biodiversity in coffee plantations under different management regimes; 2) to do canopy research with frogs in Sabah Borneo; 3) looking at stream living frogs in Brunei Borneo. During her gap year she spent 3 months in Peru and 3 months in Mexico working on conservation projects with the organisation Teaching and Projects Abroad, followed by 6 months working as a keeper at Edinburgh Zoo.

Charles Montier

Charles Montier, 23, this year completed the first descent of Guyana's Potaro River, from source to mouth, with two Patamona Amerindians. This was his first big expedition, involving 17 months of planning. He is willing to provide advice to anyone looking to undertake a jungle or river based expedition. For more information or contact details, visit www.explorationguyana.com

Bryony Morgan

Bryony Morgan studied Biology at Newcastle University and graduated in June 2004. She led two undergraduate expeditions whilst at Newcastle – to the highlands of Papua New Guinea to study bird and insect biodiversity in coffee gardens (2003), and to record and map rock art sites in Central Mongolia (2004). Following her undergraduate degree, Bryony spent two years working on biodiversity issues for the World Bank, concentrating on projects in Mongolia and Indonesia and on the international wildlife trade. She subsequently spent a year living and working in Indonesia, and recently completed an MSc at Oxford University's School of Geography and the Environment. She is currently working on programme monitoring and evaluation for TRAFFIC International.

Glenn Morris

Gareth Mottram

Tim Moss Tim is always looking for the next challenge. Whether that be traveling Around the World in 80 Ways, climbing new mountains in Bolivia or completing a 15-hour triathlon to visit a friend on the Isle of Wight. With a background in expedition logistics from his time at the British Schools Exploring Society, Tim has been involved with adventures on all seven continents. Tim spends his time helping other people to undertake their own challenges as well as planning his own next adventure. For more information got to www.thenextchallenge.org

Tim Motz

Tim is in the fourth year of a BA in European and Middle Eastern Languages at Oxford University, where he is Expeditions Adviser to the Oxford University Exploration Club (OUEC). He was the Expedition Leader of the 2009 OUEC Expedition to Northeast India, where he led a team of four in making high-quality audio recordings of traditional folk and liturgical music in Mönpa regions of Arunachal Pradesh, a Tibetan Buddhist area. This research will soon be entered into collections including the British Museum and the Tibetan Himalayan Digital Library. Tim has

avelled extensively in other parts of India and the Subcontinent, and has enjoyed unsupported trekking in countries including Chile and Tajikistan.

Dr Mark Mulligan

Mark Mulligan, Department of Geography at King's College London is an active researcher who promotes the importance of field research as fundamental to understanding and better managing environments and ecosystems. He has led successful field teaching and research programmes throughout Europe, Latin America and South-east Asia including RGS-IBG sponsored fieldwork in Colombia, Brunei and Nepal and has supervised more than 12 successful student expeditions at undergraduate, masters and PhD levels. Mark works extensively with GIS, modelling, remote sensing and laboratory experimentation to upscale field research for use in policy support and makes a number of global and regional datasets and policy support systems available online at www.kcl.ac.uk/geodata. Mark is a member of the RGS-IBG Expeditions and Fieldwork Division Committee and is also senior fellow of the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre. Mark currently leads research projects on: water, food and poverty in the Andes for the Challenge Programme on Water and Food (supported by DfID); desertification in Southern Europe and North Africa (supported by the European Commission); and the environmental services provided to humanity by the world's protected areas (supported by UNEP).

Hallam Murray

Hallam Murray spent 15 years in book publishing. He has cycled from California to Tierra del Fuego and across the Falklands, (two journeys, 17,000 miles). Other bicycle expeditions have included India and 'en famille', Mauritius. He is now a freelance lecturer, writer and photographer. Family expeditions of approximately 3 months each include Ecuador, Chile, Mauritius, Bangladesh and the Åland Islands. He has lectured on several occasions at the Royal Geographical Society where he has chaired and organised two separate Independent Travellers' Seminars. With a passion for Latin America, he lectures for Cunard & Silversea on their South American cruises, and was recently made chairman of the Anglo-Peruvian Society.

Quin Murray

Quin was brought up as a traveller, with much of his early life spent on his parents' backs in South America, Mauritius and Bangladesh. Although his first disposable camera was eaten by a monkey in Nepal, his desire to travel and photograph the world didn't stop growing. He spent three months living in Nepal teaching in three schools – one high up in the Annapurna range. A journey by ship around the Southern parts of South America with his father, followed by cycling from John O'Groats to Land's End in midwinter unsupported, further increased his passion for photography. Since then he has worked with lions in South Africa and huskies inside the Arctic circle. He is now studying psychology at Durham University, and working as a freelance photographer.

Rob Murray-John

Rob has been involved with expeditions to the tropics since 1993. He was the Managing Director of the charity Trekforce Expeditions and the company Trekforce Worldwide which at the time were both dedicated to running challenging and project-based expeditions. He has since set up Sky2Sea International which runs pioneering and remote bespoke expeditions and conservation projects for individuals, groups, gap year and corporates and in addition provides an expedition consultancy service for production companies worldwide. Rob has led and set up tropical and desert expeditions, conservation projects and teaching placements in South East Asia,

North Africa and Central and South America. For more information go to www.sky2seainternational.com

Willow Murton

Willow began work at the BBC six years ago when she joined Bruce Parry and the team behind the BBC2 series, Tribe. Starting as a researcher, she ended up working across the three series and across many countries from Siberia to Brazil. She rejoined Bruce on the BBC2 Amazon series as an Assistant Producer. This epic journey followed the Amazon river from source to sea and ended with a BAFTA award for Best Factual Series this year. Around the World in 80 Faiths took her away from Latin America and into the religious heartlands and hinterlands of the USA until last year when she joined the BBC1 series Human Planet. This landmark series is focussed on the relationship between man and nature. For more information go to www.humanplanet.blogs.bbcearth.com

Sarah Outen

In August 2009 24 year old Sarah Outen became the first woman, and the youngest person, to row solo across the Indian Ocean, as well as the youngest of only 8 women to row any ocean solo. The 124 day, 4,000 mile voyage took her from Perth, South West Australia to Mauritius and raised £30,000 for various charities. Now home from the ocean, she is developing plans for future projects alongside writing a book about her row, lecturing to schools and businesses and developing ideas with television companies. Her 19ft rowing boat will be on display over the weekend; however, she can only be present on Saturday. For more information go to www.sarahouten.co.uk

Ed Parsons

Ed Parsons is the Geospatial Technologist of Google, with responsibility for evangelising Google's mission to organise the world's information using geography, and tools including Google Earth, Google Maps and Google Maps for Mobile. Ed was the first Chief Technology Officer in the 200-year-old history of Ordnance Survey, and was instrumental in moving the focus of the organisation from mapping to Geographical Information. Earlier in his career he was a Senior Lecturer at Kingston University, where he helped establish Europe's first undergraduate course in GIS and has developed one of first weblogs in the Geospatial Industry, www.edparsons.com

Richard Pattison

Richard Pattison has been involved in polar expeditions for more than 15 years. Most notably in the Antarctic Peninsula region where he has led 3 expeditions to explore and record the Danco Coast and Forbidden Plateau region. His other areas of direct experience include South Georgia and in the Arctic, Greenland, Jan Mayen Island and Norway. His deployed experiences include sledging journeys, mountain climbing, sailing, use of inflatables and field studies including geology, glaciology, survey and historical survey. His non-deployable experience include collaboration with academic and polar bodies, commercial sponsorship and partnership, as well as all aspects of pre-deployment training and planning, including risk assessment and management.

Suresh Paul

Suresh Paul, founder and director of Equal Adventure, is an Industrial Design graduate with extensive knowledge of disability, social inclusion, coaching and sports science. With over ten years of experience in inclusive design has run research and development projects in the UK and abroad which have combined a range of research and user involvement strategies to produce sports equipment for people with a wide range of impairments. His current PhD and practical research activities

include the development of a schema for designers of barrier free equipment to aid in the understanding of the issues surrounding disability in functional terms.

Roger Payne

Roger Payne is a climber and mountain guide with first-ascents in 4 continents and over 25 expeditions to remote and difficult mountains. He is currently President of the British Mountain Guides. Roger has been involved in a wide range of mountain training and development initiatives, including national and international training standards, and environment projects. He is currently a member of the steering committee for 'Moving Mountains', an initiative to promote sport for cooperation and peace. His most recent climbing trips (including Autumn 2009) have been to Sikkim where he has climbed several virgin peaks, helped with training for local guides, and advised the state government on access for mountain recreation and sustainable development (which has resulted in the opening of new 'Alpine Peaks'). Payne lives in Leysin, Switzerland, from where he offers guided climbs and a programme of courses in mountaineering, skiing, avalanche, and leadership development training. For more information go to www.rogerpayne.info

Lt Cdr Alistair Philip

Alistair studied Geology at the Royal School of Mines before joining the Royal Navy in 1995. Sub-specialised as a hydrographic surveyor, he has served as navigating officer of two warships and has conducted survey operations in a variety of riverine, beach, littoral and maritime environments in European waters, the Mediterranean, Indian Ocean, Persian Gulf, off Sierra Leone and the US Eastern seaboard. In a non-seagoing capacity he has served in a variety of roles including Precise Navigation & Route Survey, Environmental Intelligence data gathering and strategic intelligence collection.

Allen Pope

Allen Pope is a PhD student at the University of Cambridge's Scott Polar Research Institute where he is interested in remote sensing of glaciers, in particular investigating new measurement techniques to monitor present-day glacier behaviour. He has participated in fieldwork in the North East United States, South East Alaska, Central Namibia, and Antarctica's McMurdo Dry Valleys and is currently planning a research on Svalbard's Brøgger Peninsula in August 2010. He is involved with both the UK Polar Network (UKPN, polarnetwork.org) and the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS, apecs.is) and encourages anybody interested in Polar science to check them out. You can find out more about his research at sites.google.com/site/apope00

Dr Tariq Qureshi

Tariq Qureshi is the Medical Adviser to Oxford University Expeditions Council, a body of academics which considers whether to give the University's formal approval to student-led expeditions and is a contributor to the Oxford Handbook of Expedition and Wilderness Medicine. His interests include mountaineering in the Arctic and participation in endurance events. Tariq will be available throughout Explore to discuss any aspects of medical preparation for expeditions. Tariq Qureshi is the Medical Adviser to Oxford University Expeditions Council, a body of academics which considers whether to give the University's formal approval to student-led expeditions and is a contributing author to the forthcoming Oxford Handbook of Expedition Medicine. His expeditions have included mountaineering and sea-kayaking in the Arctic and he is a keen competitor in endurance events.

Spike Reid

Spike was the photographer, navigator and in charge of media for the Latitude Expedition, an around-the-world expedition along the line of 50 degrees North in a Land Rover Defender, which was the first winner of the Land Rover/RGS Go Beyond Bursary. Previously Spike was President of Northumbria Students' Union for two years and has worked in many countries as a Product Designer. He has undertaken expeditions on four continents and is a keen mountaineer.

Rosalind Savage

Roz Savage is a British ocean rower and environmental campaigner. After 11 years working as a management consultant, she embarked on a new life direction – in a rowboat. In 2005 she rowed solo across the Atlantic, and is now attempting to become the first woman to row solo across the Pacific. She has completed Stage 1 (California to Hawaii) and Stage 2 (Hawaii to Kiribati). The final stage of her voyage to Australia takes place in 2010. Roz is a UN Climate Hero, a presenter for the Climate Project, and an Athlete Ambassador for 350.org. She has been listed amongst the Top 20 Great British Adventurers by The Daily Telegraph, and the Top 10 Adventure Twitters by Outside Magazine. Her book, Rowing the Atlantic, is published in the US by Simon & Schuster.

James M Sawyer

James has planned and executed thirteen expeditions overseas and managed projects (development, conservation and disaster based) in over 40 countries. He has specific expertise in both rainforest and diving expeditions. James is a mountain leader, wilderness first aid trained and has a certificate in off-site safety management. He has a BSc in Geography and an MSc in Emergency Planning and Disaster Management. In April 2009 James led a team of scientists to a previously unexplored area of the Philippine rainforest. James currently works as Head of Disaster Management for WSPA.

Dr Ivan R Scales

Ivan is a lecturer in Human Geography at St Catharine's College, University of Cambridge. His research focuses on the socio-economic dimensions of deforestation in western Madagascar and his interests lie within the broad themes of tropical deforestation, community based conservation and rural livelihoods in Africa. Ivan has also carried out research on conflicts over forest resources in Cameroon, led an expedition to the Amazonian rainforest of French Guiana to study amphibian diversity, and worked for the Tropical Biology Association running its field courses in the tropical dry forests of Madagascar. Ivan has a PhD in Geography, an MSc in Anthropology and a BSc in Ecology.

Chris Scott

Since 1982 Chris Scott has undertaken over thirty expeditions through the Sahara by motorcycle, 4WD, Mercedes sedan, MAN truck and most recently, camel. In 1997 he originated the term 'adventure motorcycling' – these days the fastest growing arm of motorcycling and his books and DVDs include Rough Guide Australia, Sahara Overland, Adventure Motorcycling Handbook and Desert Riders broadcast on National Geographic Channel. For more information go to www.sahara-overland.com

Mark Smith

Mark is Head of Biology, The Grammar School at Leeds, and has twenty years experience of running expedition field projects with the Yorkshire Schools Exploring Society, British Schools Exploring Society and Brathay Exploration Group in mangrove, desert, savanna and afro-alpine ecosystems. Mark holds the fieldwork portfolio on the Young Explorers Trust Council and is increasingly asked to provide

advice to expedition planners on the possible uses of GPS/GIS technology. He is an experienced user of ArcGIS in school education and organised some mapping projects in Kenya last summer.

Nick Smith

Nick Smith is the UK editor of the Explorers Journal as well as being a columnist on Outdoor Photography Magazine. He is regular travel writer for The Daily Telegraph and a former editor of Geographical magazine. A fellow of the Royal Geographical Society this year, Nick travelled to the North Geographic Pole and has recently returned from a photographic assignment to Syria. His new book about travel literature will be published in May 2010.

Dr Catherine Souch

Catherine Souch is Head of Research and Higher Education at the RGS-IBG. Trained as a geographer, she has led field projects in mountain environments of Canada, United States, Costa Rica and New Zealand. Her most recent work has focused on wetland ecosystems and contamination. In her role at the RGS-IBG, she oversees the grants programme along with a range of other activities related to universities, research and scientific expeditions.

Daniel Stoker

Daniel Stoker is the Society's Web Editor. In his previous position, he supported the work of the Society's 27 research groups as part of the Research and Higher Education Division of the RGS-IBG. Daniel studied marine biology at the University of Southampton; after graduating he joined the marine conservation organisation Blue Ventures, working both in the UK and in Sout West Madagascar, and focusing on fisheries research. In January 2008, Daniel completed a transatlantic crossing on a yacht as part of a 4-man crew. Daniel now works across the Society's many activities in editing and developing the Society's website. Recently this has included online showcases of the Collections including a Google Earth tour about the pioneers of Desert Exploration and the website for the recent Hidden Histories of Exploration exhibition.

Nick Taylor

Nick is a Colorado-based Brit, a Chartered Engineer, an ex-Wall St CTO who gave it all up to become a devotee of the worlds deserts, including solo expeditions in the Sahara and Rub' al Khali. A Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society since 2002, Nick has delighted in sharing his experience with several expedition groups. He is also a member of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Explorers Club. As well as being a freelance Information Technology Strategy Consultant, Nick is a partner in Sagen Media, an outdoor and adventure communications company, and also operates a small travel and logistics company specialising in travel to, and immersion in, the worlds more unusual and remote places.

Simon Thompson

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Jessi Tucker

Jessi Tucker is a newly qualified doctor currently working in Chichester. Interests include wilderness and expedition medicine and, never one to miss the opportunity to

be bossy, organising various wilderness/conflict medicine events in the UK. She has taken part in expeditions and/or research in Belize, Guatemala, Burma, Malaysia and Borneo, The Gambia, Nepal and most recently been trekking in the Sinai. She is a Council member of the Catastrophes & Conflict Forum at the Royal Society of Medicine and, before being sidetracked by medicine, she dabbled in writing for Geographical magazine and The Daily Telegraph.

Dr Craig Turner

Craig Turner is the Managing Director of JFA Ltd. – an ecological consultancy firm. Craig's conservation research interests range from ecosystem approaches to natural resource management to baseline biodiversity surveys which inform conservation management. As such, he has worked on research and conservation projects focussed on marine, coastal and tropical forest areas in Central America, East Africa and the Asia-Pacific region. He is the research leader for a Darwin Initiative funded programme in Papua New Guinea, combining resource assessment, biodiversity research, environmental training and alternative livelihoods. Most recently, Craig co- led the Negros Interior Biodiversity Expedition (NIBE) supported by the Zoological Society of London – an independent project to an unexplored area of the central Philippines. Craig is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, Zoological Society of London (ZSL) and Linnean Society of London. He is also an active member of the ZSL EDGE community.

Paul Walker

Paul is the world's most experienced leader of mountaineering expeditions to Arctic Greenland including the organisation of more than 150 expeditions to Arctic Greenland, Iceland, Baffin Island and Svalbard. He has made 7 crossings of the Greenland icecap, and over 100 first ascents of new peaks in Greenland. He led the first guided kite assisted crossing of Greenland in 1999, the first unsupported high level ski traverse of Spitsbergen in 2001, and the first winter ascent of the highest mountain in the Arctic “Gunnbjornsfjeld” in March 2006. Paul holds an Honours degree in Outdoor Education and owns the Greenland Expedition Specialist Company “Tangent Expeditions”. For further information about Paul go to www.tangent-expeditions.com

Prof David Warrell

David is Emeritus Professor of Tropical Medicine, Nuffield Department of Clinical Medicine, University of Oxford. He chairs the RGS-IBG Medical Cell, is a Conservation Fellow of the Zoological Society of London and was president of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and International Federation of Tropical Medicine. He practised and taught medicine, carried out research on tropical diseases, travelled extensively and enjoyed natural history while living in Ethiopia, Nigeria and Thailand and during visits to many other African, South Asian and South American countries and Papua New Guinea. He founded the Wellcome, Mahidol University-Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Programme in Thailand 30 years ago and later the Centre for Tropical Medicine and Tropical Medicine Network based in Oxford. His research interests include snakes, snake bites and all other venomous bites and stings, plant poisoning, rabies, malaria, louse-borne relapsing fever, respiratory and other infectious diseases and expedition medicine. He has written papers and book chapters on these topics and edits the Oxford Textbook of Medicine (5th edition 2010) and the Oxford Handbook of Expedition and Wilderness Medicine.

Steve Watkins

Steve Watkins has been a professional photographer and author for over 14 years and is now the editor of Outdoor Photography magazine. His photography work has taken him to over 60 countries and to every continent. He is the photographer and

author of three bestselling BBC books in the 'Unforgettable' series and the Director of Photography for the Travellers' Tales Festival.

Tara Watney

Tara is a freelance producer and documentary maker. After working in production for the past 10 years on commercials, music videos, documentary and award winning short dramas; Tara turned her hand to directing, focusing on documentary. To combine her passion for adventure and filmmaking she went to the RGS Explore weekend in 2008 for inspiration. By the following April, as a result of the people she met at Explore, she and her camera were following an expedition into the Philippine rainforest looking for new and endangered species. The documentary is now near its final draft and is looking for a place with broadcast and/or the international film festival circuit.

Dr Nigel Winser

Nigel Winser is the Executive Vice President and Head of Programs of the Earthwatch Institute with offices in North America, Europe, India, China, Brazil, Kenya, Japan and Australia and research teams in over 50 countries. Prior to his role at Earthwatch, Nigel was the Deputy Director (and Head of the Expeditions and Fieldwork Division) of the Royal Geographical Society with IBG in London. As an undergraduate, Nigel was involved in the organisation of fieldwork in the Sahara, South West Ethiopia and the Tana River in Kenya. He joined the RGS in 1976 and helped establish the Expedition Advisory Centre. He has helped direct the RGS interdisciplinary research programmes to the rainforests of Sarawak ('77/'78), to the mountains of the Karakoram, Pakistan ('80), to the savannah of the Kora Reserve, Kenya ('83) the Wahiba Sands in Oman ('86), the Kimberley, Australia (88), the rainforests of Brunei ('90/'92), the Mkomazi Reserve, Tanzania ('92/'97) the Badia desert, Jordan ('92/2000), and the Shoals of Capricorn Programme (98-01) a three-year study of the Mascarene Ridge in the Indian Ocean.

Shane Winser

Shane Winser is responsible for expeditions and fieldwork at the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG). She heads Geography Outdoors: the centre supporting field research, exploration and outdoor learning (formerly known as the Expedition Advisory Centre) which provides advice, information and training to some 1,500 plus scientific, educational, and adventurous expeditions each year. Shane has also written and edited many books and articles on various aspects of expedition planning, and the history of exploration, and is editor of the Expedition Handbook (Profile Books, 2004) and one of the Editors of the Oxford Handbook of Expedition and Wilderness Medicine (OUP, 2008)