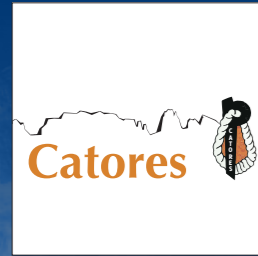


Diego Moroder Design



Es freut mich ganz besonders heuer zum 5. Mal den „Karl Unterkircher Award“, mit all den tollen Alpinisten und alten Freunden begrüßen zu dürfen.

Als gemeinsame Freunde damals vor 10 Jahren zu uns kamen, mit der Idee einen Preis in Gedenken an Karl ins Leben zu rufen, war es nicht schwer uns zu überzeugen. Die Idee war geboren aber ihre Umsetzung war auch mit viel Arbeit und Einsatz verbunden. Deshalb möchte ich mich bei dieser Gelegenheit bei allen von Herzen bedanken die mitgeholfen haben diesen Abend zu gestalten, allen voran Herbert, Ellis und Peter. Ohne ihre Begeisterung und Überzeugung wäre er nie zustande gekommen.

Für mich war es immer ein sehr spannender und aufregender Moment mit all den Alpinisten zusammzutreffen die dieselbe Leidenschaft für die Berge und das Abenteuer teilen wie Karl. Jeder dieser Abende hat in mir einen tiefen Eindruck hinterlassen.

So wünsche ich allen, dass auch die diesjährige Veranstaltung bleibende Erinnerungen an einen Abend voller Emotionen hinterlässt.

Silke Perathoner Unterkircher

Mi fa particolarmente piacere porgere il mio saluto a Voi, cari alpinisti e vecchi amici, in occasione della quinta edizione del 'Premio Karl Unterkircher'.

Quando, 10 anni fa alcuni amici vennero a proporre l'idea di creare un premio in memoria di Karl, non è stato difficile convincerci. L'idea c'era, ma comportava tradurla in pratica, cosa che richiedeva molto lavoro. Per questo, in questa occasione, vorrei ringraziare di cuore coloro che hanno permesso di organizzare l'evento di questa sera. Ringrazio tutti, ma in primo luogo Herbert, Ellis e Peter: senza il loro entusiasmo e la loro devozione non ce l'avremmo mai fatta.

Per me, si è sempre trattato di un evento molto avvincente ed appassionante perché si incontrano tanti alpinisti con la stessa passione per le montagne ed il senso di avventura di Karl. Ognuna di queste sere ha lasciato dentro di me un' impressione forte.

Auguro a tutti, quindi, che l'evento di oggi rimanga nella mente di ognuno come una serata ricca di emozioni.

Silke Perathoner Unterkircher

My warmest greetings to my dear alpinists and old friends, on occasion of the fifth "Karl Unterkircher Awards".

When a number of friends came together ten years ago and suggested we create an Award in memory of Karl, they had no difficulty in persuading us. The idea was planted, but it needed manifesting, and this was going to mean a lot of work. For this I would therefore like to thank, from the bottom of my heart, all those who enabled us to run this evening's event. Thank you everybody, especially Herbert, Ellis and Peter: none of this would have been possible without your enthusiasm and dedication.

I always felt this event to be particularly compelling and exciting: a space where many alpinists who share Karl's passion for the mountains and sense of adventure can meet. Every one of you has left me with a lasting impression this evening.

Therefore, I hope that this occasion stays in all your memories as a stirring and inspirational evening.

Silke Perathoner Unterkircher



2010
Simone Moro (Italy) and Denis Urubko (Kazakhstan) the letter absent for the first winter ascent of Makalu (8463 m)

Samuel & Simon Anthamatten and Michael Lerjen (Switzerland) opening of a new direct route in alpine style on the south-east wall of the Jasemba (7350 m)

Robert Jasper (Swiss) and Roger Schälli (German) for the first free ascent of the famous „Road of the Japanese“ on the Eiger North Face. (8a)

Marko Prezelj, Rok Blagus the indication und Luka (Slovenia), authors of three new routes in splendid style in the group of Bhagiathi, in the Garhwal Himalayas

Ueli Steck (Swiss) who has demonstrated a rare versatility beyond one hour and 56 minutes Schmid on the north face of Matterhorn, the Golden Gate (8) on El Capitan and the normal routes of GII (8035 m) and Makalu (8463 m)



2012
1st Ascent winter ascent of the Gasherbrum II 8035 m (Pakistan)
The Italian Simone Moro, Denis Urubko from Kazakhstan and Cory Richards (USA) summited on Feb. 2011 first winter ascent of the Gasherbrum II with temperatures down to -50°C

Big Walls (Greenland)
9 new routes on Big Walls of Cape Farewell on the southern and western coast of Greenland climbed by Sean Villanueva, Nicolas e Olivier Favresse (Belgio) e Ben Ditto (Usa):

Great Trango Tower 6286m (Pakistan)
New opening of the northwest wall route „Parallel World“ (VI+ 7b, 2580 m) by Marina Kop-teva, Galina Chibitok and Anna Yasinskaya and from 22.7. - 9.8.2011 (38 days in the wall).



2014
The first ascent of the east face of Kungyang Chhish (Karakorum / Pakistan) by Simon Anthamatten (SUI), Matthias Auer (AUT), Hansjörg Auer (AUT) July 18th, 2013

„Legrima“ North Sassolungo done by Adam Holzknicht and Hubert Moroder January 7th and 8th 2013

First ascent of Torre Egger west wall - "Notti Magiche" March 2nd 2013 by M. Bordella & L. Schiera (28 Feb. and 1,2,3 March 2013) to the top of Torre Egger



2016
Link Sar West (Karakoram) and the first winter ascent of Jon Griffith (FR) and Andy Houseman (UK)

Trollveggen Troll Wall (Norway), the polish guys Marek Raganowicz (PL) and Marcin Tomaszewski (PL) opened Katharsis in the winter

Civetta of the Dolomites - „Via degli studenti“
In August 2015 Giorgio Travaglia, Alex Walpoth, Martin Dejeri and Titus Prinoth (Italy) completed an important new rock climb on the north-west face of the Civetta. The alpinists made a first attempt with Marta Mozzati in September 2014.



Karl Unterkircher
extreme alpinist & Guinness Record holder

Award

Sa. 14.07.2018 - 21:00

5. KARL UNTERKIRCHER AWARD

CULTURE CENTRE „OSWALD VON WOLKENSTEIN“ SELVA VAL GARDENA

15.07.2018 - 11:00

CERIMONIA DI COMMEMORAZIONE – GEDÄCHTNISGOTTESDIENST

CAPPELLA DI S. SILVESTRO IN VALLUNGA / SILVESTERKAPPELLE IM LANGENTAL

Award 2018

14.07.2018 Selva Val Gardena / Italy



Family, friends and colleagues have decided to create an award in honour of him, to keep his name alive in the world of mountaineering. The award will be granted to three mountaineers or group of mountaineers who have demonstrated great climbing skills or carried out extreme expeditions in alpine style. It is intended not as competition but as an award as fair play. The event is organized every second year.

Prize ceremony

The achievements of the nominated alpinists are presented on Saturday July 14th at 9:00 pm at the Culture house "Oswald von Wolkenstein" in Selva di Val Gardena with video recordings and slide shows. The awards consist in a sum of money of Euro 2000,00 or 1500,00 and a plaque of dolomite stone.

Honoured Jury

Silvio Mondinelli „Gnaro“ (Italy) president
Thomas Huber (Germany) alpinist Huberbuam
Carlo Caccia (Italy) journalist
Simon Kehrer (Italy) alpinist, climbing partner of Karl at Nanga Parbat
Hubert Moroder (Italy) member Catores mountain guide

Guests of honor

Kurt Diemberger
(the only alpinist, who has made the first ascents on two Eight-thousander)

Work group

Silke Perathoner
Peter Unterkircher
Herbert Mussner
Ellis Kasslatner
GardenaGuides
Catores Alpine Guides
Tourist Office Selva di Val Gardena

Entry: entry with voluntary donation
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NOMINATION 2018

Ines Papert (D) and Luka Lindič (SLO)

„Lost in China“ 11.01.2017 Summit and new ice climbing route of the Kyzyl Asker (5842m) in Kyrgyzstan (China)



NOMINATION 2018

Simon Gietl (I) and Marcel Schenk (CH)

16.11.2016 „Amore di Vetro“. A first ascent in mixed climbing (rock and ice) of Pizzo Badile (3,308 m) in Switzerland

NOMINATION 2018

Simone Moro (I), Ali Sadpara (PAK) and Alex Txikon (E)

26.02.2016 Summit and first winter ascent of Nanga Parbat (8126 m, Karakorum, Pakistan)



The extreme alpinist Karl Unterkircher was born on August 27th 1970 in Selva Val Gardena.

At the age of 15 he discovered his passion for climbing. He was a climbing trainer in the military service and passed the mountain guide exam in 1997. He celebrated his first big success in 2004, when he ascended Mount Everest and K2 without artificial oxygen in just two months. For this, he was recorded in the Guinness Book of Records in 2008. The ascent of the Jasemba, Nepal, with Hans Kammerlander and of the Gasherbrum II with Daniele Bernasconi and Michele Compagnoni followed in the next years.

On July 15th 2008 the 38-year-old Karl Unterkircher was killed in an accident while climbing over the Rakhiot-ice wall on Nanga Parbat.

