



ISMM

International Society for Mountain Medicine

## Welcome from the President



I am very pleased to assume the ISMM presidency for the term 2016-2020. On behalf of the executive committee and all members, I also express my gratitude to Buddha Basnyat who has led the Society over the last few years.

My main aims will centre around the reinforcement of the society in terms of its scientific rigor, sustainability, attractiveness, increased scientific communicative exchange and encouragement of the new generation of up and coming researchers. The main targets on the agenda are: to establish a standardised data recording protocol for high altitude research; to support a review and potential update of the 1991 Lake Louise Scoring system for the diagnosis of acute High-Altitude Illnesses; to establish a “young investigator grant” and “best abstract awards” to be awarded at the ISMM World Congress.

At the last general assembly in Telluride, it was decided to host the next ISMM World Congress in Nepal. The event is expected to be in November 2018 and will be organised by the Mountain Medicine Society of Nepal (MMSN), with administrative support from EURAC.



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If you are not a member yet, consider that ISMM membership gives you a series of advantages:

- The ISMM list-server gives you the opportunity to discuss specific topics that you cannot find on Google or PubMed.
- You have free access to High Altitude Medicine and Biology, the highest ranked journal on high altitude medicine.
- You can sign-up for the bi-annual ISMM World Congress with a 50% reduction.
- You can get a 20% discount off the ISMM membership fee if you are already member of a national mountain medicine society.

Warmest regards,

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