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IFMGA Denali Symposium 2013

On May 15th 2013 an international team of 13 mountain guide instructors of the IFMGA breaks up for a four-week workshop at Denali.

Denali (Mount McKinley) in Alaska with its 6.194 metres of altitude is the highest mountain in North America and is thus part of the Seven Summits. It was named after the 25th President of the United States William McKinley. Another name used for this mountain is Denali, an Athabaskan word that means "the big one" or "the high one". In Alaska, Denali is the official name for this mountain.

Denali is the highest peak of the Alaska Range and is located at Denali National Park which was named after the mountain. The mountain is considered one of the most extreme in the world in terms of climate and is characterized by bad weather, strong winds and extraordinary low temperatures. Often hurricane-like storms are approaching the mountain with wind speeds of more than 120 km/h. During winter time Jet stream with about 160 km/h drops above the mountain.

Goals of this symposium are to:

- Offer a platform for a common training and levelling course concerning the subject of expeditions for the national associations of the IFMGA
- Point out the competence of the IFMGA (in terms of technique/professionalism, issue competence, social competence etc.) to the national parks in the USA and in other places
- Show the possibility of better quality in guiding competence in high altitudes

The team is composed by instructors from the following countries:

France	Switzerland	Austria
Germany	Japan	Nepal
USA	Peru	Bolivia
Poland	Spain	Great Britain

The expedition can be followed on the IFMGA website under www.ivbv.info. Thanks to the use of Pieps Globalfinder the movement of the team may also be followed live online.

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