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Since the Renaissance, research on the indigenous nature in mountain regions has experienced a major boom. After the discovery of America, the Spanish crown started to claim „relaciones” (reports) from sailors, as well as from local officials, to gather information about the nature and people of the newly discovered territories. During the 18th and 19th centuries, the Andes, the Alps and the Himalayas were once more a central focus of natural research, as the travels to the Alps by Horace-Bénédict de Saussure (1740–1799), the Chimborazo expedition by Alexander von Humboldt (1769–1859), or the journey of the Jesuit Ippolito Desideri (1684–1733) to Tibet prove.

The case studies of the conference IAAH 2020 focus on the natural history research in mountain regions from 16th to 20th century, with a comparative approach, emphasizing the role of the actors, their practices, the circulation of objects and knowledge.

Programme	Jeudi, 3 septembre 2020 Thursday, 3 th of September 2020
10:45-11:10	Welcome desk
11:10-11:30	Bienvenue et introduction/Welcome and introduction Simona Boscani Leoni (Univ. Lausanne/Univ. Bern)
	Panel 1: Histoire naturelle et environnement dans les montagnes européennes: les Alpes à la Renaissance/Natural history and environment in European mountain areas: the Alps during the Renaissance Chair: Karine Crousaz (Univ. Lausanne)
11:30-11.50	Conrad Gessner und die Entmythologisierung der Alpen Urs Leu (ZB Zürich)
11:50-12:10	2434 m – die Besteigung der Südtiroler Laugenspitze durch Regina Brandis und Katharina Botsch-Zwingenberg am 24. August 1552 Hannes Obermair (Univ. Innsbruck)
12:10-12:30	Das kalte Element in der Kleinen Eiszeit. Eidgenössisch-bündnerische Schnee-, Gletscher- und Lawinenforschung im späten 16. Jahrhundert Florian Hitz (ikg, Chur)
12:30-13:00	Discussion
13:00-14:00	Lunch
	Panel 2: Silviculture et géologie dans les montagnes européennes, XVIII^e-XIX^e siècles/Forestry and geology in European mountain areas, 18th-19th centuries Chair: Emmanuel Reynard (Univ. Lausanne)
14:00-14.20	Selvicoltura e pratica forestale nell’area alpina orientale (secoli XVIII-XIX): la circolazione dei saperi Giacomo Bonan (Univ. Bologna), Claudio Lorenzini (Univ. Udine)

14:20-14:40	From the Mont Cenis to the Mount Vesuvius and back again Corinna Guerra (Univ. Bari)
14:40-15:00	Geological riddles: the origins of geotourism in the Dolomite Mountains William Bainbridge (University of Hertfordshire)
15:00-15:30	Discussion
15:30-16:00	Pause café/Coffee break
	Panel 3: Nature, botanique, zoologie et sources d'eaux minérales dans les Alpes, XVIII^e-XX^e siècles/Nature, botany, zoology and mineral water springs in the Alps, 18th-20th centuries Chair: Iago Otero (Univ. Lausanne)
16:00-16:20	Les acteurs locaux de la recherche botanique en Valais au 18^e siècle Madline Favre (Univ. Lausanne)
16:20-16:40	Mineralquellen – Bodenschätze aus den Bündner Bergen. Die Intensivierung der Erforschung der Quellwässer im 19. Jahrhundert Karin Fuchs (ikg, Chur)
16:40-17:00	Researching in the Italian Alps: zoologists of the University of Turin and natural sciences in the 19th century mountains Carlo Bovolo (Univ. Piemonte Orientale, Vercelli)
17:00-17:20	Explorations into the Dinaric Alps. A comparative periodization of natural history studies in the Austro-Hungarian Southeast provinces, 1815-1914 Brigitte Fuchs (Univ. Wien)
17:20-18:00	Discussion
18:45-19:30	Séance du comité AIHA / Assemblée générale AIHA Committee meeting IAAH / General assembly IAAH
20:00	Souper/Dinner

Vendredi, 4 septembre 2020
Friday, 4th of September 2020

	Panel 4: Sciences naturelles et montagnes en Asie, XIX^e-XX^e siècles Natural science and mountains in Asia, 19th-20th centuries Chair: Sandro Guzzi-Heeb (Univ. Lausanne)
9:00-9:20	Natural science researches in the western Himalayas in the nineteenth century CE Himani Upadhyaya (Ashoka Univ.)
9:20-9:40	Drawing a natural frontier in the Pamir mountains: the Griesbach geological mission and the colonial demarcation of Afghanistan's frontiers Francesca Fuoli (Univ. Bern)
9:40-10:00	Imposing the global: the Himalaya as a high-mountain 'type' Lachlan Fleetwood (Univ. Cambridge)
10:00-10:30	Discussion
10:30-11:00	Pause café/Coffee break

	Panel 5: Sciences naturelles et montagnes aux Amériques, XVII^e-XIX^e siècles/ Natural science and mountains in the Americas, 17th-19th centuries Chair: Alexandre Elsig (EPFL, Lausanne)
11:00-11:20	La Historica Relación del Reyno de Chile (1646) de Alonso de Ovalle Stefano R. Torres (Univ. Lausanne)
11:20-11:40	The Appalachian Mountains and the Philosophical Societies: The hearth of North American scientific inquiry Barry L. Stiefel (Univ. Charleston)
11:40-12:00	Discussion
12:00-13:00	Lunch
	Panel 6: Sciences naturelles et montagnes aux Amériques, XVII^e-XIX^e siècles/ Natural science and mountains in the Americas, 17th-19th centuries Chair: Francesca Fuoli (Univ. Bern)
13:00-13:20	Luis Née’s botanical survey across southern Andes (1794) Paulo Antonio Zappia (Bern/Brasilia)
13:20-13:40	Edward Whymper and Chimborazo: scientist authority and ‘the art of mountaineering’ (1880-1892) Patricio Javier Aguirre Negrete (Univ. Andina S. Bolivar)
13:40-14:00	Discussion
	Panel 7: Perspectives comparées/Comparative perspectives Chair: Jon Mathieu (Univ. Luzern)
14:00-14:20	Des plantes « utiles » des Alpes aux Andes. Les enjeux d’une centralisation de l’expertise sur les productions végétales des montagnes dans le royaume de France au XVIII^e siècle Émilie-Anne Pepy (Univ. Savoie, Chambéry)
14:20-14:40	Altitudes et santé au XIX^e siècle. La circulation des savoirs de l’Himalaya aux hauts plateaux de l’Amérique latine en passant par les Alpes Daniela Vaj (IHM, CHUV/Univ. Lausanne)
14:40-15:00	La nature redécouverte: les scientifiques marcheurs dans les Alpes, de Horace-Bénédict de Saussure à Antoine de Baecque Anne-Marie Granet-Abisset (Univ. Grenoble-Alpes)
15:00-15:30	Discussion
15:30-15:45	Conclusion/Wrap up Simona Boscani Leoni (Univ. Lausanne/Univ. Bern)
	Café/Coffee