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Youth Global Summit program

ELBRUS-2009" expeditions report.

On participation in expedition 42 applications from 16 countries of the world have been received, however Russian administration has not allowed to issue the invitation for participants from Georgia, and also from Bosnia and Herzegovina. For the various reasons there could not arrive some climbers from Australia, Italy, Latvia and the USA. Thus, really on expedition have taken part 29 climbers from 12 countries of the world (Austria, G. Britain, Germany, Greece, Denmark, Israel, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania and Ukraine), the list of participants is applied.

The trainers of expedition have beforehand left to the Caucasus for a meeting of participants.

. They had been spent the big work for preparation for participants arrival, including on provisions of permits to a border zone, registration of participants in territory of Russia, the coordination with National park "Proelbrusje", preparation of transport, etc.

On July 4-6th, 2009 all participants have arrived to international airport Mineral Waters, whence by special bus have been delivered in the base camp "Ochag" located at height about 2300 m in valley Adylsu of Elbrus region of the Kabardino-Balkarian republic of Russia. Young climbers have taken places in camp territory in the own tents, under pines on the riverside or in small wooden cottages. A thrice hot food, a hot shower and transport service etc. have been provided.

Within July, 7 10th the acclimatization tours have been spent, including the ascent on the Mt. Andirchi top, 3963 m. After rest and preparation all participants of expedition have left in settlement Azau to the bottom station of a rope-way to Mt. Elbrus and lifted to 3900 m. After the foot crossing to 4200 m in area «Prijet of 11» on snow the altitude camp has been established.

On July, 12th an acclimatization tour to "Pastuchov rocks", 4800 m have been carried out. Then at 2 o'clock in the morning all participants accompanied by guides have been went on ascent to Mt. Elbrus. Weather was enough difficult: a strong western wind, the temperature -10 - 15 Grad of Celsius.



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Part of participants has turned of 5000 m back, the others climbers continued lifting to top. About 8 o'clock in the morning the first group led by instructor Peter Kazachok has reached the Western top of Elbrus, 5642, the higher point of Europe and the Caucasus. Then on top also other climbers have gradually rise. Participants were photographed with flags of the states and with a banner of Youth commission UIAA, congratulated each other. In total 25 persons (21 participant and 4 guides) on top have risen.

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Descent from top occurred on a lifting way. Two participants - Gerald Primus from Austria and Boris from Netherlands - have made descent by skis.

In conclusion of expedition participants have made excursion in a Cheget resort and to narsan springs. On July, 15th on camp "Ochag" remarkable international evening of friendship has taken place. In the morning of next day all participants have left for Mineralny Vody for departure home.

"Mt.Elbrus-2009" expedition was successful, without any incidents. The participants have given an sincere appreciation for it's good organization and realization (copies of some responses are applied).

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