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The 25th Pelikán's seminary „Current Problems of Mountain Medicine – Diagnostic and Therapeutic Methods in Mountains” took place at Bischofstein Castle near to Adršpašské a teplické skály (i.e. the scene of UIAA Mountain Medicine Conference (MountainMed) in 2008) on 25th and 26th October 2014. Over 50 participants have heard 28 presentations given by 18 lecturers. One of the main themes was the [report](#) on X. World Congress on High Altitude Medicine and Physiology & Mountain Emergency Medicine “Hypoxia and Cold – From Science to Treatment” last year in Bolzano given by Kristina Höschlová, Jana Kubalová and Ivan Rotman. I have also reported on the International Congress of Mountain Rescue Doctors in Innsbruck ([23. Internationale Bergrettungsärztagung, Innsbruck, 9. 11 2013](#)).

Jana Kubalová has written a [detailed report](#) on whole 25th Pelikán's seminary and [all lectures](#) are available on homepage of the Czech Society for Mountain Medicine and Czech Mountaineering Association.

In autumn 2014 I have compiled overview of drugs misuse problems in high altitude mountaineering: [“Physiological performance conditions in mountaineering at extreme heights – key significance of oxygen and risks when using some drugs at altitude”](#)

Czech and Slovak Mountaineering Doctors have organized mountain medicine conferences already before 1984 and many newsletters, booklets and handbooks concerning problems of mountain medicine were written out already before 1980. Proceedings from that earlier conferences and some papers are now electronically available as well as the [Proceedings of UIAA Mountain Medicine Conference in Prague in 1988 in English](#) (!). These were supplemented by Drs. Clarke's, Treibels's and Schneider's, Gippenreiter's, and my reports about this conferences and by my 119 photos from conference events at the Charles University's Carolinum, social meeting in Hotel International and journey to sandstone towers “Suché skály” in Bohemia.

I have informed all members of our Society about [possibilities how to help Nepal](#) after the earthquake in April this year.

I am very sorry that I cannot take part in this year's UIAA MedCom Meeting in Kalymnos and wish all nice time not only during the meeting.

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