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Dear Potential Research Volunteers,

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Please forgive my delay in contacting you. The Medical Expeditions Research Committee has been busy organising research proposals, projects, research volunteers, insurance, basecamp power requirements, lay summary descriptions and ethics applications. However the principle reason for our delay has been coordinating the large number of research volunteers who have so enthusiastically embraced the expedition!

You will now find on the Medex website

(<http://medex.org.uk/expeditions/Manaslu%202015%20Research%20Page.php>) lay descriptions and detailed proposals of the research projects that have already been accepted onto Manaslu 2015. We have five research projects that are currently being organised. By 01.06.14 we have asked the principle investigators of these projects to inform us of how many research volunteers they require.

We have also asked researchers within the field of altitude medicine to submit further project ideas so that we can fully utilise the large number of enthusiastic research volunteers that are interested in joining us. These projects will also be uploaded for you to view in the near future.

Whilst we may not be able to meet every research volunteer's wishes, I am very excited to say that there are some truly unique opportunities for research volunteers to get involved. These range from logistics pre-expedition, to during the expedition tasks such as helping prepare research participants ready for testing, to analysing data that has already been generated, to much larger roles including becoming a joint principle investigator of a particular project. It is essential that we assign volunteers to all these roles and that they are completed to the best of each volunteer's ability or our expedition research will not be possible.

Signing up to the expedition as soon as possible will greatly facilitate our job of matching volunteers to projects and jobs and signal to principle investigators that you can commit to a project. Thus if you have not already done so I encourage you to complete the registration letter available here: <http://medex.org.uk/expeditions/Manaslu%202015.php>.

The plans move forward - I have even booked my flights.....

Yours,

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