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Firstly it is my very sad duty to announce the sudden death of Jim Duffy on Thursday last week. Jim has been an enthusiastic Medex Member for more than 10 years and had already booked his place on next year's expedition and volunteered to take on his usual logistics and base camp management role. On the day that he handed in his notice at work to begin an action packed retirement Jim collapsed in his own classroom and attempts to revive him were unsuccessful. He was very well known and respected both as a teacher and in the world of Mountain Rescue and will, of course, be remembered by all Medex Members that participated in recent expeditions. Always jovial, enthusiastic and resourceful he was an immensely talented man whose life came to an end too soon at the tragically young age of 57.

Expedition News

The organisation for next year's Expedition is proceeding according to plan and much new information about the Research is now available on the website. I have included some links below to make navigation easier.

Lay summaries are now available ([Lay Summaries of some of the various Research Projects to be undertaken on Medex Manaslu 2015](#))

[Jamie MacDonald](#) has written to all those seeking to participate in a research project and a copy of his letter can be found at this link. ([Invitation for potential researchers to participate in specific projects](#)).

Chris Smith and Denzil Broadhurst have patiently translated the research proposals into plain English and these can be read by following this link: [Full project proposals for the Research Projects to be undertaken on Medex Manaslu 2015](#)

If you are planning to join us in Nepal next year please read [Invitation to Register for Medex Manaslu 2015](#) and register on line by completing the [on-line registration form](#).

Having registered you can formally book by going to: [Booking Form for Medex Manaslu 2015](#). This form will have to be downloaded, signed and returned to Medex and the deposit paid to confirm the booking. Once this has been done we will allocate you to one of the groups on a first come first served basis.

A full description of the trip and the various groups can be found by visiting the Manaslu section of the medex website at: [Main Website address for Medex Manaslu 2015](#).

On a separate note [Jamie MacDonald](#) is recruiting for a PhD student to join his team at Bangor so if you are interested in this do please contact Jamie directly.