

# **Highline Meeting Monte Piana 2015**

10-15 SEPTEMBER 2015

Misurina, Dolomites

**"JUST HUNDRED YEARS AGO  
WINTERS UP HERE WERE  
CHARACTERISED BY BOMBS,  
GRENADES AND LOTS OF PAIN.  
OUR IDEA WAS TO RE-EXPERIENCE  
MONTE PIANA IN FRIENDSHIP AND  
PEACE WITH EACH OTHER,  
ACCOMPANIED BY KINDHEARTED  
FEELINGS DURING THE DAY, AND  
LULLED TO SLEEP AT NIGHT BY  
MAGICAL SILENCE."**

**Alessandro d'Emilia/Armin Holzer**

*About highline, what is the Highline Meeting Monte Piana?*

An international and intercultural event that takes place above Misurina, in the Dolomites, a UNESCO World Heritage.

*History and Philosophy*

The Highline Meeting Monte Piana was born in 2012 from the friendship of two highliners: Alessandro d'Emilia (Italian), and Armin Holzer, (South Tyrolean) and from their desire to share the spectacular scenery of Monte Piana (Misurina) in the Dolomites. The aim of this event is to invite professional athletes and enthusiasts from all around the world who would like to try this sport. This place was not only chosen for its natural beauty but also for its historical importance. This area is an open air museum to honor the memory of the 18.000 young soldiers who died here during the First World War. Its 7 km of trenches are still visitable.

*Values and principles are shared by the participants as well as the organizers: a non-competitive spirit and respect for the mountain so as to be in harmony with the location.*

A meeting **dedicated** to all passionate highliners;

A **stimulating** meeting for human expressions;

A **non-competitive** sports meeting to share the passion for slackline and the mountains;

An **intercultural** get-together meeting among young people who come from everywhere in the world;

A meeting of **awareness** as regards the importance of the memory of a spot that has had a tragic history;

An **environmentally sustainable** meeting, by respecting the environment, limiting consumption and allowing everyone to participate;

A **social meeting** to experience for a week, a style of coexistence, conviviality, cooperation and solidarity;

A **meeting of ethics** that become a lifestyle: food quality, recycling, responsible use of resources, wholesome fun in natural surroundings, music and culture;

An **international meeting**, it reunited young people from over twenty different nationalities in its last edition;

A **local meeting** also funded by local sponsors;

A **creative meeting**, allowing you to convert emotions offered by the Dolomites into creative artistic expressions;

### *Organization*

This Meeting is possible thanks to the logistic support by the Municipality of Auronzo Misurina and to the A- TEAM composed by Alessandro d' Emilia, Armin Holzer, Niccolò Zarattini, Nicolò Cadorin.

The organizers provide all hospitality because on top, at 2300m there are no primary resources. The spirit of non-competitiveness attracts people who want to practice highline in contact with nature, themselves and others. More than 370 highliners came to

Misurina from all around the world this year.

### *Media & communication*

All official info are also on our website  
[www.highlinemeeting.com](http://www.highlinemeeting.com).

A documentary film telling about the aim of the festival will be made by the organization.

### *Link WEB*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWbNnre1Llw>  
by Geos Film

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kaiukVb4TE> by  
Rico Product

<http://vimeo.com/51251343> by Christian Kruse

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICDLRBC9SCo> by  
Rico Product

<https://vimeo.com/125904589> by A-team

<https://vimeo.com/139158591> by Frischluft Film

### *Planning*

This festival does not have a fixed program, was all depending on weather conditions and on the daily spirit: The Photo contest “Picture of the day”, inspired many participants to be creative finding a relationship between their sports performance and topic of the day.

## **Hammock action:**

*"A performance in honor of the place and dedicated to life "*

The idea to sleep in a hammock on such an incredible place was born at the very first Highline meeting Monte Piana in the year 2012. The adventurous pioneers Armin Holzer, Alessandro d'Emilia and Igor Scotland were so impressed by this experience that they wanted to share it with their friends. The idea of a collective hammock gathering during the annual Highline Meeting on this special place was born. In the following years this concept developed and on September 10th 2015 this unique project took place already for the third time. After spending the night in the hammock, the three founders of this idea were joined by other athletes in a early morning hammock session. In total 26 people came together to form a colorful and especially designed rainbow

in 17 hammocks. A symbol of peace and a tribute to the past. This place was chosen not only for its natural beauty but for its historical importance. Monte Piana has now become a meeting point for all young people from all over the world who want to share more than a passion, a philosophy, a way of life.

THE FOLLOWING STUNT IS PERFORMED AND DESIGNED BY A PROFESSIONAL TEAM OF ATHLETES AND RIGGERS. (→The set up has a breaking strength of  $>150 \text{ kN} = >15 \text{ 000 kg}$  for the main line and additionally a redundant back up. Maximum force was  $32 \text{ kN} = 3200 \text{ kg}$ ).

## **HIGHLINE WORLD RECORD:**

**"Highline is an extreme practice of Slackline on top of mountains and it has become ideal to bridge different cultures in respect of the natural environment and life." Alessandro**

**d'emilia / Armin Holzer**

This year, on the other side of the mountain, on the 10th of September Jediah Doohan from Hampshire, UK walked the world record for the longest highline (on polyester) in this beautiful landscape of the dolomites. To walk the 209m long and 100m high 1 inch wide webbing, it took him 20 minutes of intense fighting and concentration. This world record line is something special for Jediah, the slackline community and the organizers, because this simple webbing became a symbol for peace. As Organizers said "This is not just a Highline record and we have to remember which peaks this line now connects. In this valley between monte Piana and monte Piano just hundred years ago, during the WW1 many young soldiers died, killing each other."

Where it was once the border between Italy and Austria, where more than 18,000 young people fought in extreme conditions, now Jediah walked on the line named "live for love" and as organizers said: "we all think

that is a concrete sign of love and respect for the environment and life. We also think that its not time just to remember but also react, a strong message of peace, coming out from young people, in this historical moment where borders in our world are still hot and place of conflicts.

technical data:

location: Monte Piana-Monte Piano

length: 209 meter

height: 100 meter

sag: 12 meter

name: "Live for Love"

working tension: 3KN

Last partners

Consorzio Auronzo Misurina, Montura, Kiku, Scarpa, Orange, Panificio Happacher, Seiterhof, Moser, Birra Dolomiti, Centro Frutta Auronzo, Macellerie Sperandio, Ticket to the Moon, Powertech, Rifugio Carducci, Art Bar Ribotta, Rifugio Fondovalle, Stabinger, Despar Sesto, Auronzo - Misurina, Austrialpin, Landcruising, Equilibrium; Ambaradam, Pircher, Redelè,



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