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Diego Moreno

Diego grew up in Madrid, Spain, where hiking was one of his favourite sports during his childhood and youth: Gredos, Navacerrada or Picos de Europa were among his main hiking playgrounds. At the end of his studies, Diego moved to Grenoble (France) where mountain sports can sometimes be perceived as a local religion. What started as sport climbing and alpine skiing evolved very quickly into multi-pitch climbing, mountaineering and ski-touring. During the 12 years he spent in Grenoble, Diego could explore and enjoy the main mountain ridges of the northern French Alps. Some of these activities were for instance: south-north ski-touring traversal of the Chartreuse, Dome de Neige, winter alpinism in Belledonne (Pointe de la Scia, Pointe du Loup) or rock climbing and alpinism in his favourite playground, Ecrins (Pilier Candau to Tête de la Gandolière, Dome de Neige, Les Rouies). After founding a family, Diego now has two little kids, and his passion for mountain sports has been conveniently split with two other sports: road running and road cycling. In the summer of 2018, Diego moved to ETH's IT services where the adaptation of the family to a new place and the lack of mountain acquaintances kept him away from mountain sports for several months. He is now looking forward to starting new projects within the AACZ such as combining cycling and ski-touring or, simply, discovering the Swiss Alps.

Diogo Santos

Diogo was born in Lisbon, but his passion for the outdoors started with many summer months spent in the Shale villages to the north of Lisbon and on the Azores islands, where his family has roots. He learned to climb on the typical limestone crags by the sea (Fenda, Azóia and Costa da Guia) and in the granite boulders of Sintra. Since then Diogo has climbed, among others. the two granite faces of Cântaro Magro and Meadinha in traditional style, as well as several routes around Zurich (Bruggler, Bochmattli, Kreuzberg III, Fair hands). The love for skiing also started in his teens with yearly trips to the French and Swiss Alps to ski with his family. Later on he learned ski-touring with UCPA (Union Nationale des Centres Sportifs de Plein Air) in Argentiére (France) and the Graue Hörner Ski Club in Mels. Diogo is now engaged in translating his climbing experiences to the high mountains and developing his skills in classic mountaineering and ski mountaineering.

Matija Brumat

Matija was born in West Slovenia on the banks of river Soca a few meters away from

the Italian border. He started summer and winter mountaineering in the local alpinist section of a Slovenian mountaineering club at the age of 25, mainly doing traditional ascents in Triglav National Park combined with sport climbing in the many crags in the area. Matija moved to Zurich in 2017 for family reasons and got infected with skitouring. Soon Matija started to look for a mountaineering club with a similar mentality as his "home" club and he found the AACZ to be the right club to continue with his mountaineering pursuits. Over the past two years, Matija has been climbing / ski-touring / mountaineering in many regions in the Alps, e.g. in Uri, Bergell, Slovenia, Surselva, Chamonix, Silvretta, Pontresina, Prättigau, Kandersteg, Val Bever, Val Bedretto. Matija also likes to hike alpine trails and he climbs regularly in the Gaswerk.

Yonca Krahn

Yonca grew up in Berlin, but luckily was put on skis as a young child. The love of skiing continued throughout all winters, but only when she moved to Switzerland for her studies was she able to spend more time on the slopes. Soon the ski slopes became "boring" and she started to explore the areas outside of the "civilized" ski areas. Ski tours are one of Yonca's favourite activities; in the last years Hausstock, Schärhorn, Galenstock and Cima di Rosso were destinations she reached. The exploration of the mountains also continued in summer when she loves to go road biking, mountain biking and does alpine hikes and runs as well as combining biking and running or hiking (Schesaplana works perfect for that) to reach more remote regions. Yonca seeks her challenges in fast attempts of alpine regions, because, for her, verticals allow a perfect view of the surroundings. But just spending time in the mountains and in alpine huts or simply enjoying the outdoors also give her pleasure and are an important part of her leisure time.

Christina Zimmermann

Christina was born in Germany, Franconia, which is mainly a flat area. Therefore she only started with alpine sports rather late. In the beginning, it was mainly sport climbing in Frankenjura and Odenwald (Germany). During an exchange year in South America, mountain touring and alpine climbing became more and more a topic. Christina climbed Chimborazo, the highest peak in Ecuador, with two friends and tried Cayambe and Cotopaxi where she had no luck with weather and health. Nowadays, Christina likes all activities in the mountains, especially rock climbing, mountain biking, cross country skiing and alpine touring. In March 2019, she got the chance to join the AACZ ski-touring weekend in Juf, where she quickly got "infected" by the club's mentality. Since then, she tries to join activities and events organised by the club members on a regular basis. Regarding ski tours, Christina's tours of the last years include summits in the Monte Rosa region (Zumstein-, Parrot-, Ludwigspitze) and the region around Coaz hut (Piz Glüschaint, La Sella), just to name a few. Some future tours should preferably be Dufourspitze (ski), Piz Bernina (ski / alpine touring), Piz Badile (alpine climbing). Just recently Christina also started ice climbing. All in all, she wants to push her limits and leave her comfort zone.



Massimiliano (Max) Poletto

Max grew up in Italy, skiing in Veneto in the winters, and moved to the US at the age of 17 to study computer science. Twenty-five years, a PhD, two kids, and three companies later, he and his family moved to Zurich in 2017 to be closer to family and mountains. Max's mountain interests are hiking, scrambling, and ski-touring. He has hiked and skied extensively in the Appalachian Mountains, the Sierra Nevada and the Cascades and climbed big volcanoes in Italy, Tanzania, and New Zealand. Two favourite wilderness memories include a two-week canoe and hiking trip in the Brooks Range of Alaska in 2005 and a one-week self-contained ski tour across the widest part of the Sierra Nevada in 2016. Max has done several ski tours with members of the AACZ in the last two winters - including the Urner Haute Route last April and looks forward to many more. In addition to scrambling and skiing in the mountains, Max loves to cycle. He is a two-time finisher of the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonnée, and once toured 7000 km solo from Nordkapp to the southern tip of Italy.

Michael Kölbl

Michael was born in Wasserburg am Inn and started mountaineering about ten years ago. He received his alpine training with the local DAV division, mostly in the nearby Bavarian and Tyrolian Alps. His

mountaineering activities range from (high-) alpine ski mountaineering in winter (e.g. Dammastock, Sustenhorn, Mt. Cevedale) to classic alpinism in summer (e.g. Weissmies traverse, Krönten traverse) and rock climbing or speed hiking when the conditions do not allow the former two. You will hardly find Michael in a climbing gym as he always prefers to be outdoors. After moving to Zurich for his PhD, Michael has pushed his comfort zone to AD tours and hopes to take it even further in the future.

Benjamin (Ben) Hahn

Ben was born in Vienna and only later learnt to appreciate the many times his parents had dragged him on hiking trips in the Alps (all over Austria, South Tyrol, Slovenia). The Alps is also where he started climbing and ski-touring. Having arrived in Zurich for his studies, he was pleased to realize how close all of these mountains were. Since then, Ben has been on tours such as the Rimpfischhorn, Strahlhorn, Weissmiess (South Ridge), Tödi or Glärnisch (Guppengrat). Always happy to travel lightly, Ben enjoys trail running and scrambling as well as the occasional mountain bike ride. Some of the tours he'd like to do this year include the Biancograt on Piz Bernina, the Nadelgrat and Mont Dolent. Ben is looking forward to many future mountain trips with the AACZ.