



Piolets d'Or 2020

An International Celebration of Grand Alpinism

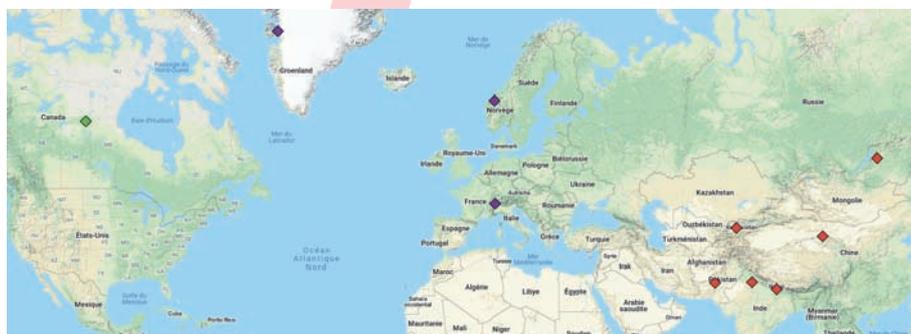
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Dealing with uncertainties is an essential skill in Alpinism, and it has certainly been a key element for all of us over the last three months.

However, today we are extremely pleased to announce that the 2020 edition of the Piolets d'Or will take place during the 25th edition of Ladek Mountain Film Festival in Poland, which takes place September 11-22.

This will be the third edition of the Piolets that we have organized together with the Polish team. We are quite confident that our Plan A - to hold a physical event over the four days of September 19-22 - will take place, but our Plan B, in case a new outbreak of COVID-19 prevents this happening, is to hold an online event over a longer time period. There will, naturally, be some restrictions, eg a limit on attendance, travel constraints, but we are happy to be in the position to provide a full edition of the Piolets d'Or.

Traditionally, our first step is to publish the so-called "Big List". From today you can find a List of Significant Ascents in 2019 on our website. An international technical jury has already begun the challenging task of selecting one or more ascents from this list as ambassadors for modern alpine-style climbing. These ascents will be honoured with a Piolet d'Or in Ladek.



<https://www.pioletsdor.net/index.php/en/home/2019-significant-ascents>

Equally important for the mountaineering community has been celebrating the career of an outstanding alpinist, and since 2009 we have presented a Piolets d'Or Career Award. The 12th recipient of this award will be announced mid-July.

An initiative that began following the 2010 Piolets d'Or has concluded successfully. After a campaign that has lasted more than 10 years, Alpinism has been added by UNESCO to its list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. A panel discussion in Ladek will clarify how this recognition will be translated into a series of forward steps.

With travel restrictions almost completely lifted in Europe, we are hopeful that by mid-September most of you will be able to travel to Ladek, so we are looking forward to another great event, sharing the unique Polish spirit with our hosts.

