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MEETSUB

INTERNATIONAL HISTORIC DIVING EVENT  
IV VINTAGE UW CAMERA MEETING & VII VINTAGE DIVING DAYS

22, 23 & 24

September 2023



# History of a Vintage Meeting

After the international success of the “III Vintage Underwater Cameras Meeting”, organised by **BUCAM** and the “VI Vintage Diving Days” organised by **HDSSES** that took place in Lloret de Mar (Girona) on the 16th, 17th and 18th of September 2022, this year we would like to gather again we would like to congregate a bigger audience, with more and improved activities. In the edition was attended and participated by friends and members of the Historical Diving Societies of Spain, USA, France, Germany and Holland.

Click here to see [Dossier Historic Diving Days 2022](#)

For this year’s edition, there are new features in terms of content and activities and will take place on **22, 23 and 23 September 2023**.

We have also changed the name of the event, unifying it, which is now called **Vintage MedSub 2023**, which consists of two very different, but at the same time fully integrated aspects:

On the one hand, we will have a “Diving Days with historical equipment”, in charge of the **Spanish Association for the History of Diving - HDSSES**, where we claim the recovery, protection, promotion and eventual use of historical equipment, relevant in the history of diving. We believe that we have to be guardians of this part of the underwater heritage so that the new generations can get to know and learn to appreciate this equipment.

At the same time, these sessions are also dedicated to the world of historical underwater images, at the initiative of the historical underwater images at the initiative of the **Barcelona Underwater Camera Museum (BUCAM)**. In the same way as in vintage diving, we also claim the discovery, identification, repair, divulgation, conservation and use of all types of vintage cameras for underwater image, their accessories, the images themselves and also of underwater cinema on the big screen of all periods.

But... What arguments does Lloret de Mar have for classic diving and especially for underwater image? In 1946, Dr. Ernest Adler (1906–1996), a Czech-German who lived in this town in the Girona area, built the first underwater watertight boxes for terrestrial photo and film cameras in Spain. With his Bolex 16mm film camera, “protected” by a hand-made housing made of wood and glass, he made a documentary that won the first prize at the Spanish Amateur Film Festival of 1947. Quite a feat at that time!!!

As a tribute to this pioneer and scientist (Doctor in Dentistry and Neurofocal Medicine), we have created the Dr. Ernest Adler Trophy, we have instituted the Dr. Ernest Adler Trophy, for underwater images captured with vintage cameras, from pre-digital times [Dr. Ernest Adler Award](#). This year will be its 2nd edition.

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**VINTAGE MedSub** is initially constituted by **BUCAM** and **HDSES**:

**BUCAM** stands for **Barcelona Underwater Camera Museum**, the world’s largest collection of underwater cameras. It is a private entity created by Andrés Clarós in 2007, with the aim of recovering and protecting underwater cameras and disclose the history and knowledge of underwater imaging systems. The final objective of BUCAM is the opening of a physical museum with the help and support of administrations and/or private entities. This patrimonial interest has led us to the creation and co-organisation of this conference.

**The Spanish Association for the History of Diving - HDSES**, was created in 2006 by a group of amateur divers in love with diving and its history. Among them were collectors of antique diving equipment. They joined the initiative that already existed in other countries around the world, also as historical diving organisations (HDS or Historical Diving Society) twinned with ours, with similar aims and activities. It is important to highlight the work and perseverance of Juan Torras within the HDSES, who has been the real “alma mater” of this association from the beginning. The HDSES has been present in a multitude of events related to vintage diving and its techniques, has reedited diving books already out of print, has participated in exhibitions and Dive Shows. This year, is co-organising a new edition of this conference.

In this second edition, the guest of honour will be the Historical Diving Society of France IHDS-FR, as we wish to strengthen links with the different HDS around the world with their participation in this and future events.

We are also fortunate to be able to count on the support of the municipal services and brigades and the Lloret de Mar Local Police. We will also have the unconditional support of the Subaquatic Unit and the Maritime Police of the Mossos de d’Esquadra.

# VINTAGE MedSub 2023

## Programme Of The "VII Diving Days" & "IV Vintage Underwater Camera Meeting"

### Friday 22nd September 2023

- 16:00** Reception of exhibitors and organisers at the Hotel Central Park of the Guitart Hotels chain, Carrer de Constantí Ribalaigua, 7 - Lloret de Mar - Girona - Spain
- Installation of the exhibitions in the spaces provided in Palas Atenea Lectures Room.
- 19:00** Access to the hall for the public and opening of the exhibition areas. Handing out of accreditations to the attendees. Photocall.
- Official opening of the different exhibitions in the Palas Atenea Hall:
- Exhibition of regulators. **Jean Grepinet Collection (France).**
- Exhibition of Classic regulators and Oxygens -56 of navy seals. **Christian Petron Collection (France).**
- Exhibition of advertisements related to underwater activities. Collection Nemrod Museum. **Rubén Castrillo (Spain).**
- Exhibition of old underwater movie posters. **Andrés Clarós Collection - BUCAM (Spain).**
- Exhibition of vintage material of the Centre de Recuperació i d'Investigacions Submarines (C.R.I.S.) (Spain).
- Ind exposition of photography taken with vintage cameras - Dr. Ernest Adler Trophy.** (To participate, click the link to read the statutes and register: [Trophy Dr. Ernest Adler](#))
- 20:00** Welcoming of the participants in the Palas Atenea Hall and presentation of the VINTAGE MedSub by **Manel Melchor (Spain)** President of the **Spanish Association of Diving History HDSSES** y de **D. Andrés Clarós** director de **BUCAM**. Invitación al presidente de **HDS Francia M. Pierre Yves Lemarec (Francia)**
- 20:30** Dinner at the Restaurant of the Hotel Guitart Central Park.
- 22:00** **What Probably happened to Titan Submarine?** by Hector Salvador (Submarines Expert) and Christian Petron (Experienced Titanic Diver and Paul Henry Nargeolet's Friend). Conductor Andrés Clarós (Paul Henry Nargeolet's Friend)
- 22:30** **"Louis Boutan ou l'invention de la photographie sous-marine"**. Documentary by **François Brun & Albert Ghizo**. Spanish Premiere. 40 min. 2023.
- 23:15** A posthumous tribute to **José Luis González**, director of the "Semana de Cine Submarino de Vigo (Spain)". Moderator: Manel Gil
- Biography of José Luis González" by **Héctor Salvador**. Operations Director of Triton Submarines LLC (Spain).
- "La Semana de Cine Submarino de Vigo. XXXI editions. A world reference" **Paco Fraile**.
- "José Luis González, the man, father and friend" by relative and/or friend of Jose Luis...
- "My Talks with José Luis" By **Enrique Dauner**.



**Saturday 23rd September 2023**

### **Morning schedule in the Palas Atenea Hall**

**9:00** The material in classic diving I” and “Scuba diving. Description of the material and technique”. Lectures by **Juan Torras (Spain)** and **Jacques Abdoun (France)**.

### **Morning session at the beach of "Sa Caleta".**

**11:00** Opening of the flea market of buying & selling and exchange of antique diving equipment at stands of collectors from France, Denmark, Spain, Germany....

Invitation to the general public to participate, take photos and take a portrait with the reproduction of the HDSES classic diver's helmet

Preparations for diving with vintage equipment by members and friends of HDSES.

Shallow Waters Helmet - Miller Dunn

Diving with current equipment (Mandatory prior booking of equipment at [Dolphin Diving Lloret de Mar](#)) - Tel. +34 667 88 66 48

Preparation and dressing of divers with a classic diver's helmet on the beach. Entering the water.

Streaming of the classic divers' underwater evolutions with the underwater ROV of the Mossos d'Esquadra.

Remembrance of Louis Boutan's first underwater photograph in 1893 with a replica of his camera (BUCAM).

#### **Safety and assistance in the water by:**

Assistance and safety during underwater activities by **l'Unitat Subaquàtica of the Mossos d'Esquadra**.

Safety at sea by **l'Unitat de Policia Marítima de los Mossos d'Esquadra**.

Ambulance and emergency medical care service by **l'Institut d'Estudis Mèdics** by **Dr. Agustí Ruiz**.

Otorhinolaryngology medical care provided by the medical team of **Clínica Clarós**.

First aid kit for emergencies on the beach by [Farmacia Cabañas](#), Lloret de Mar.

**14:00** Pack-up and pick-up of the material

**14:30** Lunch in restaurants just 50 metres from the beach of Sa Caleta (Pizzeria Pomodoro).

## Afternoon: Sala Palas Atenea at Hotel Guitart Central Park (Lloret de Mar)

### Conference programme

A simultaneous translation system will be available: German, English, French and Spanish, live and via QR codes.

- 17:00** “**Diving in the Antarctic Ocean. Spanish expedition to Antarctica 2023 in the ship Hespérides**”, by **Albert Hernández (Spain)**. Corporal of l’Unitat Subaquàtica de Mossos d’Esquadra. Vice-president of FECDAS – Catalan Federation of Underwater Activities.
- 17:20** “**History of the G.E.A.S.**”, by **Fernando Aguirre (Spain)**, Head of the Special Group of Underwater Activities Group of the Guardia Civil, Gerona.
- 17:40** “**Louis Boutan’s diving suit. History and its discovery**” by **François Brun (France)**. Videographer, deep-sea diver. Writer and organiser of the Festival d’Archeologie Submarine de Colliure-Saint-Denis. Underwater Archaeology Festival of Colliure-SUBCAM.
- 18:00**
- 18:20** Break
- 18:40** “**The beginnings of underwater cinema from 1914 to 1954**” by **Margaret Cohen (USA)**. Professor at Stanford University. Author of many books. Expert on the history of the sea and commercial submarine cinema.
- 19:00** “**20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (1954). History of a filming**”, by **Juan Gómez Lorente (Spain)**, specialist in naval image recognition and identification systems, regular contributor to EL SNORKEL, Latin American Submarine Community.
- 19:20** “**History of submarine films**”, by **Héctor Salvador (Spain)**. Operations director of Triton Submarines LLC.
- 19:40** “**Round table: The evolution of underwater cinema. Past, present and future**”. Moderated by **Andrés Clarós** and **Antonio Badías** with:  
**Margaret Cohen (USA)**. Professor at Stanford University. Author of multiple books on the sea, the underwater image and film. [Department of English](#)  
**Christian Petron (France)**. Underwater cameraman. Film and underwater image director. President of Cinemarine. [Christian Petron](#)  
**Héctor Salvador (Spain)**. Operations director of [Triton Submarines](#) LLC.  
**François Brun (France)**. Underwater video cameraman and organiser of the Festival of Underwater Archaeology of Colón. Underwater Archaeology Festival of Colliure-SUBCAM. He has written numerous books on the seabed and wrecks of the Côte Vermeille. [BRUN](#)  
**Juan Antonio Fernández (Spain)**. Cameraman specialised in high speed cinema, stereographic cinema and underwater cinema. Vice-president of the Spanish Association of Directors of Photography (AEC) [www.cineaec.com](#)  
**José Manuel Herrero (Spain)**. Underwater Cameraman. BLUESCREEN Underwater Filming. [www.bluescreen.es](#)
- 21:00** **The official dinner of the Vintage MedSub 2023**
- 22:30** **Award of the Dr. Adler Trophy 2023** to the vintage photograph with the most votes from the public and the jury. Vintage Photo Exhibition
- 22:45** Presentation of the **Diver of Honour Trophy 2023**, the highest distinction awarded by the Spanish Association of the History of Diving HDSES. **Alberto Vázquez-Figueroa (Spain)**, (1936) - Prolific writer, journalist, inventor and adventurer. One of the first diving instructors to serve on board the training ship “Cruz del Cruz”, who participated in the difficult underwater rescue in the tragedy of the rupture of the Ribadelago dam in 1959. He is the author of, among many other titles inspired by the sea, “Under Seven Seas. Long Voyage to Paradise (1962)”, a cult story among divers, based on his own experiences around the world.

**23:00** Louis Boutan or the invention of underwater photography". Documentary by **François Brun** and **Albert Ghizo**. Exclusive premiere in Spain. 40 min. 2023.

**Sunday 24 September 2023**

**Morning schedule: Palas Atenea Hall**

**9:00** The material in classic diving II" and "Diving with Miller-Dunn type helmet. Description of the material and technique" . Lectures by **Juan Torras (Spain)** and **Jacques Abdoun (France)**.

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Cleaning of the seabed of "Sa Caleta" as part of the "**IX Great International Cleaning of the Seabed and Beaches. Libera Project**". By the volunteer divers of the **Red de Vigilantes Marinos** (Marine Watchers' Network) participants in the Vintage MedSub conference.

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Otorhinolaryngology medical care provided by the medical team of **Clínica Clarós**.

First aid kit for emergencies on the beach by **Farmacia Cabañas**, Lloret de Mar.

**14:00** Pack-up and pick-up of the material

**14:30** Farewell lunch at just 50 metres from Sa Caleta beach. [Restaurant Vela Mar](#). Price per person: 35€

**Grand prize** draw for a Maldivas **liveboard cruise** amongst all attendees of the Vintage MedSub international historic diving event, courtesy of [Blue Force Fleet](#).h

Closing of the conference by **Manel Melchor**, president of **HDS Spain** and **Andrés Clarós BUCAM**

## VINTAGE Medsub

Lloret de Mar, 24 septiembre 2023



Vale para -- \_\_\_\_\_ -- por un crucero semanal de buceo a bordo del MALDIVES BLUE FORCE 3, según programación BLUE FORCE FLEET.

### EL PREMIO PARA UNA PERSONA INCLUYE:

- ✦ Alojamiento en camarote triple a compartir a bordo del MALDIVES BLUE FORCE 3, pensión completa y agua. Ruta Atolones centrales.
- ✦ Inmersiones, botella S80 y plomos.
- ✦ Guías Blue Force.

### EL PREMIO NO INCLUYE:

- ✦ Vuelos (obligatorio reservarlos con BLUE FORCE TRAVEL).
- ✦ Seguro de buceo.
- ✦ Tasas del Crucero (pago a bordo).
- ✦ Tasas de servicio (pago a bordo).
- ✦ Opcional: NITROX, refrescos y alcohol, alquiler de material...
- ✦ Todo lo no indicado cómo incluido.

Premio personal, no transferible, no canjeable y no acumulable a cualquier otra promoción u oferta.

Válido para cruceros semanales con salida antes del 15 diciembre 2024.

Información sobre el barco, rutas, destino y condiciones generales publicadas en [www.blueforcefleet.com](http://www.blueforcefleet.com)

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General Manager

For programme updates, follow the links: [vintagemedsub.es](http://vintagemedsub.es)

## RESERVATION for participants:

We kindly ask you to book your places as soon as possible in order to secure the available rooms with the hotel, as it will still be high season.

Reservation of places for the Conference. [event@vintagemedsub.es](mailto:event@vintagemedsub.es)

Do you want to participate in the activities, conferences, exhibitions, purchase-sale-exchange of antique or vintage diving/photography/photography equipment? Contact us explaining how and what you want to participate at: [events@bucam.barcelona](mailto:events@bucam.barcelona)

## Registration / contribution to the activities of the 3 days:

HDSSES members ..... 20 €      Other attendees ..... 40 €<sup>(i)</sup>

\*The amount of the registration/contribution is adjusted exclusively to cover the expenses of the Vintage MedSub event

(i) Upon making this contribution, membership for the current financial year is also obtained.

## RESERVATION for participants:

Afternoon and evening activities, group dinners and breakfast will be at the Hotel Guitart Central Park. Address **Hotel Guitart Central Park**: Constanti Ribalaigua 7, 17310 Lloret de Mar (Girona)

Price variable according to the number of nights booked

For DOUBLE room bookings (2 persons) the prices are:

Nights	Standard room	Superior room
1 Night	125 € / Night 2 persons	135 € / Night 2 persons
2 Nuits	104 € / Night 2 persons	114 € / Night 2 persons
3 Nuits	84 € / Night 2 persons	94 € / Night 2 persons

For SINGLE use of a double room (DUI): 50% surcharge.

Nights	Standard room	Superior room
1 Night	93,75 € / Night 1 person	101,25 € / Night 1 person
2 Nuits	78 € / Night 1 person	85,50 € / Night 1 person
3 Nuits	63 € / Night 1 person	70,50 € / Night 1 person

Booking for the hotel 1/2/3 nights at "Vintage MedSub", specify PromoCode: VMEDSUB2023

Room booking includes:

Breakfast and dinner included in all rooms booked.

VAT included.

Tourist tax NOT included (1,62€/day).

E-mail for reservations: [event@vintagemedsub.es](mailto:event@vintagemedsub.es)

For other room options please contact [reservas@guitarthotels.com](mailto:reservas@guitarthotels.com)

Central Park Hotel reservations for all other participants: **Vintage Diving Meeting**

**Hotel Central Park booking phone number: +34 972 347 034**

Parking available. Please request when booking rooms.

In case of difficulties in registering at the hotel, please contact: [events@bucam.barcelona](mailto:events@bucam.barcelona)

or call us at HDSSES +34 689 37 69 61