
The Eight-Thousanders

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Olympic Medals for Mountaineering?

Reinhold Messner and Jerzy Kukuczka were honoured by the International Olympic Committee in Calgary. The first men to climb all 14 8000m peaks received the Silver Medal of the Olympic Order. This is not the first time the medal has been awarded for mountaineering achievements. In Paris 1924, Charles G Bruce was awarded the Gold Medal, in Los Angeles 1932 the Schmid brothers were awarded Gold Medals, and in 1936 Oskar and Hettie Dyhrenfurth were also awarded Gold Medals.

Jerzy Kukuczka's 8000m Peaks

1.	Lhotse	8516m	04.10.1979	Normal Route
2.	Everest	8848m	19.05.1980	New Route, N Pillar
3.	Makalu	8463m	15.10.1981	Solo, New Route, NW Ridge
4.	Broad Peak	8047m	30.07.1982 17.07.1984	Normal Route New Route, Traverse of the Massif
5.	Gasherbrum 2	8035m	01.07.1983	New Route, NE Flank
6.	Gasherbrum 1	8068m	23.07.1983	New Route, NW Wall
7.	Dhaulagiri	8167m	21.01.1985	1st Winter Ascent
8.	Cho Oyu	8201m	15.02.1985	2nd Winter Ascent, SW Pillar
9.	Nanga Parbat	8125m	13.07.1983	New Route, W Pillar
10.	Kangchenjunga	8586m	11.01.1986	1st Winter Ascent
11.	K2	8611m	08.07.1986	S Face
12.	Manaslu	8163m	10.11.1986	New Route, NE Wall
13.	Annapurna	8091m	03.02.1987	1st Winter Ascent
14.	Xixabangma	8027m	18.09.1987	New Route, W Ridge

List of climbers with five or more 8000m peaks. (Main summits only.)

Collated by Zbigniew Kowalewski, 1 January 1988.

1.	Reinhold Messner	Italy	14	1970-1986
2.	Jerzy Kukuczka	Poland	14	1979-1987
3.	Marcel Rüedi (d Makalu, 25.09.1986)	Switzerland	10	1980-1986
4.	Erhard Loretan	Switzerland	9	1982-1986

5.	Michael Dacher	Germany	9	1977-1987
6.	Hans Kammerlander	Austria	7	1983-1986
7.	Noburo Yamada	Japan	7	1978-1987
8.	Takashi Ozaki	Japan	6	1977-1986
9.	Kurt Diemberger	Austria	6	1957-1986
10.	Siegfried Hupfauer	Germany	6	1973-1987
11.	Norbert Joos	Switzerland	5	1982-1987
12.	Hans von Kanel	Switzerland	5	1977-1981
13.	Robert Schauer	Austria	5	1975-1984
14.	Krzysztof Wielicki	Poland	5	1980-1986
15.	Fredi Graf	Switzerland	5	1980-1987
16.	Peter Worgotter	Austria	5	1977-1987
17.	Benoît Chamoux	France	5	1985-1987
18.	Tullio Vidoni	Italy	5	1984-1987
19.	Giovanni Calcagno	Italy	5	1984-1987
20.	Sergio Martiny	Italy	5	1983-1987
21.	Fausto De Stefani	Italy	5	1983-1987