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The IFLAS Open Lecture series for spring 2017

Next in the Spring series is a welcome return to a speaker who we first heard back in 2015. Mick Fowler is an award winning author, lecturer and climber. He was voted the 'Mountaineers' Mountaineer' in a poll by The Observer newspaper and in 2012 he was awarded the King Albert Mountain Award for his "outstanding contribution to mountaineering". In 2016 he and Paul Ramsden became the first pair to win a Piolet d'Or award for the third time, after their ascent of the 6,451-metre (21,175 ft) Gave Ding in the Nepal Himalayas. He was a senior leader in HM Revenue and Customs for many years. He has served as President of the Alpine Club and led numerous cutting edge mountaineering expeditions in the Himalayas. Mick has written two volumes of memoirs - *On Thin Ice & Vertical Pleasure* - both of which were shortlisted for the Boardman Tasker Prize for Mountain Literature. He won the Jon Whyte Award for Mountain Literature at the 2005 Banff Mountain Book Festival and the best book prize at the Bormio Mountain Festival (Italy) in 2012. Eric Vola compiled segments of books by Fowler and Saunders and published the collection in French as "*Les Tribulations de Mick et Vic.*" It won the Grand Prix award at the Passy Book Festival in 2015.



Mick's talk, "On Thin Ice: Business Ethics and Climbing Ethics" will take place in April, the 25th to be exact. He will be exploring ethics and ethical choices in the field of climbing and parallels in the workplace. He will be discussing what steers climbers to make the ethical choices that they do, the consequences of those choices and whether or not those consequences were foreseeable or intended. Against a backdrop of stunning imagery Mick will be taking us through some of the heated ethical debates in the world of climbing, linking these to business and engaging the audience in discussion of those issues.

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