# NEW HELVETIC SOCIETY

## THE SWISS CONNECTION
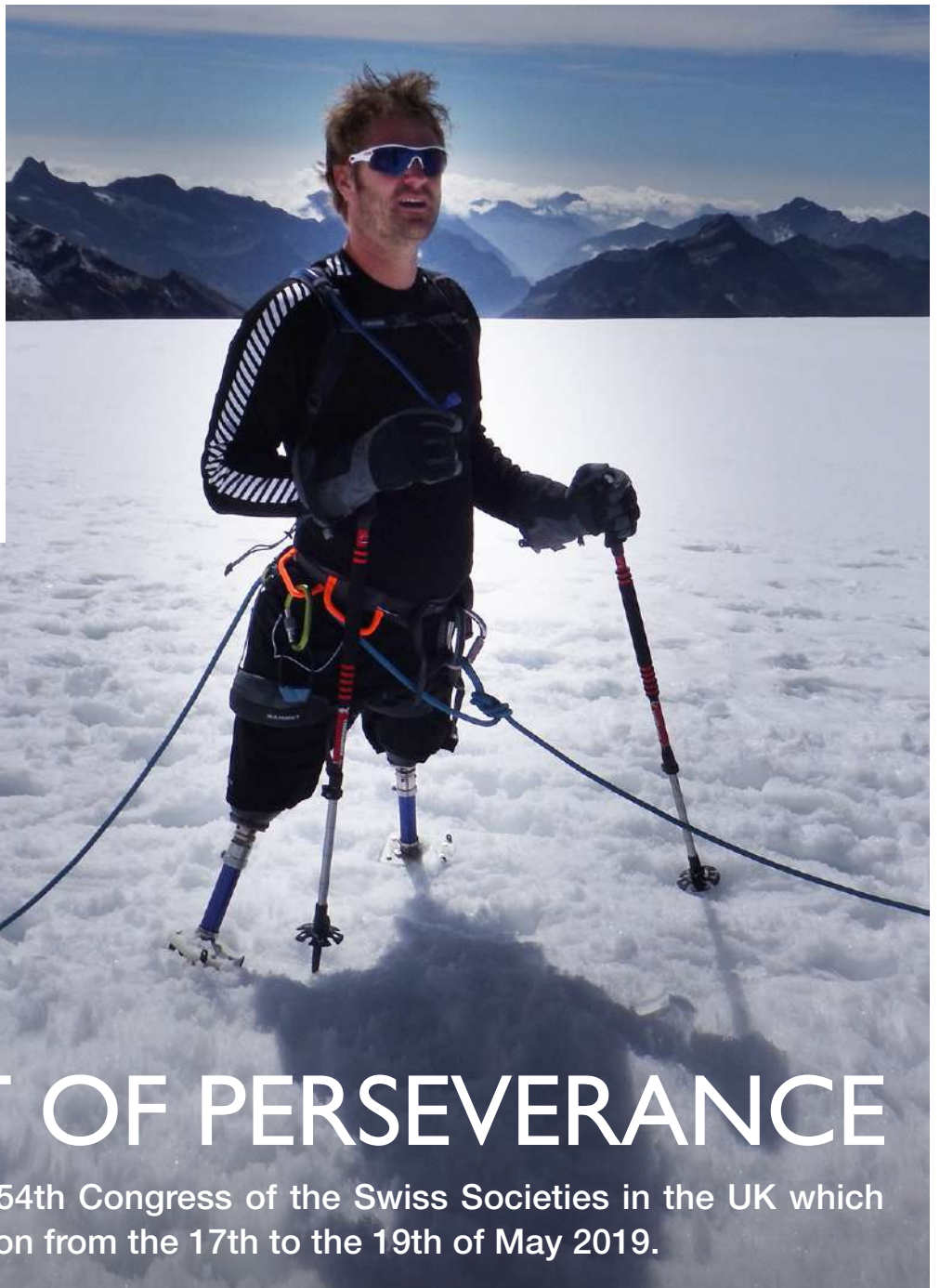
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# THE ART OF PERSEVERANCE

Part of the upcoming 54th Congress of the Swiss Societies in the UK which will take place in London from the 17th to the 19th of May 2019.

**On Friday 17th May** participants are invited to gather in the iconic Flagship store of Victorinox in New Bond Street where they will be introduced to Neil Heritage. Neil is a motivational speaker who will talk about his time in the army, losing both legs following a suicide bomb attack and his remarkable recovery. Participants will be inspired by his resilience and his attempts to be the first person with his disability to summit the iconic Matterhorn in the Alps.

Throughout the evening participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a glass of Swiss wine or Swiss beer and taste some unique Swiss cheeses whilst admiring the exhibition of professional alpine photographer Fiona Bunn. The evening is kindly supported by Swiss Quality UK and Fossuk (Federation of the Swiss Societies in the UK).

We are pleased to announce the presence of His Excellency Ambassador Fasel alongside representatives from the Swiss Embassy and from the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. With great pleasure, we will also be welcoming the director of the Organisation of Swiss Abroad (OSA), Ariane Rustichelli and the UK delegates to the Council of the Swiss Abroad.

**Doors will open at 18.30 for Drinks and Light Food, followed by the event at 7:30pm.**

**The event is free but registration by Monday 13th May is necessary.**

To sign up please visit https://nhsvictorinox17may2019.eventbrite.co.uk or send an email to info@newhelveticsociety.org.uk

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# Neil Heritage

## Motivational speaker who will inspire participants with his resilience

Neil is a motivational speaker who offers a range of bespoke keynote presentations based on his extraordinary life to date. Neil actively delivers engaging and thought provoking content to a variety of audience types, ranging from after dinner speeches to opening conference events.

Talks are prepared and tailored for each client to ensure relevance and impact, however Neil will typically talk about his time in the army, losing both legs following a suicide bomb attack and his remarkable recovery.

Neil will also talk about being part of Row 2 Recovery and the epic 51-day, 3000 mile cross Atlantic row that took place in 2012. Clients will be inspired further through discovering about Neil's attempts to be the first person with his disability to summit the iconic Matterhorn in the Alps.

The themes of resilience, overcoming adversity, leadership and team work naturally come out in Neil's presentations

# Fiona Bunn-Schroeter

## British and Swiss Alpine Landscape Photographer

Member RPS, BMC and Alpine Club (Associate Artist)

Fi is a British and Swiss Alpine Photographer, whose stunning snowy scapes have been exhibited at the Menier Gallery and the Brick Lane Gallery, London, as part of the Milan Expo, and also in the Alpine Museum in Zermatt. She takes her inspiration from a love of hiking and climbing formed from childhood hikes with her family in the Swiss Alps and Scottish Highlands. Her interest in photography was formed through her Arts and Graphic Design experiences. She also credits her father, who was a keen amateur, as inspiring her sense of artistry and composition.

"We live in such an incredible world, with access to mountain regions which are undergoing immense change. The glaciers I visited as a child are now rapidly shrinking. There is an active debate surrounding this; my main hope is that featuring these beautiful alps and glaciers through my photography will also draw our attention to those who live there, and help sustain their alpine communities in this time of change."

Website gallery: www.fiphotos.org / Faceblog @FiAlpinePhotos / Twitter @AlpineClick