

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Details

Date of Birth: October 20th 1970 Marital status: Single Nationality: British

British Passport Holder Full and clean British/International driving licence

Hong Kong Identification Card No: R920164(4)

Hong Kong Self Employed work visa to January 2014

Achievements

Memberships:

2012 – Fellow of The Royal Geographic Society, in recognition of my expedition work in Papua New Guinea and Mongolia.

Publications:

2012 to 2013 – Regular Contributor to ‘Action Asia’ Magazine – Section ‘Terra Incognita’

2006 – ‘Mongolia Interim Report. Phase 1: 20th June – 21st July 2006’
SESAME – Journal of the Scientific Exploration Society, Volume 46, No 2, 2006

2007 – ‘In search of Dinosaur Eggs in Mongolia’
Deposits, International Rock & Fossil Magazine, Issue 9

2007 – ‘Professor Perle’s visit to the UK – 17th February – 2nd March 2007’
GA, Magazine of the Geologists’ Association, Volume 6, No.2

Media profile: Numerous television, radio and newspaper articles and interviews in reference to expeditions lead and subsequent findings, Including:

BBC on-line News:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/dorset/content/articles/2007/03/22/mongolia_feature.shtml

BBC TV Interview:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0iSth9ZLEs>

BBC Radio Interview:

http://www.expedition-project-management.com/resources/Tv_Radio/DINO1.mp3

China Morning Post – Profile Interview:

www.EXPEDITION-PROJECT-MANAGEMENT.COM/resources/SCMP%20180710.JPG?timestamp=1300166594385

Jetsetter Magazine:

<http://www.EXPEDITION-PROJECT-MANAGEMENT.COM/resources/Jetsetter.jpg?timestamp=1300166817216>

Education and Qualifications

1999 – 2000 – British Society Of Clinical Hypnosis, London
Certificate of Clinical Hypnosis

1994 – 1996 – The University of Derby, England
Degree - Bachelor of Arts, Second Class Honours (1st Division)
Arts Therapies
The study of verbal and non-verbal therapeutic and counselling techniques with
Specialist study and research in there application to bereavement counselling

Career History

2007 – Present day: Freelance Line Producer, Fixer & Location Scout, Manager, Explorer & Founder of Expedition & Production Management (EPM) Asia Ltd

EPM Asia originally established in London, relocated to Hong Kong in 2010.

I am a independent Line Producer, International fixer, Production Logistics manager & Location Scout/Manager.

I have a strong reach across Pacific, Central & East Asia and provide a specialist remote and Hostile location & production management service based on knowledge and skills developed over 10 years of exploration and production management in Asia.

Personally and through my company EPM Asia I have built a solid and reliable reputation providing of a high level of production support, based on attention to detail, including working within budget, providing accurate and detailed accounting and working quickly and efficiently to client specification, yet thinking outside of the box ensuring the presentation of solutions to clients not problems.

- **What we do:**

1. Factual, Reality & Documentary production 'Fixer' Service
2. Line Producer
3. Location Scouting and Location/Camp Management
4. Local and tribal Negotiation
5. Comprehensive Production management
6. Permits and permissions
7. Logistic Development, planning and management
8. Threat Assessment, Risk Assessment and Health and safety Evaluation.
9. Service contract negotiation
10. Manage all production requirements in line with producer and production scheduels
11. Research, content development and interview management
12. Pitch and bid development/support – free service
13. Professional Expedition Management and leadership
14. Budget, payment planning and petty cash management

- **Clients and Credits**

2013 – Harmonics Inc – Corporate production – Myanmar
Research/Film Permit Application/Management/local resource management/filming advice

2013 - Tim Noonan.tv – Australia – Content development//Research/Budgeting for a proposed
National Geographic series – Focus Papua New Guinea, Mongolia, Japan & Myanmar

2012 – *Whiteiron.tv* – Hong Kong – Fixer/Location Scout/Management, Line producer
Location shoot for *short Commercial film*

2012 – *Tigress Productions* – Fiji –Location Scout, negotiation, management, Line Producer/Fixer:
‘Marooned & Naked’: Ed Stafford series for DNI – *Documentary series*
(70 Days on location including, set up, Line producer production support, break down)

2012 – *Maximus Films* – Papua New Guinea – Fixer/Location Management
Supplied Local fixer to arrange and manage a 7 day shoot at various locations across PNG

2011 – BBC Four – Hong Kong – Fixer & Location Scout/Manager
‘Survivors: Natures Indestructible Creatures: Prof Richard Fortley - *Documentary*

2011 – *House of Radon* – Hong Kong – Fixer & Location Scout/Manager
Location shoot for a *short commercial film*.

2011 – *Ten Alps Asia PLC* – Hong Kong – Interviewer, interview producer, Fixer, Resaercher,
location scout, Supplied local crew
‘Manila Hostage Massacre’ – History Channel Asia - *Documentary*

2010 – *Ten Alps Asia PLC* – Hong Kong – Research, Fixer, Location Scout, Interviewer. Supplied
local crew
‘Hong Kong’s Rogue Cop’ – ‘Anatomy of a Crime’ series - Crime and Investigation
Network – *Documentary*

2009 – *Brag Productions Ltd* – Tanzania – Research, Fixer, Location Manager
‘The Mountain Within’ – *Award Winning Documentary/Film*

2008 - Darlow Smithson Productions – Papua New Guinea – Fixer/Location Manager
‘Into the Unknown with Josh Bernstein’ for DNI - *Documentary*

My other work:

April 2013 – present day: Mentor/Tutor at International Academy of Film & Televison
Teaching; Pre-production, Location Scouting/Location Management and Production Risk
Management and production Health and Safety assessment and report writing.

November 2012 – present day: Alpha Institute Asia Ltd,
Coaching Business Leadership & Team Performance and public speaker at corporate events.
<http://www.alphaia.com/coaches>

January 2012 – to present day: Action Asia Magazine
Regular contributor for the ‘Terra Incognita’ Expedition advise page.

Previous work has included:

2010/11 -Planetwildlife.com – China Business Development Director.
EPM Asia represented the Planet wildlife brand in Asia and supported their UK business - introducing
key stone staff and global PR initiatives. Through developing the PWL brand in China EPM Asia
created an extensive distribution route system, which is now managed by the PWL India head office.

2008/09 –Enham – Production and Expedition Project Manger and Leader
A UK based charity that commissioned EPM to develop and lead a fund raising expedition to Mt.
Kilimanjaro to take a group of disabled young adults to the summit; this expedition was filmed and
has become an award winning documentary and book

2005 – 2007: Expedition leader – Scientific Exploration Society
In line with the organisations specification I designed and led 3 scientific focused expeditions.

Two expeditions were into the Gobi desert, Mongolia, working directly with Scientists from the
University of Ulanbaatar to support there on going environmental research and the third, to East
Timor, to circumnavigate and document the independent arm of the Timor island and its enclaves

Both projects ran side by side with supplying aid to remote locations within our expedition route.

2004 – 2005: IT Project Manager – Eversheds Law Firm

2001 – 2004: Undertook a series of Independent Expeditions.

Initially the focus of my planned expeditions was to document bereavement rituals around the world, however following a life changing experience in Papua New Guinea, my focus changed to finding ways to work directly with remote communities and seek direct methods to work with tribal peoples to create methods to support themselves. I continually set out to explore the remote parts of Asia and spent considerable time in Papua New Guinea, Mongolia, Java, and East Timor.

1999 – 2001 – Established a private bereavement counselling practice in London.

Working directly with a range of clients through stages of bereavement. Clients ranged in age and nature of bereavement. Clients were often victims of crime or marginalised from society.

1997 – 1999 – Residential Assistant Homecare Manager

Charity work:

Through out my working life I have consistently undertaken charity work, including, supporting many small grass root projects as well as high profile organisations, this list is a sample only:

- Supplied a oxygen concentrator to the children’s ward and educational equipment to a school, both in the town of Bayanhongor, Mongolia
- Raised funds to build a ‘safe’ Garden/play area for an independent school for children with disabilities, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- Raised funds to run a livestock program to buy and gift goats and kids to Gobi nomadic families, which I had the pleasure of delivering personally.
- Providing direct support to a village in Papua New Guinea through the profits of EPM
- Raised funds to support the scientists of the University of Ulaanbataar to undertake field work in The Gobi desert
- Raised funds to bring Prof Perle to the UK, from Mongolia, to exhibit an important Palaeontological find.
- A founding member & Trustee of The UK East London and City Bereavement Association

Personal Interests

Exploration whether it be by land, vehicle or kyaking continues to be my main passion – countries explored include: Papua New Guinea, Myanmar, China, Mongolia, East Timor, Fiji, Java, North Sulawesi to name but a few – these countries also form he back bone to my Production and Location management business

Documentray Production – Recording and making short films under the working title ‘Yawning Cheetah Productions.

Writing and speaking – sharing the adventure with others is a big part of any adventure

Avid Outrigger Paddler!

Personal Statement

Leading expeditions and managing documentary productions into remote, a high-risk environment requires a complex profile of skills. As a result, I have mastered the ability to keep a team motivated, to manage limited resources, to respond quickly to change and to calculate risk effectively. On solo expeditions, success depends on the ability to stay focused, to plan effectively and to demonstrate tremendous resilience in the face of many obstacles.

I am a confident, decision maker, fixer and project/production manager, risk assessor, people management expert and problem solver, who is a team player with strong transferable business skills. With an ability to work effectively with people at all levels and a sense of adventure to live and work with a wide range of cultures.

My Motto in life stems from the Japanese word Ikigai that translates to 'That which makes one's life worth living' I believe my past, present and future work will continue to reflect this.

Testimonial

Dropping an individual on a deserted island in a very remote location for 60 days was a challenge and one that we could only consider knowing we had the confidence and expertise of someone like Steven. He was the production's first point of contact in case of any issues, emergency or otherwise. The relationships he built with the local islanders and suppliers, and the clear and concise communication he afforded us was invaluable to the project, especially with the production team based back in the UK. His reliability, efficiency and unwavering support enabled us to feel that our talent and the project were in very safe hands. We'd love to work with Steven again and would highly recommend him to any production.

Jo Lethbridge
Production Manager – “Naked and Marooned with Ed Stafford”
Tigress Productions Ltd

For further testimonials please visit my LinkedIn page:
<http://hk.linkedin.com/pub/steven-ballantyne-frgs/a/b52/977/>

References

Available upon request.