



V.H.A.N.E.S.S.A. Expedition *In Short!*



Lift-off for VHANESSA at last!

Perhaps You would like to know that in a small town of northern Italy a group of astronomers called G.A.T. **-Gruppo Astronomico Tradatese-** had organized in the last days a recall of the discovery of cosmic rays by Victor F. Hess exactly 100 years ago.

The expedition, named VHANESSA (*Victor Hess Airballoon New Expedition Searching Signal of Astroparticles*), had consisted of 14 people on two hot air balloons, with the aim to repeat one of the experiments that V. Hess did in 1911-1912.

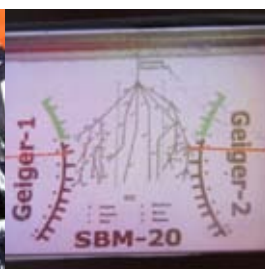
Has took place with great success the VHANESSA EXPEDITION recalling the discovery of cosmic rays by Victor Hess in 1912.

The two hot air balloons did take off at 9:35 a.m. on wednesday 11.01.2012 from S.Antonino CH, the biggest balloon with 12 people onboard and equipped with instruments in order to detect ionizing radiation (astroparticles), plus a simple but working rebuilt of the V.H. electroscope reached the max. altitude of 5750m at 10:57a.m.

After almost three ours from lift off, the two balloons had landing in Navedano (IT).

The event is being followed with very interest from many TV and newspapers.

The G.A.T. is very proud for this enterprise for what it rapresent: To remember the birth of astroparticle physics 100 years ago.



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