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The greatest challenge for further extension of Greftkjelen is Himmelstigen, a "phreatic lift" shaft near Intermesso in the northern part of the system. By scaling and climbing techniques it has been explored upwards for 110 metres, to the bottom of a third near-vertical section. It carries a strong upwards draught in winter, apparently connecting to four blow-holes high on the slopes of the Skavollknubben hill, 60-80 m above the level of the main entrance. This gives prospects of increasing the depth of the system by pressing on upwards. Furthermore, there are promises of entering an extensive western system towards an ancient resurgence.