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1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The UIAA is on its way to meeting and even exceeding key goals set out in the Strategic Plan (2013-2016), reports President Frits Vrijlandt. The goals include the expansion of the Training Standards programme, a focus on the environment and youth policies, improved communication among members and steps to raise the profile of competition ice climbing. The return of Austrian and German federations to the UIAA family also occurred this past year. As well, with the support of key sponsor, The North Face Korea, the UIAA's profile has never greater around the world as the UIAA ramps up its effort to have ice climbing included as a competition sport in the 2022 Winter Olympics.



Full report by **Frits Vrijlandt** UIAA President:

Dear members of the UIAA,

It was a pleasure to meet you all at our General Assembly in Flagstaff, Arizona in October, the first time the gathering has been held in North America since 2006. I am also happy to report to you about the continued the implementation of our strategic plan. My report follows the sections outlined in the Plan.

CLIMBING AND MOUNTAINEERING

Training Standards

Our climbing and mountaineering training standards programme is a very valuable service we provide for our member federations. If you look at the map on the UIAA website you will see the broad coverage we already have. The continued expansion of this programme is one of our main goals and we continue to work to ensure that more member federations receive this service.

Safety Standards

Our global Safety Standards continue to prove their value to the climbing and mountaineering community. This is possible because of the excellent cooperation and relationship we have with manufacturers who use our standards. The interest of retailers and consumers who demand our safety standards on products also continues to grow. I am happy to report, for instance, that the US Army has required all their climbing and mountaineering equipment to be UIAA certified, and a new UIAA standard for water-repellent ropes has been introduced successfully.

Access and Youth

Our youth program is meeting its strategic plan goals and this past year we had a full programme with Global Youth Summit events for climbing and mountaineering during both the summer and winter. Many of our federations around the world own and manage mountain huts. But only in Europe, and more specifically within countries situated in the Alps and the Pyrenees do we have an agreement about reciprocity for affiliated federation members in place. This approach works well and is being promoted around the world with the help of the UIAA. Our Access and Expedition commission also puts a lot of effort into organizing the tremendous amount of information and knowledge needed for free access by expeditions around the world.

Mountain Medicine

The Diploma in Mountain Medicine is a highly regarded qualification in the medical community. The Medical Commission has as part of its mandate a large scope of work: from altitude sickness to avoiding injuries with sport climbing and bouldering. They are also involved in the development of para ice climbing.

Climbing

A goal of the UIAA is to create global awareness about climbing on unbolted rocks. The UIAA has issued a working paper to encourage climbing areas around the world to preserve (part of) areas with unbolted natural rock for the generations to come.



Environment

We have set up the Mountain Protection Award project which focuses on the promotion of responsible mountain tourism to reward outstanding initiatives from mountaineering stakeholders. The 2013 Mountain Protection Award was given in March 2014 to the conservation project in the Ethiopian Northern Highlands. The award is supported by Western University from Azerbaijan. The 2014 UIAA Mountain Protection Award has been awarded to Pamir Horse Adventure, a Tajikistan-based community tour operator, for its conservation and tourism development initiatives in the Pamir Mountains. Western University and Golden Rock support the 2014 Award.

COMPETITION SPORT

With our sponsor, The North Face Korea, we continue to develop our ice climbing competitions as outlined in our strategic plan. The 2014 season started with the open UIAA North America Cup in Bozeman USA, followed by World Cups in Korea, Switzerland, France, Romania and Russia. Unfortunately, the World Cup in Italy had to be cancelled just a few days before the event due to the extreme avalanche danger in the area. As compensation, a demonstration event was organized in Davos, Switzerland.

We also held a great World Youth Ice Climbing Championship in France, which showed the wide appeal ice climbing holds among youth. The highlight of the season was our unique presence inside the Olympic Park in Sochi during the Winter Olympic Games. Thanks to the great effort and support of the Russian Mountaineering Federation we were able to showcase attractive and spectacular ice climbing competitions to the Olympic family and thousands of visitors and media from around the world. It also gave many of our international athletes the opportunity to experience the Olympics. The 2014 season showed the capability of the UIAA to manage ice-climbing events on the highest level. Next season we will have eight events, including one in North America. Two events, in Switzerland (World Championships) and the United States of America (North American Championships) will be for youth. The World Championship for Lead will be in Italy and the World Championship for Speed in Russia. Thanks to the great work of our anti-doping commission we are fully WADA compliant and rules and regulations have been updated in 2014 to continue our successful anti-doping educational programme.

UIAA POLICY

We have taken a major step forward with the return last year of our largest members the German Alpine Club (DAV) and the Association of Austrian Alpine Clubs (Vavoe). A number of new countries have also shown interest in becoming members and we continue to carefully review

their applications. Due to our experience with some countries with more than one member we may have to review our regulations. Our commissions are very valuable and met most of our tasks from the Strategic Plan. Steps have been taken to recruit and develop commission talent. Over the year we had regular meetings with global sports governing organizations such as the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Sport accord. IOC officials praised our presence at Sochi and the way we have developed our ice climbing programme.

The UIAA has a unique and well-appreciated position in the international sport community because we are not only looking after sports but also mountain protection and the enjoyment of the beauty of mountains around the world.

Several longstanding, cultural mountain initiatives are organized around the world to celebrate and promote mountains, climbing and mountaineering. For the UIAA these are great platforms to promote our shared interests. The UIAA has been present at global outdoor tradeshows via the manufactures who promote the values of the UIAA safety label. I on behalf of the UIAA, for the first time since the organization split in 2007, was invited to the annual member meeting of our colleagues from sport climbing competitions (IFSC). Despite this friendly gesture there were no signs at all their Executive Board is willing to collaborate with the UIAA. I had similar exchanges with the Executive Board members of our colleagues from ski mountaineering competitions. However, we still share most of our members who are all multisport federations, just like the UIAA.

FINANCES AND CORE SERVICES

I am happy to report that our financial position remains good and stable. We have implemented budget reform to anticipate financial risks and are able to keep our expenses and incomes within the agreed 5% margin of our profit and lost forecast. Financial quarterly reports give us an overview about the financial situation and allow us to take actions if the budget should deviate. Our commissions and staff have been able to accomplish the tasks in our Strategic Plan, which shows their quality. In our office we were faced with the unexpected departure of our newly appointed manager after three months. Despite our positive expectations he decided to change his career again in a different direction. We solved the vacancy by appointing Sophie Gerard first as interim team manager, then as Office Manager. The responsibilities were divided over the staff and we increased the number of hours for Sophie and Valerie Thoeni. To further professionalize our events, including the ice climbing competitions, we have hired a sport event coordinator, Etienne Grillot. We thank the Swiss Alpine Club for the great support of our office in Bern. The



very limited solidarity fund will be used for one-time support actions for member federations having problems to pay their UIAA membership fees. We may review our regulations to exclude current disputes and avoid new disputes between several members in one country at the UIAA GA's.

COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA

We have received positive feedback about our communications. The monthly newsletter is highly appreciated. The new UIAA website has been released in January, including the integration with social media, which gave a boost to our social media presence. Last spring we also activated several modules, like the Documents Management System, to serve our members. As well, the UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup website has been released and is directly linked to the UIAA homepage.

With the dedicated sponsorship for ice climbing competitions we have exceeded our Strategic Plan target. However our other tasks still need financial support and for that reason we have attracted extra sponsorships. We also received global media attention mainly due to our presence at the Winter Olympic Games and our involvement in Mount Everest and other high mountains. We have a goal to increase our presence and coverage of the UIAA in the international media as the governing body for all climbing and mountaineering sports. We have also produced an image brochure to support our members with the promotion of the UIAA values.

Looking at the achievements of the past year I remain confident about the progress we have made and will continue to make in the coming years. We are aware of the many challenges ahead of us, both inside and outside the UIAA, and I am convinced we can overcome them. I am very thankful to my fellow Board and Management Committee members, to our staff in Bern and to all our member federations for their continued support and engagement in the UIAA.

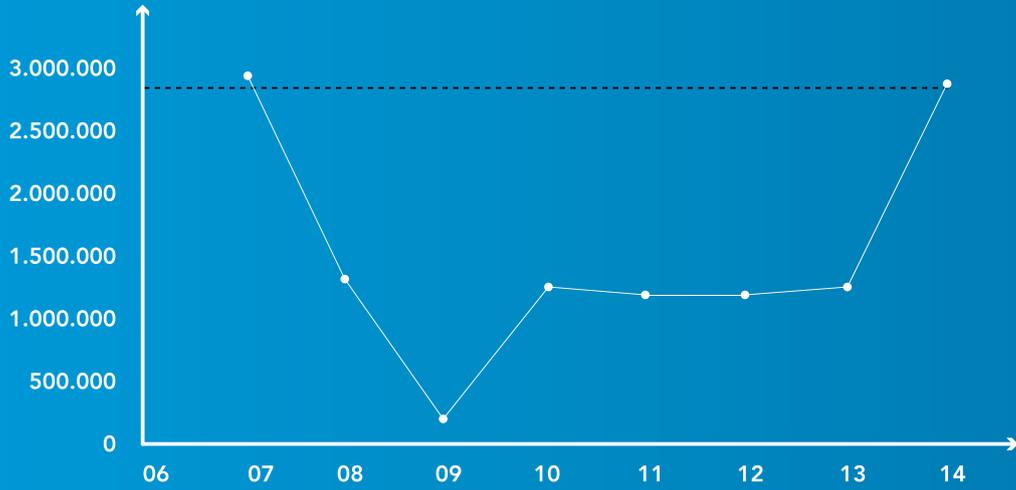
Together we climb our mountains and together we reach our goals. The climbing and mountaineering family is a big family with members who all have a shared passion for climbing and mountaineering.

Yours sincerely,

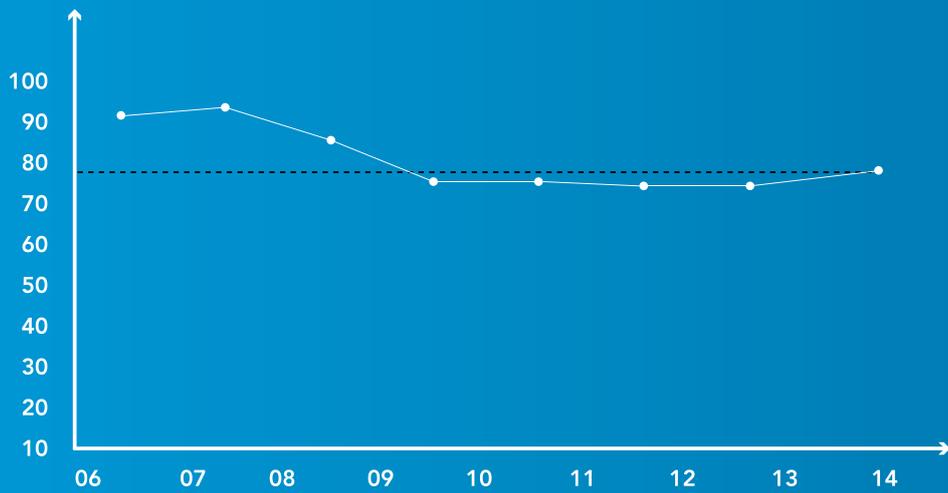
Frits Vrijlandt

UIAA President

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS 2007-2014



MEMBER FEDERATIONS 2007-2014





2. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We finished the year 2014 with 77 Member Federations, making a total of 2,850,828 individual members. This big increase was due mainly from the rejoining of the Deutscher Alpenverein DAV and Verband Alpiner Vereine Österreichs VÄVOE, which had left the UIAA in 2008. We were also happy to include as of the start of 2014, the Bangladesh Mountaineering Federation as a full member and the Jordan Tourism Board as an Observer Member.

At the General Assembly in 2014 Flagstaff, Arizona, USA, we had the acceptance of Lithuania Mountaineering Association as full member. The Armenian Alpine Club, the National Adventure Association of Malaysia and the National Mountaineering and Climbing Association of Sri Lanka joined as Observer Members. These numbers will reflect for 2015.

The UIAA is actively looking for new member Federations in South America, and Asian continents. We hope to keep the numbers rising with more applicant federations in 2015.



Report by **Hélène Denis** UIAA General Secretary



3. ACCESS AND EXPEDITIONS COMMISSION

The need for continued access by climbers and mountaineers around the world is a pressing issue and the Access and Expeditions Commission is at the forefront of the effort to ensure it is open, reports Commission President Juan Ibanez. The Commission continues its work on the Access database project, which when complete, will be an important resource for climbers and mountaineers around the world. This past year has also seen a particular focus on Access issues in Latin America and the development of an Expeditions document that will be ready in 2015.



Full report by **Juan Ibañez** Access Commission President:

The Access and Expeditions Commissions worked on access issues over the past year and believes that the addition of more members, especially experts on Expeditions, is necessary to respond to the various challenges facing climbing and mountaineering in protected areas.

MEETINGS NOVEMBER 2014 AND FEBRUARY 2014

Skype meetings were held to prepare activities and projects (revision of wiki and access database), and future expeditions issues. The annual commission meeting was held in Tehran, June 21-22, 2014, Iran under the kind invitation of I.R. Iran Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Fed-

eration (IMSCF). IMSCF President Reza Zarei welcomed the commission and joined part of the debates as head of the Iranian Access Commission delegation.

The IMSCF informed the Commission about the opportunities for climbing and alpine activities. Iran is full of wild area, high mountains (Damavand 5.671 m), trekking areas and climbing areas with little to no access restrictions. Access & Expeditions Commission members, with IMSCF Access Commission members, conducted a review of the different aspects of access problems in various parts of the world, solutions implemented in each case, opportunities of regulation of activities and relations with environmental authorities. All agreed that knowledge shared and information could be useful to prevent unjustified regulations and unfair restrictions for climbing and mountaineering. During the visit, President Zarei and his federation officials invited the UIAA delegation to join a visit to the National Geographical Organization (NGO), which included a demonstration of a digital map tool that can be useful for climbing and mountain activities. The IMSCF and NGO signed an agreement to exchange information and knowledge.

PROJECTS AND SUPPORT ACTIVITY

Access Database Project

Dr. Milos Jodorowski is responsible for drawing up a survey to distribute to all federations asking for access information and a key person to be interlocutor for access. Jodorowski suggested this path to launch the database. The focus of the database is to use federation papers about access, to share the knowledge and prevent similar problems in other areas and include specific information (or link to information sites) about areas with restrictions. UIAA office will provide technical support for the initiative.

Access in Latin America

The Acceso PanAm (APA) created in 2009 is an access and conservation organization made up of climbers dedicated to protecting climbing environments and building a grassroots approach to conservation and stewardship in Latin America. A programme to allow climbing areas with access and conservation principals was held involving five different countries and 10 different local climbing organizations with more than 140 volunteers to clean up the climbing areas. Hands-on workshop for Minas Gerais, Brazil, access activists were held with support from the Petzl Foundation. Access & Expeditions is working with APA which supports local access organizations such as the Asociación Uruguaya de Escalada (Uruguayan climbing association) UADE and their nego-



tiations to open the Grutas de Salamanca climbing area.

Huascarán National Park-Perú

Access Commission members visited Perú in 2006 and have kept in touch with Jim Bartle who updates the Commission about the situation in National Park of Huascarán. Since 2006, any member of a UIAA federation can enter the park for hiking or climbing while others must take a licensed guide. Bartle said there is a possibility this might be eliminated, as a consultant has been hired to evaluate the park for management and promotion, and commented him that he believes that the obligatory-guides policy is counterproductive. Another rule which is not enforced but is still important affects hikers but not climbers: Hikers are required to stay on the “established trails” which are few and far between. This restriction for hikers to a limited area of the park to visit has not been thought through clearly and need to be reviewed.

Expeditions document

An open period for contributions and suggestions was opened after the UIAA Management Committee meeting in Munich. A number of suggestions and contributions was received will be incorporated into a discussion document. The document is under review will be ready for the 2015 Management Committee meeting in Zaragoza, Spain.

Next meeting

The next annual Commission meeting will be held in Poland next June 2015 and hosted by the Poland Mountaineering Association.



Report by

Juan Ibañez

Access Commission President



4. ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION

Doping controls of athletes during the UIAA International Ice Climbing World Tour and the updating of all rules and regulation of UIAA competitions according to the new WADA anti-doping code were the major highlights of the year, reports Commission President Nenad Dikic. In addition, the Commission is happy to report that its services were sought by the International Skyrunning Federation, an observer member of UIAA. This is an excellent example of a service that could be provided for any member of UIAA, since UIAA is WADA Code Compliant.



Full report by **Dr. Nenad Dikic** President of Anti-Doping Commission:

DOPING CONTROLS

As was the case in previous years the Anti-Doping Commission conducted four doping controls per competition and four doping controls out of competition. Because the Rabenstein World Cup was cancelled due to the weather, there were in total 20 in competition doping controls and four out of competition. All results were doping negative.

Registered testing pool (RTP)

The registered testing pool (RTP) of ten athletes was maintained, but with poor response of

the athletes.

Members of UIAA RTP:

1. Tolokonina Maria (RUS)
2. Rainer Angelika (ITA)
3. Shin WoonSeon (KOR)
4. Filippova Maryam (RUS)
5. Feoktistova Ekaterina (RUS)
6. Tomilov Maxim (RUS)
7. Park HeeYong (KOR)
8. Tomilov Alexey (RUS)
9. Kuzovlev Nikolay (RUS)
10. Gulyaev Pavel (RUS)

Therapeutic use exemption (TUE)

No Therapeutic use exemption (TUE) was issued.

The International Standard for Granting Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) developed by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) provides the framework for athletes to use medicines on the 'Prohibitive List' to treat legitimate medical conditions. Like everyone else, athletes may suffer from illnesses (for example, asthma) that require them to take particular medications. Provided that the need for medications is genuine, and subject to specific criteria, the use of medications should not impact on the ability of athletes to play sport.

Project in 2014

The Commission updated all rules and regulation of UIAA competitions according to the new WADA antidoping code.

Doping controls performed in Skyrunning: Nine doping controls, including two controls of erythropoietin were conducted on the request of the International Skyrunning Federation, observer member of UIAA. This is an excellent example of a service which could be provided for any member of UIAA, since UIAA is WADA Code Compliant.

Ice climbing as Paralympic sports

The idea to invite handicap ice climbers to compete and develop a new discipline of ice climbing in the Paralympics is valuable and important. Prerequisites for new Paralympic sport and



short history of Paralympic sport will be discussed during UIAA Commission Presidents Round Table.

Bozeman, Montana

The UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup in Bozeman (December 2014) will be remembered not only for it being well-organized but also the first time UIAA training for doping control officers in North America took place. Both Dr Alan Oram and Gabrielle Antonioli successfully passed training and became the first UIAA doping control officers in the U.S.A. At the same time, the UIAA has made a step forward in completing team of doping control officers who will follow the new standards and will be able to perform urine and blood doping control worldwide.



Report by

Dr. Nenad Dikic

President of Anti-Doping Commission



5. ICE CLIMBING COMMISSION

It's been a banner year for the development of the UIAA's ice climbing programme, reports Commission President Urs Stoecker. From the inclusion of live streaming on most World Cup events, the presentation of the ice climbing at the Sochi Winter Olympics, the continued expansion of the UIAA Youth World Championships, the profile of competition ice climbing has never been higher. The Commission is pleased to announce that North America is now part of the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour and efforts continue to ensure more country participation on the Tour.



Full report by **Urs Stoecker** *Ice Climbing Commission President:*

GOALS

The Ice Climbing Commission is a coordinated and efficient working group with multiple goals including establishing a World Cup calendar, ensuring rules and regulations governing competition ice climbing are updated, and the development and promotion of the sport globally.

Sochi Winter Olympics

This past year, the Commission pushed the development and brand of competition ice climbing to new heights. The highlight was the showcasing of ice climbing during the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi. It was an experience that inspired Commission members and pushed athletes to work even harder to achieve the UIAA goal to be an official Winter Olympics Sport in 2022.

The centerpiece was a spectacular outdoor climbing wall sponsored by Sberbank and built with the help of former Ice Climbing Commission president Pavel Shabalin. Athletes from various countries who participate in the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour took part in demonstrations of ice climbing and thousands of visitors were able to try their hand on the wall. There was also widespread coverage of the event by global media on hand at the Olympic Village. Later senior Olympic officials praised the UIAA for helping put the event together when they met with UIAA President Frits Vrijlandt.

Live Streaming

Another important development was the live streaming of most World Cup events, which has helped broaden the audience for ice climbing around the world.

Strategic Plan

The Commission has a clear strategic plan, which it has handed over to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and principal sponsor, The North Face Korea. This strategic plan was updated and adopted during the Ice Climbing Commission meeting 26-27 April 2014 in Paklenica, Croatia. The main structural focus on the next years is establishing of a professional marketing and broadcasting as well as creating functioning working groups within the commission. All these goals aim to an application at IOC to be included in the Winter Olympics 2022.

The 2014 Ice Climbing World Cup

Nearly all of the goals for the events in 2014 in the strategic plan were fulfilled except the challenge of Daone, a regular event in the past which was cancelled due an accident during the build-up to the event. The Ice Climbing Commission wanted to revive this event but did not as Rabenstein, Italy stepped up to replace it for the region. The other events took place in Korea, Romania, France, Switzerland and Russia. There was also a very successful Youth World Championships held in Champagny-en-Vanoise, France. The number of participants and countries within the World Cups in 2013 and 2014 were not those projected in the strategic plan. Reasons include the lack of support of national federations for the athletes, general increase in performance level and the domination of the Russian athletes in lead and speed. Based on this, the Commission has modified the strategic plan to address these issues to get more realistic figures after 2015.



Report by

Urs Stoecker

Ice Climbing Commission President



6. MEDICAL COMMISSION

The need for sound medical advice in the mountains has never been greater as more and more people around the world participate in climbing and mountaineering adventures both on the amateur and professional level, reports Commission President David Hillebrandt. The role of the Medical Commission through its papers, advice pages and the Mountain Medicine Diploma is to give the best possible advice through its network of mountain medicine experts who are all medical doctors and the publication of papers such as the 2014 release on Drug Use in the Mountains.



Full report by **David Hillebrandt** *Medical Commission President:*

MEDCOM ACTIVITIES

Ongoing projects include the UIAA website based multilingual advice sheets, shared responsibility for the increasingly popular UIAA/IKAR/ISMM diploma of mountain medicine, quiet educational work and dissemination of medical information both to the lay mountaineer and the mountain medicine health professional, whether a doctor, nurse or paramedic.

In addition the Commission also offers personal advice to people who approach the UIAA with medical problems. The work of the Commission serves to make many people aware of the existence of the UIAA whilst educating the mountaineering public.

Membership

The Commission currently has 60 members on its email list and the majority contribute either by attending the annual meeting, by email or by translating the advice sheets in to their native languages. There are country representatives who disseminate educational messages within their own country. In addition there are expert members to help with specific topics and a few corresponding members who have often taken leading roles in the past and keep in touch with Commission work and frequently contribute sage advice. The Commission is pleased to slowly be getting representation from Africa, especially East Africa, to join in the work of the UIAA Medcom. An official Austrian member has also joined Medcom after the official absence of both Austria and Germany from or commission. Members from both countries had continued to work tirelessly as experts despite the politics of the past. The new Austrian member is also a member of IKAR which should further increase cooperation.

Individual Countries

Each year much work goes on in each country with Medcom members running and teaching on courses, often on mountain first aid or altitude medicine for their parent organisation or national guide or instructor organisations. Members often publish books for use on their courses for example the Swiss book designed specifically for use by Diploma candidates and now available in German and English or the Iranian books in Persian for lay use. It is not unusual for members to visit other member countries to help with course teaching and to encourage new specialist courses to be run.

Annual Medcom Meeting

This year the annual UIAA Medcom meeting was held for half a day as part of the ISMM's tenth Congress held in Bolzano, in Italy at the EURAC center. It was an amazing international gathering of 600 mountain medicine experts and lasted for five days. The research presented varied from highly theoretical cell metabolism at altitude to the practicalities of mountain rescue and trauma care. IKAR, and UIAA Medcom also held a meeting as part of the gathering and the ISMM held their annual general meeting. The formal meetings may have been short but as with all such gatherings it is the informal conversations held in bars and over coffee that really get things moving. The cooperation between the UIAA and IKAR, the ISMM and the Wilderness Medicine society is at an all time high.

A formal agreement of understanding is being redrawn between UIAA and IKAR for further cooperation with the UIAA continuing to concentrate on preventative medicine and the IKAR on



rescue medicine and this will be signed in 2015. The UIAA Medcom meeting in Bolzano simply continued to work on current projects as outlined in the minutes of the meeting which have already been circulated.

Courses

There is no doubt that the flagship course is the Diploma of Mountain Medicine which is run with IKAR and International society of Mountain Medicine (ISMM). This course continues to grow in popularity and David Hillebrandt was honoured to attend the final week of the first Scandinavian Diploma of Mountain Medicine in Norway in June 2014. This shared teaching between countries also ensures consistency of standards for the syllabus which allows for adaption to the specific country needs. The visiting teacher reports back to the joint UIAA/IKAR/ISMM administering group and furthers standardization.

After several years of procrastination the Diploma took a big step forward courtesy of a Swiss medical education team who coordinated and funded a pre conference day for all the organisers of national diplomas in Bolzano in May. This was the first time all organisers had had time to meet together and share their experiences, triumphs and difficulties. Hopefully it will result in changes to the international programme and syllabus which are sensitive to the needs of each nation. The joint working group continues to work on this aspect of the diploma.

In some of member countries there is not sufficient demand for a full diploma course but local courses to meet local needs are organized and these can apply for UIAA approval as can specialised courses on topics such as Sports climbing injuries. These courses tend to be run on a not for profit basis by our commission members.

Advice Papers

Thomas Kupper from Germany continues to lead the work on Medcom's advice papers. His tireless work helps the Commission achieve its deadlines for new papers or reviews of existing papers. All are published on the UIAA website and are available free in many languages. There are an increasing number of Chinese who are taking high altitude trekking holidays in Nepal with little knowledge of altitude problems and consequently many of these advice papers are now translated into Chinese.

The Commission appreciates the need for scientific rigor with these papers so most are now academically referenced. Every effort is made to get them published in respected peer reviewed

journals of Mountain or expedition medicine or Travel medicine. With this increased technicality the Commission is keen not to alienate the lay reader so in the future there maybe some papers on the website published in two forms. One is a more chatty form for the lay reader and one in a more formal scientific form for the medical reader. The first paper where this has been attempted is titled "Drug Use in the Mountains." The lay version is now available on the UIAA but the more formal medical form will not be ready for presentation to a journal early in 2015.

Commercial and "Charity" treks

The Commission continues to be aware of the increasing number of commercial and charity treks. Many are very well run but there are still too many who offer unsafe ascent profiles guaranteeing illness and some who have little or no mountain medicine training for their leaders. Every year, the Commission is made aware of unnecessary deaths often as a result of poor leadership and planning. Kilimanjaro is the site of many problems but the Commission is also aware of problems with some groups on Aconcagua and in Nepal. The Commission continues to work slowly and quietly on education of those who run commercial trips and on their clients and would draw attention to the Medical Commission advice sheet on "How to choose a commercial expedition or trekking company".

Intercommission liaison

The Commission is working with the UIAA Ice Climbing Commission on both medical aspects of safety for athletes and spectators and also on the introduction of para ice climbing competitions. Recently Medcom also worked with the Safety Commission on bouldering mat design. Within two days of being approached to help Medcom had three experts in email correspondence, one from Canada one from Germany and one from the UK. The commissions had hard researched medical data at its fingertips which showed the areas of injury to concentrate on in design specification.



Report by

David Hillebrandt

Medical Commission President



7. MOUNTAINEERING COMMISSION

The expansion and development of the Training Standards Panel programme including work on a new administration system through the UIAA website for UIAA members has become a key priority and activity of the Mountaineering Commission, reports Commission President Pierre Humblet. In addition, the Commission was involved in a number of issues including the Aruga project, the translation of Memento into a number of new languages, the updating of the Scales of Difficulties paper, a renewed partnership with the Petzl Foundation and other partners on the near-miss survey and accidents database.



Full report by **Pierre Humblet** and **Steve Long**:

The UIAA Mountaineering Commission (MountCom) met twice after the General Assembly in Pontresina, Switzerland. The first meeting was held in Brussels, Belgium, kindly hosted by Climbing and Mountaineering Belgium (CMBEL) in November, 2013 and again in April, 2014 at Le Tour in Chamonix Valley on the invitation of the French Alpine Club (FFCAM). The Commission gathered in Western Europe to save costs in view of the fact that it intends to meet in Japan in 2015. The Training Standard Panel meets every time with the Mountaineering Commission because it is now the core activities of the Commission. In Le Tour, the Commission also convened the Legal

Experts Working Group (LEWG) to tackle the legal issues affecting mountaineering activities

ARUGA

The General Assembly in Amsterdam invited MountCom to report on the ARUGA project updating the list of the 8.000 summits. Commission president Pierre Humblet reported to the Management Committee in Orvieto and to the GA in Pontresina where it was decided to give two more months for reflection and consultation with the most interested federations such as the Himalayan-based UIAA members. Unfortunately a meeting scheduled in April at Kathmandu with the concerned parties had to be cancelled because of an avalanche tragedy that killed many Sherpas. A draft version of the document trying to conciliate the diverse points of view will be presented at the upcoming Management Committee meeting in Zaragoza, Spain.

SCALES OF DIFFICULTIES

An English translation of the original Italian version of this document about difficulties' scales in climbing was prepared and sent to the UIAA office in Bern. The Commission has working on this issue for sometime and the report will be updated with another chapter by Claudio Melchiorri on "Vie Ferrate" grades with all existing scales (French/Austrian/Italian/German etc.) and will propose the most accurate system (e.g. for those countries without a grading system like Russia etc.) at the next Commission meeting. This update could be integrated into the UIAA Petzl Foundation "Memento".

PARTNERSHIP WITH PETZL FOUNDATION

The Commission has previously done a lot of work with Philippe Descamps, Petzl Foundation General Secretary who has now left his position to work for a newspaper "Le Monde Diplomatique". Stéphane Lozac'hmeur, however, is still working with Petzl Foundation and Olivier Moret is the new General Secretary. Both attended the Commission's spring meeting at Le Tour. Many thanks to Philippe Descamps and warm welcome to Olivier. A decision has been made to pursue the Commission's partnership with Petzl Foundation and a new cooperative agreement was signed in February, 2014 at Toulouse, between UIAA MountCom and Petzl Foundation, the final act of Descamps., with Moret present. The Petzl Foundation is supporting UIAA member federations wishing to implement the UIAA Training Standards by covering the travel expenses and fees of UIAA Training Standards Instructors if not affordable for them.



MEMENTO

The Commission is now awaiting translations of Memento (summer skills), which is available in English and French and should be soon in Spanish, Turkish, Nepali, Portuguese and other languages. There have been some delays with the translations and the contract terms are being reviewed. The Commission is considering reprinting the English version to make it available for Federations interested in it. The Petzl Foundation is also considering an EBook version and the Commission has started work on a new Memento on winter mountaineering! One of the issues being tackled are two very diverse approaches to avalanches problem but the UIAA doesn't want to favor one.

TRAINING STANDARDS PANEL

Budget

The new agreement with the Petzl Foundation allows for a three-year grant of 10,000 Euros per year for developing the UIAA Training Standards.

Insurance

The Commission would like to remind that in previous reports and presentations, it has raised the question of insurance coverage (Liability and personal accident) for UIAA experts working in the field (status to be clarified and coverage). No decisions have been taken. This issue is also linked to the nature of the partnership with experts and their remuneration.

The TSP would like insurance coverage for TS experts during the visits (third party liability + individual - personal accident insurance). The Commission does not have a clear idea of the current UIAA insurance coverage so experts have to be covered by their own federations, but there is no hard and fast rule. If the home federation does not cover the expert, the expert has to activate their own insurance. The issue is that not all experts have personal insurance coverage since they are not all professional mountain guides. It is the responsibility and the duty of the UIAA bodies to care about the insurance coverage for its volunteers and experts and Mountaineering Commission would like the UIAA Management Committee and Executive Board to deal with this issue" (see 2013 spring report).

Non-Members

Currently the Training Standards is only available to member federations, as an important member-only service. The issue of splinter groups forming has largely been addressed with the

production of a template for a federation to endorse a “partner” or club as part of its training provision but not necessarily open to other clubs within the federation. This has worked well recently for the UK and for USA.

The Jordan Tourist Board recently joined the UIAA as it would like to introduce training for leaders and instructors (see above), but it is not a mountaineering federation and does not claim to have any mountaineering expertise. The question is whether membership of this sort of organization can be reconciled with the UIAA because they can afford to pay for membership, while other perhaps equally well-meaning organizations and perhaps businesses, which want access to the TS services, want to but can’t afford UIAA membership.

Until now MountCom has taken the approach that TS is for members only. The feeling at the meeting was that although it recommends against opening the labels to non-members, this in the final analysis is a business decision that only the UIAA Management Committee has the power to make.

Applications

The Training Standards Panel continues to assist and accredit national or regional outdoor training programs. Thirty federations are now involved, new accreditations have been given in the past 6 months, and interest has been expressed from a further 6 associations. The work of the panel is highly valued by the federations, and its success demonstrates that the model that has been developed by the UIAA Mountaineering Commission is optimal.

Applications still pending

Belgium KBF (The application for Winter Walking award is achieved and the Alpine award has been positively checked this 2014 summer), Catalonia (Ski Mountaineering), Nepal (Should be soon ready), New Zealand. Revalidation: Finland, Czech Republic, South Africa.

Miscellaneous Issues

TSP sent a representative to the Indian Mountaineering Federation (IMF) Climbathon this summer.

STATISTICS WORK

There is now an agreement in principle with the Petzl Foundation for the Commission’s work



on an accidents statistics database. The Petzl Foundation was already working already on this issue with a French University team and wanted to ensure the two approaches were compatible.

"Near-miss" survey project

This project is part of the Commission's work on accidents and incidents in mountaineering, reports, statistics and analyses, prevention and insurance. "The alpine Near-Miss Survey" was created by Cory Jackson in the U.S.A. and there is a similar website in Switzerland. Olivier Moret of the Petzl Foundation has been in touch with Jackson who has also meet with Pierre Humblet. The good news is that Jackson is ready to work with the UIAA and the Petzl Foundation which has offered to help create a similar website with English and French introductions and a standardized worldwide approach to reporting near-misses and under the UIAA banner. The Petzl Foundation will fund the project and take care of all the technical aspects and work with Jackson and MountCom members. The public will be able to add details about near-misses and significant reported incidents will be analyzed and answered by Mountcom and Petzl Foundation specialists. The data collected will also be analyzed annually by French University professors who are already working on this issue. The project will be finalized at the end of 2015. The Commission is convinced there is great value in this project and will increase the visibility of the UIAA globally.

Statistics

The question of data continues to be a topic of much interest among Commission members, so the Petzl Foundation invited the two French professors from the University at Lyon to the Brussels meeting, with a Japanese translator to facilitate the dialogue with the UIAA member in charge of data - Professor Chiaki Aoyama.

A procedure has been established to go forward:

- Create a draft contract for sharing/gathering information with testing UIAA Federation members
- Formulate a questionnaire to gather information on the partner testing federations to allow analyzing effectively the data (members, outings etc.)
- Build the list and type of information to get and the benefits to be gained in analyzing the data. This will be grounded on Chiaki's existing work/graphs etc. derived from his experience in Japan
- Establish a new budget limited to doing this testing work with 3 Federations choose

within the volunteers to be a representative package.

- Present all of this to Petzl Foundation for possible granting and to the Management Committee. The Commission has been in touch with several federations to start the testing process. Positive answers have not yet been received from Canada and Chile.

OTHER PROJECTS

Current priorities for the Petzl Foundation are Kenya, Jordan, Mongolia, Palestine, Armenia and Mali. Moret would like the help of the Training Standards Panel in creating a Federation in Mali to be affiliated with the UIAA but political instability might delay it. The Jordanian project is in progress.

Ethics - Traditional values

The Traditional Values Working Group, under the Chairmanship of Doug Scott, has produced the document 'The Preservation of Natural Rock for Adventure Climbing', which recognizes the current and future value of climbing using leader-placed protection, and that the number of mountains and crags where this can be practiced is disappearing worldwide at an alarming rate. The UIAA General Assembly in Flagstaff has approved the document.

Evolutions in Nepal

MountCom has been discussing recent proposals in Nepal. We realize that in the end the concerned countries do have to manage their mountains while we have to promote our ethical concepts. Ladders have been proposed on Everest - at the Hillary step – to improve safety (and speed) for ascent and descent thus improving safety for Sherpas. MountCom believes that the UIAA cannot be put in a position where it recommends the addition of fixed equipment. A better alternative is to recommend reducing the number of climbers. The UIAA's preference would be fixed ropes rather than ladders in case of emergency.

The UIAA General Assembly voted the following statement:



“As one of the most iconic landmarks of the world, Mount Everest belongs to mankind. Thus, the ascent of this magnificent mountain should be reserved to those who have acquired the skills and the experience needed to reach the highest point of the word. To the people who have learned to respect the mountains.”



Therefore, the UIAA does not support the addition of permanent structures to the ascent routes, as this would lessen the value of the achievement, spoil the adventure and encourage the abuse of this sacred place we call Mount Everest.”

Legal Experts Working Group

This is a group that has not been active as it has been in the past for various reasons and needs new members. The Commission has asked the Federations to propose and the Management Committee to appoint new members to start working on new issues. The UIAA survey demonstrated the value of the LEWG for the Member federations and the Commission is now in touch with several federations to renew the membership (Canada, The Netherlands, New Zealand). New tasks for the LEWG work on the legal aspects of working abroad and liability in such situations. Belgium is the first country having contributed to this project in progress.



Report by

Pierre Humblet

Mountaineering Commission President

and

Steve Long

Training Standards Panel President



8. MOUNTAIN PROTECTION COMMISSION

The UIAA Mountain Protection Award for Stewardship is one of the key activities which continues to raise the profile of the UIAA around the world and raise awareness about the need for practices that sustain and conserve fragile mountain ecosystems, reports Commission president Linda McMillan. The award encourages key mountain stakeholder groups—science, sport, and tourism—together with governments, public and private land managers, and conservation organizations, to improve mountain protection around the world through mountain protection projects.



Full report by **Linda McMillan** MPC President:

The work of the Mountain Protection Commission has been focused the Mountain Protection Award for Stewardship.

MOUNTAIN PROTECTION AWARD FOR STEWARDSHIP

The focus of the Commission has been to further expand global awareness of the Mountain Protection Award for Stewardship, building on the very successful launch of the Award in 2013.

Commission members with the support of UIAA staff are now focused on building global recognition and expansion of this valuable Award which, each year, recognizes and lauds outstand-

ing mountain protection stewardship projects around the world

The award encourages key mountain stakeholder groups—science, sport, and tourism—together with governments, public and private land managers, and conservation organizations, to improve mountain protection around the world by creating and sustaining mountain protection projects that use effective stakeholder collaborations and communications.

The MPA achieves this goal by promoting and documenting mountain protection projects around the world that demonstrate their annual progress on an approved individualized mountain stewardship plan. This innovative design the development of a global network of working relationships with leading conservation NGOs, mountain scientists, governments, land managers, and ecotourism operators that will support mountain protection projects clearly focused on sustainable mountain development and reduction of negative effects of climate changes and mountain tourism.

Each year in October the Award selection committee selects the best mountain stewardship plan from the competing MPA projects. The winner is recognized as an outstanding “Mountain Protector” and receives a cash prize donated by generous sponsors from Baku, Azerbaijan: Western University and Golden Rock Travel. The cash prize for the first MPA in 2013 was \$5,000. In 2014 it doubled to \$10,000 and with the continued generosity of our Award sponsors. At this level, the MPA will easily gain significant global attention and attract an impressive field of candidates from around the world.

The resulting benefits that the UIAA gains from offering this award are profound and two-fold:

1. The Commissions helps achieve the UIAA mission of “promoting responsible access, culture and environmental protection” by highlighting and empowering worthy mountain protection projects around the world.
2. The UIAA gains global recognition for effectively bringing together sport, science, and tourism to protect mountain regions.

The vision and value of the Mountain Protection Award align with the United Nations recent Draft Resolution on Sustainable Development from the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development - Rio+20.



The 2014 UIAA Mountain Protection Award has been awarded to Pamir Horse Adventure, a Tajikistan-based community tour operator, for its conservation and tourism development initiatives in the Pamir Mountains. The award was given today at the Kiku. International Mountain Summit by Dr. Carolina Adler, a member of the UIAA Mountain Protection Commission with representatives of sponsors Western University and Golden Rock in Brixen, Italy.

NEW MEMBERS

The Mountain Protection Commission has continued to attract talented and motivated members such as Lode Beckers from Belgium and Amin Moein of Iran. The diversity and range of experiences strengthens the Commission's ability to take on difficult challenges and produce important outcomes.

COMMISSION ACTIVITIES 2014

June 13-14, 2014

Commission member Hussein Bagirov kindly arranged for the Commission to have its annual meeting on June 14 in Baku, Azerbaijan. The day before the meeting, attendees were invited to facilitate an interesting and productive conference with local experts on Ecotourism Perspectives in the Caucasus and Lessons from Other Countries.

August 1

A new edition of a book on amenity migration in mountain regions of the world includes a chapter submitted by Mountain Protection Commission president Linda McMillan that promotes the value of the UIAA Mountain Protection Award: Global Amenity Migration – Transforming Rural Culture, Economy, and Landscape. See <http://amenitymigration.org/>

A Global Fair and Workshop on Long-Term Observing Systems of Mountain Social-Ecological Systems, Reno, Nevada USA: Linda McMillan represented the UIAA at this impressive mountain science event focused on finding ways to expand and deepen mountain observation efforts around the world. She informed participants about the MPA and the long history of climbers and mountaineers as leaders in mountain protection.

Other activities

President McMillan represented the IUCN World Park Congress, a global event held once

every 10 years, from 12 to 19 November 2014. At the congress, McMillan promoted the UIAA’s Mountain Protection Award. The Commission provided a promotional video for the congress which featured UIAA president Frits Vrijlandt. Commission delegate Dr. Carolina Adler also wrote a short article to mark referring to climate talks taking place at the same time in Lima Peru. The article was on the theme of “mountains” for OUTREACH, a magazine/publication for stakeholders at the Lima talks.

The Commission also sends its best wishes to John Nankervis who has been an appreciated guide and advisor as the Commission has expanded and grown over the years.



Report by

Linda McMillan

Mountain Protection Commission President



9. SAFETY COMMISSION

The UIAA Safety Commission continues to carry out its mission to help climbers manage the inherent risks of climbing and mountaineering, reports Commission President Dave Custer. Accomplishing this mission is done primarily through the continued development of standards and the equipment testing necessary for standards development. Work continues on standards for snow pickets, belay lanyards, crash pads, avalanche shovels, and avalanche probes, and bolt corrosion.



Full report by **Dave Custer** *Safety Commission President:*

The UIAA Safety Commission continues to carry out its mission to help climbers manage the inherent risks of climbing and mountaineering. Accomplishing this mission is done primarily through the continued development of standards and the equipment testing necessary for standards development.

No significant additions to standards were enacted at the June meeting in Bristol, U.K.

Work continues on standards for snow pickets, belay lanyards, crash pads, avalanche shovels, and avalanche probes, and bolt corrosion. The first round of in situ corrosion testing of bolts has begun in Thailand.

Safety Commission delegates who also serve on the CEN committees have kept the Safety Commission informed on a number of CEN standards of interest to the climbing community, including standards for avalanche airbags and via-ferrata construction. Further CEN/UIAA collaboration continues to fast track a solution to the problems that have come to light regarding via-ferrata energy absorbing systems.

The Safety Commission is also collaborating with other UIAA commissions, notably the participation of Medical Commission members in the development of the bouldering pad standard and deliberations regarding the utility of addressing repeatable deployment in the via-ferrata energy absorbing system standard as requested by the Mountaineering Commission.

In addition to standards work, the Safety Commission has provided information to serve the climbing community by answering questions regarding standards and equipment failure posed by individual climbers, manufacturers, other climbing and standards organizations, and journalists. A working group has been convened to revise the pictorial versions of the UIAA equipment standards, which have become outdated. The copyright for the original pictorials has been transferred to the UIAA from the original authors. And the Safety Commission has been an early adopter of the new UIAA discussion forums which are being used to facilitate working group communication.

Looking forward to the coming year, the Safety Commission will continue with both its standards and education work. The Safety Commission looks forward to working closely with the Management Committee, other UIAA Commissions, and the General Assembly to better support the UIAA and its member federations.



Report by

Dave Custer

Safety Commission President



10. YOUTH COMMISSION

2014 was another successful year for Global Youth Summit (GYS) events and youth climbing and mountaineering events that were held in Georgia, France, Italy, South Africa, Russia, reports Commission President Israfil Ashurli. This past year six events were held under the GYS umbrella with 99 participants from 14 countries taking part in these events. The work of the Youth Commission is supported by ARISF whose funds are used for training and education programs, including anti-doping education, for athletes, coaches, and officials in mountaineering's disciplines.



Full report by **Israfil Ashurly** *President of UIAA Youth Commission:*

ARISF supported projects in 2014 were:

- UIAA Youth Leader Training Seminar in South Africa (scheduled in 2013 but organized in 2014)
- International rock-climbing route-setting course for youth leaders in Azerbaijan (scheduled in October 2014 but postponed in 2015)
- Support of Durango ice climbing event in December 2014

GLOBAL YOUTH SUMMIT EVENTS 2014

Six events were held under the Global Youth Summit umbrella with 99 participants from 14 countries taking part in these events.

International Ice Climbing Meet in French Alps

Sixteen participants from Germany, Belgium and different parts of France took place in this event in Guillestre, France. The training included the use of different sort of equipment (ice screw, crampons, ice axe, climbing on ice safely, "dry tooling" and basic ice climbing for novices.

Discovering Mediterranean volcanoes

Another sixteen youth participated in this Italian event the beautiful Sondrio region of Italy in the Valmalenco, hosted by the Italian Alpine Club (CAI). Participants stayed in the "Gerly Porro" Hut at 1960m and had an opportunity to explore this fascinating mountain landscape including Sissone valley, the lives of locals, its alpine history, weather Lake Palu and a mining museum. They climbed to the top of Pizzo Rachele (2997m).

International youth climbing and mountaineering camp in Ariege, France

Twenty-four members from France, Spain and Belgium took part in this camp in the Pyrenees. It was a well organized program that covered theoretical and practical seminars, rock and artificial climbing. It was an opportunity for the youth to learn different climbing and mountaineering techniques (belays, various auto blockers, abseiling, escapes with quick link, rope climbing.

Mt. Kazbek - International Youth Mountaineering School Georgia 2014

The Mountaineering & Climbing Association of Georgia and Club Mountain Traveller (CMT) invited young members of UIAA member federations to participate in the International Youth Mountaineering School in the Kazbek Gorge Mountains of Georgia. Thirteen participants from the Netherlands, Korea and Georgia took part in this expedition. Eight of them successfully climbed on the top of this legendary peak

Youth Training Leader Course in South Africa

This GYS event took place at the Marelwane Bush Camp, Magaliesberg, South Africa for participants who were above 18 years. It was organized by The Mountain Club of South Africa (MCSA), which invites leaders with experience or interest in working with youth in the mountains. The main focus on the Training Course was the responsibilities of Youth Leader, how to lead



mountain walking and rock climbing activities.

XIII International Youth Rock Climbing and Mountaineering Festival "Europe-Asia 2014"

This GYS event was held Ekaterinburg, Russia and Ararat and Antalya regions in Turkey and attended by 16 participants from Russia, Germany and Turkey It was organized by the Russian Mountaineering Federation (RMF), Children's Olympic Reserve School of Mountaineering Sports of Ekaterinburg, Center of Extracurricular Activities "Spectrum", Youth Mountain Club "Voskhozhenie" and the Administration of Oktyabrski district of Ekaterinburg.

Youth Commission meetings

The Youth Commission Meeting was held on 1-2 November, 2014 with the assistance of the British Mountaineering Council (BMC) in Manchester, England.

Offers and decisions

The Commission made a decision to award veteran member Alexander Zaydler with "Honorary member of the commission." Zaydler has worked with Commission for more than 20 years and is one of its most active members. At its May, 2014 meeting, the Commission decided it would be good to recognize the most active event managers who arrange GYS events every year. The Commission recommends badges and Youth Commission diplomas, the gift of jackets and T-shirts with the UIAA.



Report by

Israfil Ashurly

President of UIAA Youth Commission



11. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

UIAA Communication and marketing efforts are informed by the twin goals of finding and exploring new sponsorship opportunities that align with UIAA activities so that the organizations finances are stable and the enhancement of the website, newsletter and Social Media efforts to enable the office to communicate more efficiently with member federations, for member federations to communicate with each and other for the UIAA to establish a greater presence in online and traditional media outlets.



Full report by **Thomas Kähr** UIAA Board Member:

The past year (2013-2014) has been an exciting year of progress for the UIAA – International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation as we move forward to fulfil the goals set out by the 2013-2016 Strategic Plan which calls for a more effective and cost-efficient way to market and communicate the organization.

COMMUNICATION

Communication and marketing efforts are informed by two primary goals:

- Finding and exploring new sponsorship opportunities that align with UIAA activities

so that the organizations finances are stable.

- Enhancing the website and using other communication tools to enable the office to communicate more efficiently with member federations, for member federations to communicate with each and other for the UIAA to establish a greater presence in online and traditional media outlets.

Marketing Sponsorship

Revenues from sponsorship which accounts for 30 per cent of all UIAA income continues to be stable compared to 2013. The Bern office continues to explore new sponsorship opportunities with expressions of interest from major labels that are currently in the discussion and review stage. Good relations also continue with The North Face Korea, Western University (Azerbaijan) and Golden Rock Travel (Azerbaijan) recently agreed to double the cash prize for the Mountain Protection Award to \$10,000.

UIAA Website

A new website has been launched with enhanced user functions that allow members to easily find each through a centrally updated online contact book, engage in a discussion forum which is still in the trial stage and the ability to create and add new users with privileges to fill out online forms and share content. The website also allows the office to more easily manage activities such as the Training Standards, creation of newsletters, calendar of events and other functionalities. The UIAA office continues to seek feedback and make improvements to this customized website.

Newsletter and Social Media

The monthly UIAA newsletter continues to be an important tool through which member federations are informed of important updates and developments and complements are social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter. The UIAA office has seen a 50 per cent increase in social media followers over the past year and there are plans, time and resources permitting, to find more efficient ways to connect more with the social media platforms of UIAA members and share their stories. The UIAA office, will also in 2015, develop more video-based content of events and integrate them into our various communication channels.

Image Brochure

A new UIAA image brochure as an alternative has been developed to the traditional annual report. The image brochure is more emotive and picture-based and intended to be used for



marketing and communication purposes, to give the reader a sense of the UIAA which they can then explore further.



Report by

Thomas Kähr

UIAA Board Member



International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation
UNION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS D'ALPINISME

ELSA SOUSA

Trainee

From Aug 1st
to Dec 31st

STEPHANIE STETTBACHER

Office Coordinator

Member Federations, EB-MC-GA organisation, Safety label administration

VALÉRIE THOENI

Consultant

Mountain Protection, Training Standards, Youth

ETIENNE GRILLOT

Events Coordinator

Ice Climbing, Anti-doping



11. OFFICE REPORT

Executive Board

Responsible for strategy

UIAA representations

Sophie Gerard

Office Manager

Team Management, Office Board link, Sponsoring, Finances, Ice Climbing, Medical, Access

AGNÈS SEMELET

Accountant

Payments, Invoicing, Quarterly reports, Assistance for the budget

PHINJO GOMBU

Communication Consultant

News, press release, social media, newsletter, others

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Webmaster



13. FINANCIAL REPORT

ASSETS

| CURRENT ASSETS | 12/31/2014 | 12/31/2013 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Liquid Assets: Cash and Bank | 598.261 | 518.063 |
| Liquid Assets: Accounts receivable | 8.900 | 12.199 |
| Liquid Assets: Prepaid expenses | 12.148 | 13.654 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | 619.310 | 543.916 |
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| FIXED ASSETS | 12/31/2014 | 12/31/2013 |
| Tangible fixed assets: Equipment, furniture | - | 342 |
| Intangible Assets: Safety labels | 1.157 | 1.727 |
| TOTAL FIXED ASSETS | 1.157 | 2.069 |
| | | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 620.467 | 545.985 |

LIABILITIES & FUNDS

| LIABILITIES | 12/31/2014 | 12/31/2013 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Current Liabilities: Creditors | 6.712 | 0,00 |
| Accrued Liabilities | 229.057 | 210.838 |
| General Provision | 85.300 | 48.900 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 321.069 | 259.738 |

| FUNDS | 12/31/2014 | 12/31/2013 |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Solidarity Fund | 11.435 | 11.435 |
| Access and conservation fund | 2.763 | 2.763 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | 14.199 | 14.199 |

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|---|----------------|----------------|
| Capital of the association as per Jan. 1 | 272.048 | 243.941 |
| Profit for the year | 13.151 | 28.107 |
| Capital of the association as per Dec. 31 | 285.199 | 272.048 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUNDS | 620.467 | 545.985 |



PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

| INCOME STATEMENT/ CHF | 12/31/2014 | 12/31/2013 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Membership fees | 296.391 | 243.674 |
| IOC Annual grant | 22.250 | 22.250 |
| UIAA Safety label | 97.216 | 91.639 |
| ARISF grant for youth development | 5.927 | 6.138 |
| Ice climbing competitions | 34.449 | 56.279 |
| Safety commission | 4.086 | 4.486 |
| Sundry income | 3.831 | 2.720 |
| Sponsorship | 186.600 | 186.300 |
| Petzl Training Standard | 11.000 | 5.898 |
| SAC Contribution for office cost | 20.000 | 20.000 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 681.752 | 639.384 |



OPERATING EXPENSES

OPERATING EXPENSES/ CHF 12/31/2014 12/31/2013

COMMISSIONS

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Access | 1.523 | 2.588 |
| Anti-doping | 5.671 | 4.125 |
| Ice Climbing competition | 180.429 | 156.870 |
| Medical | 307 | 930 |
| Mountain Protection | 16.087 | 18.807 |
| Mountaineering | 1.510 | 908 |
| Safety | 20.862 | 14.028 |
| Youth | 13.084 | 30.314 |
| Working Group Training Standard | 8.246 | 13.087 |
| Working Group Training Standard Petzl | 18.297 | - |
| Working Group Rock Climbing | 5.000 | - |
| Others | | 988 |

OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Travel and accomodation | 55.212 | 45.012 |
| Safety label administration | 7.175 | 7.151 |
| Other operative expenses | 4.482 | 4.928 |

GROSS MARGIN

343.868

339.648



OPERATING EXPENSES/ CHF 12/31/2014 12/31/2013

STAFF COST

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Salary | 193.946 | 198.186 |
| Social charges | 24.638 | 24.469 |
| Sundry expenses/Training | 4.153 | 5.904 |
| Web staff expenses | 24.000 | 25.900 |

ADMINISTRATION

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Office rental costs Bern | 11.000 | 11.000 |
| Training | 12.000 | - |
| Stationary and Software | 1.650 | 3.969 |
| Audit | 2.484 | 2.484 |
| Sundry administrative expenses | 8.050 | 3.732 |

COMMUNICATION

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Annual Report | 500 | 6.035 |
| Website | 17.039 | 21.297 |
| Sundry communication expenses | 3.456 | 334 |

DEPRECIATION

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-----|
| Depreciation on mat/immaterial assets | 2.101 | 912 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-----|

OPERATING COST

305.018

304.222

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|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| OPERATING LOSS/PROFIT | 38.849 | 35.425 |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|

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|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| OPERATING EXPENSES/ CHF | 12/31/2014 | 12/31/2013 |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|

FINANCIAL RESULT

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Interest and profit on deposit | 214 | 632 |
| Bank charges | -1.315 | -1.661 |
| Currency discrepancy | -19.064 | -734 |

OTHER EXPENSES

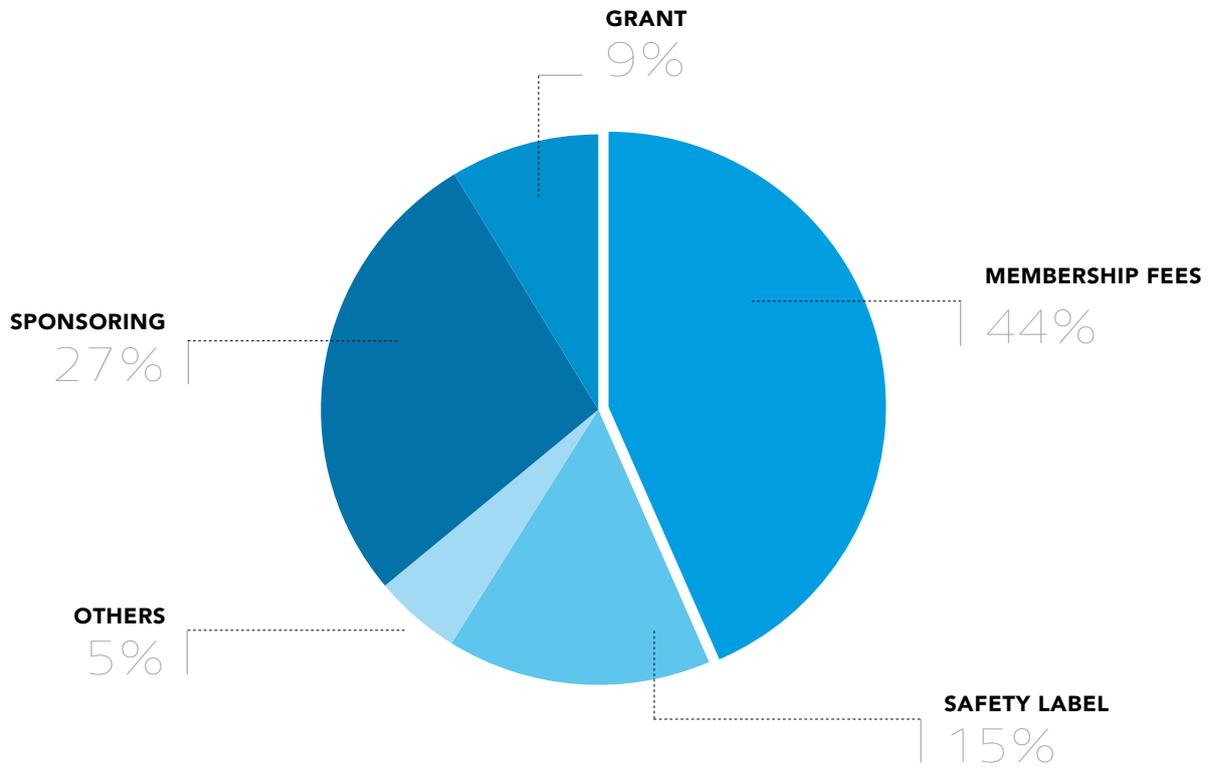
| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|
| Membership fees SportAccord | 4.000 | 4.000 |
| Gifts | 1.534 | 1.556 |

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|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| PROFIT FOR THE YEAR | 13.151 | 28.107 |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|

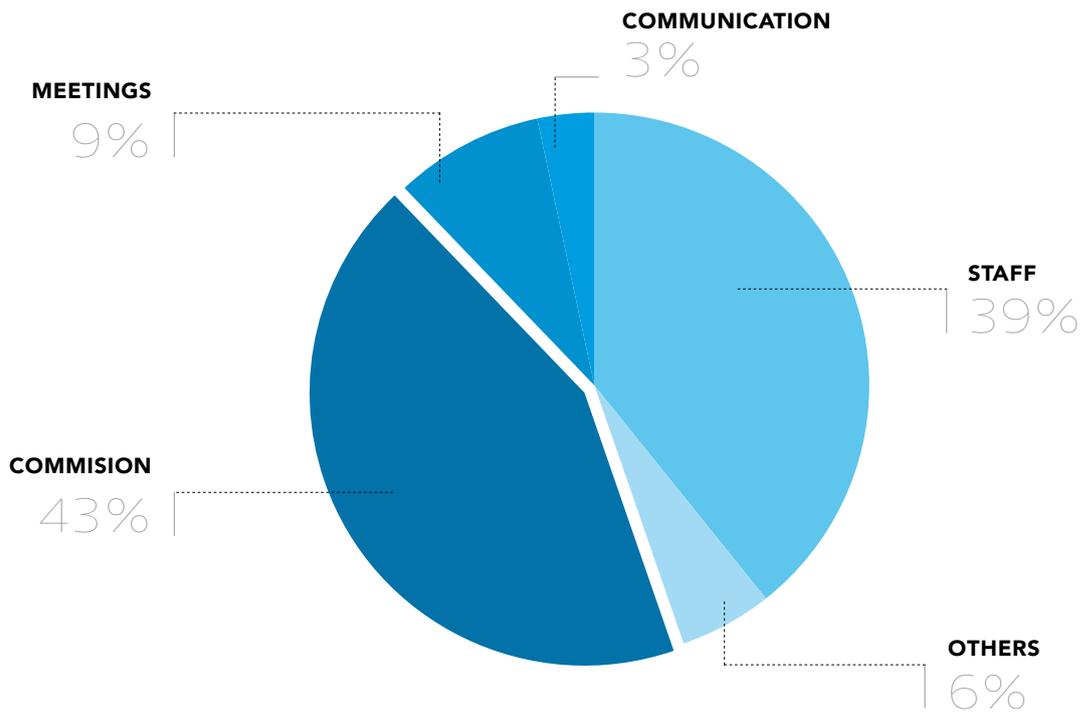




2014 INCOME ALLOCATION



2014 EXPENSES ALLOCATION





14. SPONSORS



Ice Climbing

The North Face Korea



Mountain Protection

Golden Rock



Mountain Protection

Western University



General

Grivel



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Bächli Bergsport



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