

UIAA Management Committee (MC) Meeting Seoul, South Korea

Wednesday 21st October 2015

Venue: Lily Hall (2F, Sejong Hotel)

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08:30 – 12:30 Executive session

14:00 – 17.30 Session with invited Commission Presidents

Chair: Frits Vrijlandt, UIAA President

Minutes: Stephanie Stettbacher

	Delegate	Country	Abbr	Federation		Registered
Executive		Board				
FV	Frits Vrijlandt	Netherlands	NKBV	Royal Dutch Mountaineering and Climbing Club	EB	YES
HD	Hélène Denis	France	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpins et de Montagne	EB	YES
PF	Peter Farkas	Hungary	MHSSz	Magyar Hegy- és Sportmászó Szövetség / Hungarian Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Association	EB	YES
TK	Thomas Kaehr	Switzerland	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	EB	YES
PGO	Pier Giorgio Oliveti	Italy	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	EB	YES
MB	Marc Beverly	USA	AAC	American Alpine Club	EB	YES
Management		Committee				
NA	Nejat Akinci	Turkey	ZIRVE	Zirve Mountaineering Club	MC	YES
AA	Anne Arran	Great Britain	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	MC	YES
CC	Col. Chauhan	India	IMF	Indian Mountaineering Foundation	MC	YES

	Sebastian de la cruz	Argentina	FASA	Federacion Argentina de Ski y Andinismo	MC	NOT Re-Nominated
GE	Georges Elzire	France	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpains et de Montagne	MC	YES
LF	Lucia Foppoli	Italy	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	MC	YES
JGT/LL	Joan Garrigos y Toro / Lluís Lopez (interpreter)	Spain	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	MC	YES
SAG	Stuart Anthony Gray	New Zealand	NZAC	New Zealand Alpine Club	MC	YES
PG	Pertronella Grobler	South Africa	MCSA	Mountaineering Club of South Africa	MC	YES
TK/HO	Tadao Kanzaki / Kuniaki Yagihara/ Hitoshi Onda	Japan	JMA	Japan Mounteering Federation	MC	YES
JK	Joseph Klenner	Germany	DAV	Deutscher Alpenverein	MC	ABSENT / EXCUSED
PM	Peter Muir	Canada	ACC	Alpine Club of Canada	MC	YES
FUM	Frank-Urs Müller	Switzerland	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	MC	YES
CP	Christine Pae	Korea	KAF	Korean Alpine Federation	MC	YES
Commision Presidents						
JJM	Juan Jesus Ibanez Martin Access President UIAA	Spain	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	Com Pres Invited	YES
ND	Nenad Dikic Anti-Doping President UIAA	Serbia	PSS	Planinarski Savez Srbije	Com Pres Invited	YES
US	Urs Stöcker ice Climbing President UIAA	Switzerland	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	Com Pres Invited	YES
DH	David Hillebrandt Medical Commission President UIAA	UK	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	Com Pres Invited	YES

LM	Linda McMillian Mountain Protection President UIAA	USA	AAC	American Alpine Club	Com Pres Invited	YES
PH	Pierre Humblet Mountaineering President UIAA	Belgium	CMBEL	Climbing & Mountaineering Belgium	Com Pres Invited	YES
SL	Steve Long Training Standards Chairman	UK	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	Com Pres Invited	YES
DC	Dave Custer Safety Commission President UIAA	USA	AAC	American Alpine Club	Com Pres Invited	SKYPE
IA	Israfil Ashurly Youth Commission	Azerbaijan	AAF	Azerbaijan Mountaineering Federation	Com Pres Invited	YES
Honorary Members						
CE	Claude Eckhardt	France	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpains et de Montagne	Hon	YES
JP	Jordi Pons	Spain	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	Hon	YES
RL	Robert Leopold	Netherlands	KNAV	Royal Dutch Alpine Club	Hon	Absent/ excused
ATS	Ang Tshering Sherpa	Nepal	NMA	Nepal Mountaineering Association	Hon	Absent /excused
UIAA Office						
SG	Sophie Gerard	Office Manager				YES
SS	Stephanie Stettbacher	Office Coordinator				YES

1. Welcome by the President and apologies for absence

FV welcomes all the participants and thanks the Korean Alpine Federation (KAF), and especially Christine Pae, member of MC for organising the meeting in Seoul. Thanks Honorary Members: Jordi Pons and Claude Eckhardt for coming. Excuses for absence were sent from Josef Klenner, Robert Leopold and president of Safety Commission Dave Custer, but he will present the work of the Safety Commission via Skype this afternoon. Also MC member for South America Sebastian de la Cruz term has ended and we have an open seat for South America.

General Secretary, HD made the following announcement:

- There are 18 members present; the quorum (art 17 of the Articles of Association) is the majority of the members. The MC has 19 members so the majority is 10, the quorum is met and valid decisions can be taken.
- With 18 members present, the majority is 10.

2. Approval of the Agenda

▶ The agenda is unanimously approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the previous MC-meeting (March 2015, Zaragoza, Spain)

▶ The minutes of the MC meeting Zaragoza, Spain March 2015 are unanimously approved.

4. Report by the President (see details in President Report)

No questions or comments were made.

5. Report from the Office (see details in Office report)

SG - presents the Office staff and shows the responsibilities and load share. Phinjo Gombu has resigned end of July and as of 1st October 2015, we have a new Communication Manager Peter Bourne, an English journalist with previous experience working for UEFA, FIFA and he is a specialist in sports journalism. We have 6 people working in the office but not all full-time, it is equal to 3.3 persons working full time.

During the year the office supports the commission's work including:

- Ice Climbing World Cup
- Working with the IOC
- Mountain Protect (MPA Award)
- (NEW PROJECT) Respect the Mountains event – which means we will employ one more office staff to support this event-2016
- Safety administration
- Rock Climbing
- Accounting
- Support all the Member Federations
- Communication and website development

6. Report on Communication (new website) and update on Marketing (see details in Communication Report) (SG) (TK)

TK – The existing sponsors for 2015 are:

Ice Climbing – The North Face Korea (this contract is valid until 2018)
Mountain Protection – Western University and Golden Rock

SG: New Sponsor for 2016:

Keen – Respect the Mountains. We signed one year contract with Keen. The UIAA will receive 40,000 Euro in cash and 10,000 Euro in kind.

Respect The Mountains is a program organized under the Mountain Protection Commission and aims to organize clean-up events in the mountains. This event will promote education and awareness to keep the mountains clean.

In marketing, our goal is to find sponsors in order to be able to develop more projects in collaboration with our Commissions.

TK: **Mountain TV** (based in Seoul) - We have signed a one year contract with Mountain TV, they are specialized in audio visual communication in mountaineering and outdoor sports. The agreement has 2 parts, one is we give exclusive rights for Ice Climbing events and they have the rights to sell or resell event footage throughout Asia and Russia. The second is that they act as a producing partner for us. At the moment they are producing a promo video for Ice Climbing. All this comes from the help of KAF and especially Christine Pae, thank you for helping with Mountain TV.

SG: Marketing Activities – The UIAA will have a booth at the **COP21**. This conference gathers all the governments together to discuss climate change. We will be doing lobbying at this event to promote the need for emergency action in order to preserve our mountains. We will have a press kit and approach as many journalists as possible.

We also intend to market Asian companies at **ISPO Beijing 2016**, mainly for the UIAA Safety labels.

World Food Program WFP- This is a charity program from the United Nations. They are organizing and supporting the Nepalese at the moment. They have approached the UIAA to help support the porters in Nepal. There is a page on UIAA website where federations can donate directly to the WFP <http://theuiaa.org/news-305-World-Food-Programme-WFP-and-the-UIAA-response-in-Nepal.html>.

TK- 2016 Goals Sponsoring and Communication:

- Find More Sponsors
- Sell Ice Climbing TV rights
- Develop UIAA promotion in Asia
- Website improvement
- Social Media (increased by 25% from 2014)
- Producing videos (IUCN video and IC videos)
- Establish Communication Concept
- Communicate and involve more with UIAA members
- Start the implementation of UIAA WebTV
- Improve media contact database

Stats have gone up on the website from 2014 also on Facebook for Ice Climbing. (See supporting docs)

- ▶ MB: Russia and China do not have Facebook. It will be important to get to them on another platform.
- ▶ TK: UIAA is nothing without its members. Please send us information from your federations. We would be proud to publish your stories.

7.1 Finance 2015 forecast (PGO) *(See more details in PGO report)*

PGO- We will only have the final numbers end of December 2015.). The Euro discrepancy has a big impact on our financial situation (Safety labels income is Euro for instance). Total profit is positive but low with CHF 669'000 total income and CHF 668'340 total expenses, hence with profit of 1'560 CHF. More details can be seen in report. Membership fees amount to 290'000 CHF. Expenses should remain stable on the whole.

7.2 2016 Budget (recommendation to the GA for approval of the results)

PGO- We project a total income of about CHF 679'800 with more income from the membership fees (300'000 CHF). The situation could be better for sponsors. More detailed figures in report. Expenses distribution is overall the same as in 2015 (664'300 CHF). Communication is improving. The 2016 expected result is a profit of CHF 10'700.

FUM – There is one person more, but you said the staff expenses are stable.

SG- Phinjo resigned, however, the salary remains the same., .

FUM- my remark is that it seems that the commission projects expenses are going down, while Ice climbing is going up.

SG- The main expenses of Safety is to do research, in 2015 Safety has claimed more money for research. For 2016, they will use the money left over from 2015 and not as much research expenses are foreseen. Youth - the amount was before more than 20,000CHF, this was because the Youth Ice climbing championship event is financed by a grant from The North Face Korea, however, this project is now allocated directly to the ice climbing budget. The process is transparent as each Commission President is responsible for submitting the Commission budget.

- ▶ SAG- It would be good to have the projected budget alongside the actual budget for us to better see the results.

SG- We can do this for next year.

TK- This is to reply to remark by 'FUM- 'that ice climbing expenses keeps rising". It is important to point out the Ice climbing is completely financed by sponsoring, so we could deduct IC from the ordinary budget. Even if costs would shrink the ordinary budget of UIAA would not benefit, as it is linked to tour sponsor.

▶ **The MC recommends the budget 2016 for the GA approval.**
▶ **Unanimously agreed**

7.3 Membership fees: A quest for fair fee structure (PG)

PG- The purpose of my report is to revisit the fee structure. The main income of the UIAA comes from federation membership fees, and in recent years also from sponsoring. The current fee structure for Active members has a set minimum and maximum fee with different levels depending on membership numbers per federation. The rationale for this fee structure is said to be 'historic' (MC minutes 16th Oct 2014). The UIAA continental presentation is

heavily represented in Europe, and when we talk about Europe we have a higher concentration of GDP, which is quite different to the rest of the world. The fees per member increase for the smaller federations; for example, for large federations 1CHF per member, compared to a smaller federation

who could pay up to 5 CHF per member. It is now the time to decide, yes we will continue to investigate this situation and get other federations who cannot afford to be here on board, because that is the role of the UIAA to be an international organization.

HO- There are many Asian countries who would like to participate in the UIAA but cannot afford to. JMA would like to help with these discussions. The most important thing is to promote the mountains. We suggest creating a WG.

PF- How can we have a fair system? Big federations complain they pay too much and smaller ones say they pay too much per member. We only use the declared membership numbers. We do not base it on GDP. We could ask federations to increase membership fees by .10, dedicated to the UIAA. Also big federation and small federations can work together for solution in a working group.

PG- What are the grounds for claiming numbers? Member federations who claim fraudulent member numbers should be addressed by the office.

(LL)JG- It is very difficult to explain to our members why we pay 10,000 CHF to UIAA. For us the value comes from sending delegates to commission, and they bring back this support to the home federation, for us this is not quantity but quality.

FUM- This system that we have is an historical system that has grown with the UIAA but things changed in 2007, sport climbing and ski mountaineering left the UIAA. Now we have a new organization. Maybe it is time to discuss this again, we have discussed fee structure in a WG before, and in my opinion there was only one direction where this discussion could go, and it is the minimum fee. However, in the end it was decided against as there is a value benefit of belonging to the UIAA, and there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes supporting the federations. Perhaps today, with our modern facilities maybe it can be discussed again. I disagree with raising the membership even by .10. Individual members do not know the UIAA, and I suspect they would also disagree to this.

LF- I agree our members would also say no to raise their fees. Maybe using the solidarity fund to help the smaller fees.

PG- The same considerations are true for small federations, especially when you have to prove to your federation why you should stay in the UIAA when you are paying 40% of your national budget. Our members are interested in gear discounts, insurance, not in international representation. Another point, about using the Solidarity fund, we are not asking for aid, we want to pay, just something fair.

TK- People talk about the money when they don't see the value behind the money. We should talk about the value we want to provide to our members especially in small 3rd world countries and smaller federations. How can we give better value for money?

PM- From a Canadian perspective, what I am seeing from this discussion is how the fees for the UIAA are trying to be passed on to the federation members, but this is not how the ACC is run. From ACC's overall revenues a very small percentage comes from membership fees, 50% of our revenue comes from mountain huts.

FV- We must work on new Strategic Plan for the next 4 year with intent to increase the value of membership to our members. Also, answering the questions, should we look for more countries to participate and how do we support new members from smaller federation so that they become sustainable members. These are 2 important goals to focus on when considering the fee structure and my proposal is not to have separate WG on fee structure.

PG- I would like to have a WG, with a large federation to continue the investigation, and also other federations who would be suitable. I am also working with an economic expert to continue the work on the fair fee structure.

FV- We agree to start a WG with focus on sustainable membership to be presented in May 2016, and increasing the value of the membership to be included into the discussion of the next SP. It is one of goals to have smaller federations to be able to pay fees.

FUM- I agree this should be part of the next S.P., in my experience the WG doesn't get as much attention. The S.P. will be viewed by everyone and have more value for implementation.

AA and PM do not agree and think it should be a separate WG specializing on the Fee structure.

- ▶ **FV- I propose to continue the work of PG with economic expert, forming a Working Group. Main goal is to have sustainable fee structure for members, especially for developing countries.**
- ▶ **Unanimously agreed**

- ▶ **WG-** Stuart Gray (NZAC), Kuniaki Yagihara (JMA), Pier Giorgio Oliveti (CAI) and Petronella Grobler (MCSA) to continue the work with economic experts whose goals are:
 - Adding value to membership
 - Ability for smaller federations to pay their fee
 - Insurance
 - Membership sustainability
 - Finance structure

- ▶ TK- We ask to harmonize our time lines to integrate the results of the WG into the S.P.

8. Membership updates (General Secretary)

8.0 Articles of AoA changes

FV- We agreed on changes at our last meeting in Zaragoza since then we have received suggestions from DAV and VAVoe, we would like to go through them 1 by 1 so we can agree to recommend them to the GA.

- ▶ The main remark from the 2 federations was to eliminate the confusion of the words (association, federation, member federation, member association), so we propose to call the UIAA a **federation** and our members **member organization**

The other proposals as follows:

- ▶ **Article 1.2-** The UIAA is the ~~global~~ ~~sole-competent~~ authority for the climbing and mountain sports throughout the world and is recognized as such by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- ▶ **Article 3.1)** ~~a to govern climbing and mountaineering throughout the world~~
 - c. to govern climbing and mountaineering competitions throughout the world

2) The UIAA is ~~a worldwide-organization~~ working in favour of practice of climbing and mountaineering in the spirit of its traditions, the requirement of the Olympic Charter and the current tendencies in the world sports development.
- ▶ We had deleted Article 4a and would like to add it back, deletion of 4 b) is maintained:

Article 4 a) Consolidate and improve its position as the worldwide representative of all mountaineering associations, without interfering in the internal matters of its member associations, independently of any political, governmental, philosophical or denominational influence and without financial gain;

~~b) Promote, develop and regulate international activities and participate actively in the Olympic Movement~~

▶ **Article 11 10)**The minutes of the GA shall be published on the UIAA website, the date of the publication constitutes the start of the period of one month mentioned above. The notification of publication will be sent to the last e-mail address of member recorded on UIAA database.

- Changed in **purple** to reflect better English grammar

▶ **Article 23 3)** Any dispute arising within UIAA shall be brought to the UIAA Court first before executing article 23.

(LL) JYG- Why did we not receive this information before? Does the general assembly have these changes?

FV- This is why we are discussing this now. If we can agree on these small changes, we can present them to the general assembly, making sure that the federations will also be able to see clearly the changes already agreed upon in Zaragoza.

PM- I think the change of federation/association to organization is a good change, it makes sense and it is more clear.

FUM- I spoke with Josef Klenner by email and one of his points was that he wrote on 21st June 2015, and they didn't get an answer until September.

FV- Yes this is true, I have apologized by letter and on the phone. He was right about this late reply, and if he was here, I would have apologized to DAV and VAVoe in front of everybody for the late reply to the letter.

- ▶ **FV- I propose we accept changes asked by DAV and VAVoe to be recommended to the General Assembly.**
- ▶ **Unanimously agreed**

8.1 ISF- AoA and agreement

SG- This is based on discussions in Zaragoza to review the Unit Member representative in the statutes. These are the suggestions made by Peter Muir (*see all suggestions in supporting docs*).

PM- The fact that as a Unit member ISF would have a delegate become Vice President of UIAA, have a vote at the MC, yet no vote in GA, the general feeling as I perceived at the MC Zaragoza was this was problematic. So having reviewed this document and the Unit member agreement, I tried to reflect that they will have some participation in the MC but without a vote. So, they can speak at meetings but not vote.

FUM- This doesn't work because in Swiss law, you can't have a non-voting party in the MC, or a delegate with no voting rights. The solution would be that we leave the statutes as they are, and we write in the agreement with ISF, that they have the right to vote, but that they won't use this right.

(LL)JYG-We can give them the voting rights, but maybe we can change the title of Vice President. The Vice President should be the person representing our organization.

FV- Since we have to go with the Swiss law, then ISF will have to have a vote.

HD- If Silvio Calvi will be voting in the MC I find it surprising that he will not have been voted in by the General Assembly. My question is, should Silvio be voted by the GA tomorrow or not? Do we keep VP?

PM- Yes ISF delegate can remain VP, but he should renege on voting on issues that don't concern ISF.

TK- How can an external person be a VP of our organization? I think it's better that we call him a representative.

FUM- This person is a VP representative of the unit member. The original idea was to have 3 or 4 VPs and each would be VP of their unit member with one VP of UIAA. They have no voting rights in the GA.

- ▶ **FV- I propose that the recommendation of the Management Committee is to NOT change these articles relating to the unit member, to leave the AoA as they are, and remove this point on the GA Seoul Agenda.**
- ▶ **Unanimously agreed**

FV- In the ISF agreement:

#3. Agreement where we have UIAA's **AoA Article 5) 1) e)** we should leave in 'guaranteed Vice President' and add the sentence:

"The ISF waives its right to have a Vice-President seat in the Executive Board after article 6 1)e) AoA and waives its corresponding voting right. ISF will delegate a representative to the UIAA Executive Board who is nominated for a term of 4 years or for such time as the ISF is a unit member of UIAA (and subject to UIAA AoA Article 13) or until such delegate is withdrawn and/or replaced by the ISF".)

- ▶ **FV- I propose to accept the changes (#3 above) made to the agreement with ISF, after the GA agrees upon the changes made to the AoA.**
- ▶ **Unanimously agreed**

Before we send the final version it will be checked by FUM and sent to the Management Committee.

8.2 Non-payment of members for 2013 / 2014

FEDERATIONS		FEES 2014	FEES 2015	TOTAL FEES	MC Comments
GEORGIA	MCAG	1'300	1'300	2'600	Silvio Calvi contact
HUNGARY	MSTSZ	1'300	1'300	2'600	Cancelled membership
INDIA	NIM	1'300	1'300	2'600	Col Chauchan contact
Outstanding amounts		3'900	3'900	7'800	

FV- Hungary has terminated their membership and the EB and the office will try our utmost to contact these federations to keep them on board with the UIAA.

- **FV- I propose the MC to recommend to the GA that these federations must pay their outstanding fees by 31st December 2015 in order not to be expelled from the UIAA.**

Non-payment of Observer members for 2015

Observers		TOTAL FEES 2015	MC Comments
Fecodem		500	
Upame		500	
Sri Lanka		500	Cannot pay
Outstanding amounts		1'500	
TOTAL FEES UNPAID 2014+2015		30'441	

Non-payment of Members for 2015 as of 13.10.2015

FEDERATIONS		FEES 2015	COMMENTS
ANDORRA	FAM	1'902	FEDME will continue to encourage them to remain in the UIAA, they have a new president and team
BANGLADESH	BMF	1'300	cannot pay
CHILI	FEACH	2'728	reply to federation letter
CYPRUS	KOMOA	1'300	will pay by end of 2015
INDIA	HMI	1'300	No news
IRAN	I.R. IMSCF	5'914	Paid cash at GA 2015
KOSOVO	KMAF	2'220	
PAKISTAN	ACP	1'300	May pay at GA 2015
PORTUGAL	FPME	1'300	2015 will be paid in 2016
TURKEY	TDF	6'000	new invoice + letter sent 15.09+13.10
UKRAINE	UMCF	1'791	No news
Outstanding amounts		27'055	

8.2 Membership issues: Full member and associate member in Turkey

FV- TDF is saying that Zirve is a club of the Turkish Federation and it is not right that the federation and a club of the same organization can belong to the UIAA.

Excerpts from letter from Turkish Ministry of Youth and Sport:

According to our law, the only authorized organization responsible for mountaineering in our country is the Turkish Mountaineering Federation and it was affiliated to UIAA in 1977. It membership still continues. It is against our law that a club, which is a member of the national federation, becomes member of UIAA, which eventuates with conflict of authorization.

NA- We applied for associated member, which means we have no voting rights. We sent in all our documents and paper work and were accepted by the General Assembly. The problem of TDF is that they think we are here to represent Turkey, this is not true, we know that TDF is the national recognized federation. Since we have been part of UIAA, we have translated the PETZL book into Turkish, and we applied and got the TS which TDF did not. We did not do anything wrong according to UIAA's AoA or Turkish laws.

FV- So are you saying that this statement from the government is untrue, it is not against the law.

NA- yes it is not according to the law of Turkey, but it is, according to the AoA of TDF.

FV- We are looking for solutions, you are a club of TDF, a very active club, but according to UIAA AoA's are you still fitting the requirements to be an associate member?

NA- In 2010, we fit the requirements to become an associate member, but now you have changed the AoA, yet we already have been voted in and accepted as an associate member.

PF- The UIAA cannot enforce Turkish law, or any law, and the admission of members is not governed by any law, only the AoA of the UIAA, where it states the federation should be of national or regional significance. It is the duty of the GA, from time to time, to revise some members. For example, 20 years ago a nationally recognized federation joined the UIAA and today, their federation has shrunk and the associate member is more active and has more members.

FUM- I agree with Peter, we have a full member and associate member. When Zirve came to the UIAA they fit all the qualifications and they were voted and accepted at the General Assembly. We should write Turkey and tell them to pay their fees, like every other member.

PM- I am disturbed that a member federation who is default in fees, is using this to extort a reaction from us. We need to tell them in a letter to pay their fees and let us govern UIAA.

HD- The letter doesn't come from TDF, but it comes from the General Director of the Turkish Ministry.

PGO- In this letter about the fees, we can also offer a table where TDF and Zirve can come and we can help mediate the 2 organizations to come to a solution.

GE- I agree with FUM, UIAA should decide who is in the UIAA.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ FV- I propose to send a letter to TDF and the Ministry asking for them to pay their fees, and reply that the UIAA governs who is accepted in its own organization.▶ Unanimously agreed. |
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8.4 General Regulations to Commission (updates)

HD- There are 2 changes,:

1.1.8 Commission members may be recalled, at any time during their term, by their federation

The second addition was added to restrict the national influence on a commission

2.2.6 Only one vote is permitted per federation when there is more than one commission member of the same federation.

FUM- The first addition is clear and we can accept this. The 2.2.6, is a problem, if a delegate is elected by the MC we are giving him/her the right to vote.

- ▶ **FV- I propose we add the first article 1.1.8 and not accept 2.2.6 to the General Regulations to Commissions.**
- ▶ **Unanimously agreed**

8.5 Admittance of full membership to Indonesia Sport Climbing and Mountaineering Federation (FPTI)

FV- I'm happy to tell you that we have checked all their documents, and they fulfil all the requirements. Are there any questions or comments?

- ▶ **FV- I propose that the MC recommends FPTI as full member of the UIAA.**
- ▶ **Unanimously agreed.**

9. Rock Climbing Working Group (PF / Anne Arrand / Marc Beverly)

AA- This South African event was a piolet event for the UIAA Rock Climber's award. The philosophy was how we can promote and encourage rock climbing while respecting the environment, around the world. We wanted to reward climbers and to recognize them internationally in the rock climbing community. There were 80 climbers attending, it was a relaxed festival atmosphere. Climbing took place on many routes on the cliff; they were belayed by their friends, often with little audience watching. Points were awarded in a pre-publicized format. There was also a selection of gear sponsors who were lined up beforehand. It was a combined initiative, so we had the advantage of interaction with young people and the climbing scene through the Southern Rock Climbing Wall and support of MSCA. There was a website and social media interaction dedicated to the event. We wanted to support climbers where the continental standards were lower than the international standards. Paul Brouard and Gosia Lipinska were the winners of the first UIAA Rock Climbers' Award at a rock climbing festival held in the scenic Umgeni Valley in KwaZulu - Natal, South Africa.

We offered photography, and were advised by the organizers on the distribution of prizes, instead of giving to the top 2 climbers all the prizes we decided to split and distribute the money and gear to more event participants. I believe the panel needs to look at strategically more locations, Asia, Africa, South America; we need to look at the rules and see if we want

to harmonize the events over a series or remain flexible. It would be beneficial if we could make a central check list that could be evaluated for 2016 -2017. We need to promote and communicate what we are doing to benefit climbers, because if we do this word spreads and people will see why the UIAA is important to climbers.

FV- The role of the UIAA in these festivals is not to encourage everybody to organize festivals but help support the ones already there; to encourage these events and promote safety and mountain protection according to UIAA standards.

PF- **The Aggtelek Cup** is one of the oldest comps in the world that run uninterrupted. The event is organised in a UNESCO World Heritage area. Climbing is only allowed in these two days. The cooperation between the organizers and the National Park was exemplary. While the competition was held on natural rock, there was a small artificial wall erected where kids could boulder during the day. The organizing committee was a club member of the Hungarian Federation (MHSSZ). The support of UIAA was greatly appreciated by the Organizers, the athletes as well as the spectators. There were over 50 athletes present, probably the highest number in the history of the Cup. There were maybe 500 hundred people coming and going during the event. The winners were Lenke Kucsera and Tamás Farkas.

10. Strategic Plan: preparations for the new Strategic Plan 2016 – 2020

Update of 2012-2016 Strategic Plan

PF- The first SP of the UIAA comes to an end next year. We will need to evaluate it and to conduct a new survey (more specific than the first one) and send to all member federations. Based on the assessment of the survey, a draft for a new SP will be presented to the MC in spring and then presented next October 2016.

Action	Responsible	Deadline
Assessment/evaluation of SP1	EB/MC	November 2015
Preparation of new survey and draft SP2	EB	December 2015
Filling out the survey	Member federations	January, February 2016
Evaluation of survey, finalisation of SP2	EB	April 2016
Approval of SP2	MC	May 2016

Preparation of the new Strategic Plan: 2017-2020 process

Goals defined should be SMART and especially realistic. Priorities, success criteria and progress should be defined and measured. Resource management has to be taken into account. Very important is to redefine the overall mission of the UIAA, in order to have clearer directions. A SWOT analysis is recommended. A working group with committed people will be set up. Further questions to be addressed to peter.farkas@theuiaa.org.

- ▶ WG- Petro Grobler (MCSA), Peter Muir (ACC), Josef Klenner (DAV), Col. Chauhan (IMF), Joan Garrigos y Toro (FEDME), to offer legal advice Frank Urs Müller (SAC).

11. Mountain Protection: COP 21 Declaration and CAI declaration on climate change (information)

To be discussed with item #20 on Agenda

12. Solidarity: Agreement with the World Food Program (information)

As discussed with item #6 on Agenda

13. UIAA / IFSC collaboration: common route settings and judge program proposal

Will be discussed with item #18 on Agenda

14. Elections

14.2 Replacement of Mr Kanzaki by Kuniaki Yagihara

FV- you have received in your supporting document the letter from Mr Kanzaki that he will be retiring and his replacement will be Kuniaki Yagihara. That is why he will step down and the new president of JMA will step in.

HO- Mr. Kanzaki extends his greetings to you and thanks you for the many years of cooperation.

17.2. Ice Climbing Presidency (information)

FV- Mr Pavel Shablin, who has showed up here today, is questioning the presidency of Urs Stöcker to the Ice Climbing Presidency. At the last commission meeting in Seoul, there were 5 commission members present, without it being an agenda point, some members questioned the validity of Urs Stöcker's presidency and decided to have a vote for a new president, choosing Carlos Texeira. However, the appointed by MC, IC president Urs Stöcker's term has not yet come to an end. They question the validity of his presidency because he was not recommended by the commission. The question is if this is correct and legal.

PF- I think the AoA is clear and that the MC elects the president.

TK- We have written a letter that was sent to the Ice climbing commission (see in supporting documents), and have checked that MC decision to elect Urs Stöcker is in fact correct and legal. The election of a new president at the ice climbing meeting in Seoul was not on the agenda, and according to Swiss law, this election at the meeting was not valid. It also doesn't make sense to replace an existing president in the middle of his term, who is doing a good job for no reason. We therefore, we would like that the MC confirms the decision on this matter. The next election term would be 2017.

- ▶ **PM- I move that the MC confirms the appointment of Urs Stöcker until the end of his term in 2017.**
- ▶ **Unanimously agreed.**

Commission Presidents are invited to join the meeting

FV- We would like to introduce Mr Injeong Lee president of KAF to address the members of this meeting.

Mr Lee – I'm very happy to see you here in Seoul with our UIAA family. I and my colleagues will try our best to host this meeting and welcome you all here to Seoul. I hope that all our fellow federations' colleagues collaborating at this meeting will bring about great results. Thank you all.

15. FEDME Report Zaragoza MC and on CIMA 2015 meetings (Juan Jesus Ibanez Martin)

JJM- Congress was a success, and an opportunity to have experts from all over the country come together to speak about our passion in the mountains and mountain sports. One of the most important pillars of the congress was the roundtables, we had 18 round tables, in each round table 5 experts discussing competition, hiking, mountain environment, natural conservation, etc. One of the other pillars was the support of the University in Zaragoza. FEDME with the University of Zaragoza has made a book with all the important challenges, outcomes of the roundtables, and workshops, sport, health and safety, environment from the conference. The conclusions from the book are a way to continue in mountains in the future.

- ▶ This book can be found on the FEDME webpage and can be linked to the UIAA webpage.

FV- Thank you very much for all your work and the historical congress that FEDME hosted in Zargoza.

16. Future Meetings

16.1 2016 UIAA Management Committee meeting , Baku, Azerbaijan

- 14th May - UIAA Executive Board Meeting
- 15th May – UIAA Management Committee Meeting
- 16th May – UIAA Mountain Protection and Access Commission Meeting

16.2 2016 Management Committee Meeting, Brixen Italy

To be confirmed

16.3 2017 General Assembly GA

17. Changes in Commission Membership (decision)

17.1 Medical Commission presidency

FV- The term of David Hillebrandt presidency has ended, he is entitled to one more term but would like to only serve one more year to finish the work he has started. The medical commission has agreed to this and voted to extend his presidency for one more year.

- ▶ **FV- I move that the MC confirms the decision of the medical commission and extend the presidency of David Hillebrandt for one year, the new president for medcom would be voted in October 2016.**
- ▶ **Unanimously agreed.**

17.2 Ice Climbing presidency- discussed earlier (see above)

17.3 Commission Membership:new and renewals

Access Commission

Last Name	First Name	Country	Fed.	Confirmation of nomination dates				End term (12 y.)	
				1st nomination	Reg 2006 applicable	2nd nomination	3rd nomination		
Paulsson (secretary)	Jonas	Sweden	SKF	October 2011		October 2015	October 2019	2023	resigns
Corresponding Members									
Bergin	Jack	Ireland	MI	October 2015		October 2019	October 2023	2027	New-Approved
Brugger	Nelson	Brazil	CBME	October 2015		October 2019	October 2023	2027	New-Approved
Degregori	Esteban	Argentina	FASA	October 2015		October 2019	October 2023	2027	New-Approved
Kolrud (CM)	Helge J.	Norway	NTK	October 2007		October 2011	October 2015	2019	Re-nominated_
Queiros (CM)	Joao Paulo	Portugal	FCMP	October 2011		October 2015	October 2019	2023	Re-nominated_ Approved
Senkal (CM)	Nail	Turkey	ZMD	October 2011		October 2015	October 2019	2023	No NEWS

ANTI - DOPING COMMISSION

Last Name	First Name	Country	Fed.	Confirmation of nomination dates				End term (12 years)	
				1st nomination	Reg 2006 applicable	2nd nomination	3rd nomination		
Dikic (psdt)	Nenad	Serbia	PSS	October 2007		October 2011	October 2015	2019	Re-nominated-Approved

MEDICAL COMMISSION

Last Name	First Name	Country	Fed.	Confirmation of nomination dates				End term (12 years)	
				1st nomination	Reg 2006 applicable	2nd nomination	3rd nomination		
Carceller Mallada	Anna	Spain	FEEC	October 2015		October 2019	October 2023	2027	New-approved
		Malaysia		October 2015		October 2019	October 2023	2027	New-approved

MOUNTAIN PROTECTION COMMISSION

Last Name	First Name	Country	Fed.	Confirmation of nomination dates				End term (12 years)	
				1st nomination	Reg 2006	2nd nomination	3rd nomination		
Goodwin	Stephen	UK	TAC	October 2015		October 2019	October 2023	2027	New- Approved
Sella	Mattia	Italy	CAI						Not Approved
Corresponding Members									
Constantinescu (CM)	Mihai	Romania	CAR	October 2011		October 2015	October 2019	2023	Approved
Cuiça (CM)	Pedro	Portugal	FCMP	October 2011		October 2015	October 2019	2023	Moved to Mountaineering

MOUNTAINEERING COMMISSION

Last Name	First Name	Country	Fed	Confirmation of nomination dates			End term (12 years)	
				1st nomination	2nd nomination	3rd nomination		
Cuica	Pedro	Portugal	FCMP	October 2015	October 2019	October 2023	2027	New-Approved
Popara	Lazar	Serbia	PSS	May 2007	May 2011	October 2015	2019	Re-nominated - Approved
Samso	Laura	Spain	FEDME	October 2015	October 2019	October 2023	2027	New-Approved

SAFETY COMMISSION

Last Name	First Name	Country	Fed.	Confirmation of nomination dates				End term (12 years)
				1st nomination	Reg 2006	2nd nomination	3rd nomination	

Corresponding Members									
Bean (CM)	Darren	USA	AAC	October 2009		October 2013	October 2017	2021	Resign
Karalis	Dimitrios	Greece	EOOA	2004	2006	May 2009	May 2013	2018	Moved from full to CM
Leung	Conway,Nim ho	China	CHKMCU	May 2015		May 2019	May 2023	2027	Withdrawn by fed 03.2015
Sanjaa	Zaya	Mongolia	MNMF	October 2015		October 2019	October 2023	2027	Withdrawn by fed.

YOUTH COMMISSION

Last Name	First Name	Country	Fed.	Confirmation of nomination dates				End term (12 years)	
				1st nomination	Reg 2006 applicable	2nd nomination	3rd nomination		
Hashemi	Mahmoud	Iran	I.R.ISMF	October 2012		October 2016	October 2020	2024	moved from CM to FM _ Approved
KIM	Youngsik	Korea	KAF	October 2015		October 2019	October 2023	2027	New Approved
Magrina Güell	Jordi	Spain	FECC	October 2015		October 2019	October 2023	2027	New Approved
Sanjaa	Zaya	Mongolia	MNMF	October 2012		October 2015	October 2019	2023	Withdrawn by fed

- ▶ **FV- I move that the MC approves the changes in commission delegates.**
- ▶ **Agreed**
- ▶ **One objection**

18. Ice Climbing: 2015 season report and 2016 planning (Urs Stöcker)

US- 2015 was a successful season. Results: 6 World Cups; 1 World Championship (Lead: Rabenstein / Speed: Kirov); 1 World Youth Championships (Lead & Speed: SaaS Fee); 1 Challenger in America at Bozeman (USA is included in the World Cup Tour).

Participants: 175 men (increase of 37.8% in comparison of 2014); 88 women (increase of 10%); 63 youth (increase of 40%). There is an increased attention from the public and more positive feedbacks, but there are technical problems like the need for more ice on the future structures, isolation zones for athletes improved and consistency of judges' levels of competences.

For the next season, we hope we can have more events in the US and Canada. There will be a Training Handbook for the ice climbers, federations and organisers (how to organise an event, to train athletes etc...). Ice Climbing will be presented in the culture programme at the Winter Olympic games in Lillehammer, Norway, and we have other new possible venues in Azerbaijan, Turkey and Norway.

Working group projects are starting, regulations about para-climbing are under way.

My proposal for the UIAA is to work together with sport climbing, common things, such as many regulations together, athletes that compete in both sports, the athletes have the similar movements on the wall, common goals in IOC. Politically this may be difficult, I suggest doing this as a first step on a technical level.

- ▶ My proposal is to merge the route setters and judges courses together, and that the EB make a formal letter to IFSC to start this working group on a technical level.

PF- Thanks to the SAC, and we can solve the commission terms with administration.

FUM- I strongly support that we are in contact with the IFSC.

FV- To work with the IFSC is something in our Strategic Plan, the first great step would be to cooperate together.

GE- If we plan to do this we should get the IFSC to declare clearly that they recognized that the UIAA governs Ice climbing.

FV- that is a valid remark for both organizations to validate each other existence. In 2006, there was a contract between UIAA and IFSC to distinguish the difference between the 2 organizations but this was never signed. Merging is a step too far but to propose cooperation is a good first start.

19. Anti-Doping (Nenad Dikic)

ND- Good news in education, last year I was able to train 2 doping control officers in Bozeman, and this year they will do without me, and 7 days ago I was able to send them doping kits. This is great because it saves us a lot of money because they can do it all by themselves.

UIAA competitions totally comply with the WADA code (New World Anti-Doping Code enforced since January 1, 2015). The commission has done a lot of controls during the competitions (7% in competition), compared to other sports. Community spirit is nice. As previous years, the commission did 4 doping controls per competition and 4 doping controls out of competition. This year for the first time we did sport specific testing with Sample types: (IC control, Standard Testing, ESAs) and (OOC Control, Standard Testing, GHRF).

In Sochi during SportAccord Conference, UIAA has been used as an example of small International federation with good organized anti-doping program. At International Mountain Summit in Italy also, Anti-doping is presented in a round table, with title „Mountain Freedom vs. Risk – a discussion without peak”. Thanks to Silvio Calvi for organizing the event dedicated to the mountaineers with organ transplants, and thanks to Sophie for her negotiating talents with IOC.

Video (Clean Climbing animation to promote anti-doping).

20. Mountain Protection: UIAA Mountain Protection Award, COP21 (attendance to the Paris Conference and motion to the government regarding mountain and climate), integration of Respect The Mountains in the UIAA Mountain Protection Commission (Linda McMillian) COP 21 Document CAI (Lucia Foppoli)

LM- During the MP meeting in June, several important items were reviewed among which:

- Mission and strategy of the commission for 2016
- Future cooperation with the Access Commission:

The commission issued and agreed on a statement which was communicated to the Board following the meeting. The Mountain Protection Platform and Award (MPA): the team reviewed and agreed on the selection criteria and assessment process to be accepted on our platform and eligible to the Award selection.

MPA communication has been enhanced since October 2014: several articles and messages were published and posted in the UIAA network (including social media), the Mountain Partnership newsletter (Peak to Peak), and ICIMOD website (International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development). A marketing flyer presenting the Award was also produced and distributed through these canals. This year the MPA attracted 29 very interesting

new mountain protection projects, more than a 200% increase from last year. Two were not accepted on the platform and 22 were eligible for competition.

The list of our new Mountain Protection Award Initiatives for 2015 shows how diverse and impressive the projects of the candidates are. We have in 2015 more projects from America (one from USA, 5 from South America), one from Australia; the majority still coming from Asia (12 projects). The projects covered the following areas: 12 in Culture and Education, 6 in Waste management, 7 in Biodiversity conservation, two in Alternative Energy Resources and 0 in Mitigation of Climate Change effects.

This entire MPA project was possible thanks to the very generous support from the Sponsors of the Mountain Protection Award – Western University and Golden Rock Travel of Baku, Azerbaijan.

2015 was marked by the growing visibility of the UIAA with regard to mountain protection and engagement for a balanced approach between sport and environment issues. Since last October 2014, the commission and UIAA staff developed contacts and collaborations with IUCN, FAO Mountain Partnership and other organisations. The UIAA collaborated with other experts to prepare the Declaration on Mountains for the 21st Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21/CMP11). A joint booth will take place on the Generations Climate space from 30 November to 11 December. Several organizations like UIAGM, WWF-EALP, CIPRA France, Pro-Montblanc, IUCN France Mountain Group and Mountain Coordination will help animating the booth.

The UIAA proposed this summer to take over the activities of Respect the Mountains, whose vision is also to create awareness about mountain areas and goals are to promote sustainable mountain sport activities. Clean Up events will be organized next year. Keen is our new sponsor on this project.

FV- Background on Respect the Mountains: it was founded 10 years ago, it didn't get the funding I expected, and they were looking for an organization to carry on the work. It was given to the UIAA with 'no strings attached.'

COP 21 Document CAI (Lucia Foppoli)

LP- At the internal level, member federation CAI prepared, with the support of the Nepal Mountaineering Association, a Declaration on Climate Change which aims to call participants to adopt the document for future policies in line with the document. This reviews the UIAA Declaration of Banff, Canada, adopted in 2006. The declaration will be approved at the 2015 UIAA General Assembly.

21. Mountaineering: (Pierre Humblet)

a. BMC Letter – I have contacted the Secretary of the ministry of Nepal last December, at that time he mentioned that they would decide about compulsory guides in Nepal, without distinguishing between trekkers and climbers. He asked for my opinion, and I said that I would never agree to say that guide should be compulsory in Nepal or elsewhere. It was however clear that they had already decided to take this decision. We will have a mountaineering meeting next month and we can repeat in a letter also sent to the Ministry in Nepal, with a statement from the UIAA regarding compulsory guides in Nepal.

AA- I think having an UIAA Statement would be beneficial and hopefully they would respond and it would promote future dialog.

FV- I propose we make a statement from the UIAA

MB- As I am also a part of IFMGA, I think the UIAA should be careful to make a broad sweeping statement against guides.

FV- Our intention is not to be against guides, just the compulsory part that infringes on our freedom.

FUM- before we react we should speak to the Nepalese here at the General Assembly.

FV- We need to get more information from the Nepalese here first, before we recommend a statement from the UIAA.

b. Agreement on the database, insurance

PH- What is the legal status of the TSP members we are sending on missions all over the world? And more generally speaking of people working for the UIAA not linked by an employment contract? They are reimbursed and sometimes paid partly by the federation or organization they are visiting and partly by the UIAA (using the money provided by PETZL Foundation) I don't see that they could be considered as employees. They are providing their services when they declare to be available and for missions they do accept and could refuse. There is no subordination relationship. Those being Mountain Guides, reimbursed and paid, could be considered as independent workers, but it would be better to say it and why not to write it. For the others, employees, teachers, retired, etc. could they be considered as self-employed too. I'm more than skeptical; they would certainly not be in order with their national and especially tax law. We have to consider that a Court is never bound by the name qualifying the agreement and can always rectify taking the facts into account. What about the status of a retired person sent on missions, sometimes they are only reimbursed but sometimes paid too, with limited and/or lump sum? In my view the UIAA being a Swiss organization, the Swiss law is ruling the matter.

The consequences are important considering :

- the opportunity to pay beyond reimbursing the justified expenses
- The duties of the organization using volunteers,

I'm not a Swiss lawyer but in most of the western countries:

- The organization is liable for its volunteers;
- The organization has to cover them with a "third party" insurance
- The organization must cover them by insurance for their personal damages (similar to the insurance covering employees for work accidents)
- A volunteer can't be paid except reimbursed of his/her real and justified expenses

Would a lump sum be paid that a prior agreement has to be negotiated with the tax service?

To be Done:

1. To ask a Swiss lawyer about the status of volunteers in CH
2. To adapt the financial behavior to the status of the contracting party
3. To make clear everybody's status
4. To cover its volunteers with the necessary insurance contracts.

At its next meeting in November at Poblet, Spain, Mountcom will examine: The roles distribution within the membership:

- ❖ Opportunity
- ❖ Feasibility

(LL) JGG- We think this is not a problem for the MC.in our opinion, you need to discuss this with the EB and find the legal ways.

22. Training Standards:

a. Jordan, Nepal and Malaysia (Steve Long)

SL- The training standard project is a service for member organisations to help them train leaders and teachers who can then train their members. The UIAA accredits qualifications based on appropriate pre-requirements; syllabus, training and assessment process and quality assurance system. This year the panel sent an observer to evaluate the Indian Climathon. There is a lot of progress, we had one inspection and it wasn't validated, which means that it is a proper transparent and accountable process. Some federations need to revalidate. Collaboration is really important. For example in UK, professional guides recognize instructors and trekking leaders and collaborate on publications and magazines. The Panel has been involved in training projects: in Jordan (Jordan Tourism Board), in Nepal (trekking leader training). New standard being developed is canyoning. There are other many possibilities, working together with UIAGM and others.

The Handbook has been translated in English, a Turkish version is ready; there may be an Iranian and Korean translation next year. Federations are encouraged to order the book at the office or to contact to ask for translation permission.

- ▶ Not a simple way to buy handbook on website. Would be great if this was made easier by a better accessibility on UIAA website.

Project of individual qualification for mountaineers: you need to get training course, further experience, examination, instructor program. This education program needs to be practical, documented and appropriate to work in every country. It should also include continuing development.

Problems for TSP:

- ▶ Better database for contacts
- ▶ Problems for individuals trying to access the database
- ▶ IFMGA believes some TS are being misused for illegal guiding
- ▶ Website lacking a FAQ section
- ▶ Replacing officers at short notice
- ▶ We need more teaching resources online

In future I would like to work more with approved national centers, and international guides but this cost money to keep the UIAA high standards. The UIAA needs to decide:

1. Free for federation (the UIAA pays)
2. Federation pays expenses only
3. Federation pays fees only
4. Federation pays all costs

Proposal 1. Re-brand the current Training Standard Accreditation

- Qualification Label (QL)

Rebrand the Training Standard to Qualification Label at an international level in order to have more clarity and the possibility also to develop individual basic skills courses.

Proposal 2- Possible Commercial Development

These courses would be similar to PADI for diving, i.e. pure skills not leadership.

(LL)JG- I propose to use the name of the associations not the countries.

PF- Changing the name might not work in non- English speaking countries.

FV- We give a recommendation for the TSP to give the MC at the next meeting potential consequences of changing the name, and to come up with a business plan for the commercial development.

23. Access

a. A climber's manifesto (Juan Jesús Ibanez Martin)

JJM- After the meeting in Zaragoza we have fixed the concerns raised at this meeting. (see in supporting documents)

TK- The intention of this document is to stand for the core values of the UIAA and I suggest we add this to our website, and we urge you to bring it to your federations. It should be the document that the UIAA can go back to when making statements about current events happening in the mountains.

FUM- It is up to the MC if this is brought to the GA for approval or if the MC would like to approve this.

ND- I would like 'clean climbing' to be integrated into the text.

FV- This is the test print, we need to integrate clean climbing, and a few text changes for a final version.

b. Argentine Mountaineers Declaration Regarding Legislation Projects

JJM- Argentina federation FASA has contacted the commission for help regarding new regulations set by their government regarding access to some summits. The legislation will be restrictive for climbing and mountaineering with no distinction between clubs and companies. This type of legislation goes against the spirit in the mountains, and what is written in the climber's manifesto. They have sent a declaration regarding legislation projects. They hope the UIAA can help FASA and stand with them to fight this. Every federation can sign with their logo their support for FASA acceso@fasa.org.ar (in supporting documents).

FV- Thank you, we should also give this information to the General Assembly.

24. Medical (David Hillebrandt)

The commission goes on very successfully with its Advice and Education activities. We have this year 24 advice papers in 8 languages on website, dealing with preventative care. Joint work with Medex (www.medex.org.uk) has resulted in more translations of the free booklet on basic mountain medicine and this is welcomed in countries such as Taiwan with its increasing awareness of the mountains for recreation.

Attention should be paid to charity, commercial and gap year treks, which often lack medical information and proper medical training of their leaders. To answer this, the commission would like to employ a part time research student to spend two hours each day for a year increasing the profile the advice sheets on social media under search words relevant to the specific mountain rather than by medical heading.

About the Diploma of Mountain Medicine (UIAA-IKAR Medcom - International society of Mountain Medicine ISMM): In order to cope with the increasing demand of organisations and universities and to maintain consistency, new regulations will be implemented for the countries participating in this international qualification. All holders of the diploma will be listed on a national database open to the public. All courses will have an independent observer from another country to verify the standard (and for mutual exchange of ideas). All courses are expected to encourage ongoing personal professional development. There will be an international bank of assessment exam questions to bring some comparable uniformity to assessment.

About the publication on Drug use and Misuse in the mountains: the final technical draft for Professionals is being

finalised. The question is to publish it (the commission would need funding). There is in the future the project to publish a paper about the Management of Diabetes in mountains.

- ▶ Medcom asks for increase in web presence **especially targeting** non-mountaineers who are the real risk group.

25. Youth: Cancellation of ARISF Nakhchivan event in Azerbaijan, cancellation of UIAA Peak, cancellation of Europe/Asia event (Israfil Ashurly)

New nominations this year come from Korean Alpine Federation with nomination of Mr. Kim Youngsik as a full member; FEEC (Catalonia, Spain) with nomination of Mr. Jordi Magriñà Güell as a full member; Mohammed Hashemi from Iran nominated as a full member.

For 1.5 years the commission has been planning to standardize the educational process of route-setters on the natural surface. Alexander Klenov – YC technical expert, and TSP Steve Long, were involved in this project. The idea of it was to define the methods of development of ice-climbing regions, criteria of preparing sport routes and defining thread-climbing zones. Unfortunately, the commission has suspended the work at this project.

8 Global Youth Summits events were organized this summer.

In 2016 the commission has to review its strategic objectives in line with UIAA strategic plan and ARISF grant application. The commission will collaborate with the office.

In 2015, the following events were supported by ARISF:

Winter program – one-week International ice-climbing and mountaineering meeting held in Guillestre, the Alps (16-22 years old). Successfully done.

Summer program – one-week International rock-climbing and mountaineering coaching in Ariege, French Pyrenees (from 10+ for local to 12+ foreigners). Successfully done.

UIAA Youth Leader Training Seminar in FYR Macedonia 19 -23 August (in progress now).

International rock-climbing route-setting course for youth leaders and International Youth Rock climbing Festival was organized finally by the Executive Board and FAIREX with the support of ARISF. Location: Laza, Gusar region Azerbaijan, from 16 to 22 August, 2015.

Global Youth Summit 2015 – International Youth Ice Climbing Festival, Erzurum, Turkey 2015. They prepared this event on short notice 71 participants from 16 countries. This is a place for future events for Ice Climbing.

The 2 events in France, our winter and summer camps. Both of these events covered by ARISF program.

Youth Climbing camp in Catalonia- This was a new organizer, a small but good event. They only had one month to organize but did so accurately. The event had 7 participants.

XIV Youth Rock climbing and Mountaineering Festival Europe-Asia 2015 (Russia –Switzerland) – the first part was organized in the Jura Mountains in Russia and Switzerland was selected as the European part, however, this was not under the covered of Global Youth Summit umbrella because they had a problem with the insurance.

Discovering the Dolomites- 20 people from Italy, Spain, South Africa and Serbia took part in the event. There were received 32 applications, but because of probable troubles with the lodging, the organizers put a limit to 24 participants.

International Youth Expedition Mnt Damavand, Iran - The event was really successful. Iran Mountaineering and

Sport Climbing Federation organized an international youth expedition to ascend Mt. Damavand (5,671m), the highest volcano in Asia and the highest peak in the Middle East.

International Mountaineering School Kazbek Georgia- We have had some complaints from local organizers and from Slovenian participant. At this moment we have received only information from the Slovenian participant about topics of safety and competence of instructors, we sent these questions to the local organizers and are waiting for the response

Encourages for more participation in the Global Youth Summits events. Federations can organise an event and send also participants to the other events. Thanks to all event organisers for their wonderful job and the Management Committee for supporting the commission.

We have 4 events for this year and will finalized this middle of December and will inform the board about this.

FV: Thanks for the report, however, there were several issues within the Youth Commission during the year.

PF- We should make sure what has happened in Georgia does not happen again. Also the ARISF event in Azerbaijan was cancelled twice. So the Board took over and organized it, otherwise we would have to explain to ARISF why we could not organize an event with the money they have given the UIAA. This would not have been a good for UIAA. We need to handle things like this more carefully.

IA- Who is our person from the office that supports YC?

PF- It is a very sad fact that we lost the support of Valerie, and maybe we need to look into why this happened.

FV- We will look into this to solve this.

26. Safety: 7 new label holders in 2015 (Dave Custer by Skype)

Safety (Dave Custer on skype)

Safety Commission and standards provide climbers with a baseline for assessment and management of risk. The commission continued to develop climbing equipment standards and testing for standards development. At the June meeting in Chamonix, new standards were approved for snow pickets and crash/bouldering pads. Requirements for snow pickets are an amalgam of existing standards, including ice axe shafts, dead-men snow anchors, and pitons. The bouldering pad standard is more nuanced as its methodology measurement does not address the injury of extremities. The commission will work on this.

Work continues on standards for belay lanyards, avalanche shovels, avalanche probes (collaboration with ICAR), and bolt corrosion. A new working group has been formed to determine whether the helmet standard should be modified to include rim impact tests.

Some larger issues: inclusion of a QC component to all UIAA Standards and a reasonable method of monitoring UIAA certified laboratories outside Europe.

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

Pending issues for which the commission awaits feedback from Office and MC:

- **Control of web presence:** The Commission's education mission has been hampered by the absence of our ability to change elements of the Safety Commission's web presence.
 - **Clarification to copyright of material produced by volunteers:** There are a number of places where the copyright of work done by volunteers for the Safety commission is an issue. I encourage the UIAA to include a copyright and attribution for every photo on the web that is not taken by someone paid by the UIAA.
 - **Funding to run the annual Commission meeting:** The sum earmarked is insufficient. Need to find a solution.
 - **Automatic demotion of delegates to corresponding status when not attending meetings/quorum**
 - **Providing brand look/feel for UIAA publications:** If the UIAA has thoughts on the look and feel of UIAA publications— beyond use of UIAA blue and Arial font—the Safety Commission would like to know.
 - **Waiving anchor label fees for initial years of corrosion resistance standard:** it would benefit the climbing community if there were some manufacturers who could be induced to manufacture corrosion resistant bolts.
 - **Rethinking the interim standard fee structure for labs:** I recommend that the interim fee be waived for snow pickets, and perhaps eliminated entirely.
 - **Removal of increased numbers of standards, label holders, & labs from the new strategic plan:** The measure of the Safety Commission is not the number of standards, label holders, or test laboratories. A general idea of which standards are coming along in the pipeline is important. Increasing the number of UIAA certified laboratories places an undue burden on the Commission.
 - **Authorizing 'it has come to our attention' letters from the Safety Commission.**
- 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.

- ▶ **PM- I move that the MC authorizes approval for the Safety Commission to send 'it has come to our attention' letters, where applicable.**
- ▶ **Unanimously agreed.**

FV- Thank you for all your comments. We will discuss your issues, and try to find solutions to your list. Keep up the good work.

Meeting Adjourned, thanks to all participants .