

UIAA COMMISSION PRESIDENT / MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 2021 – Draft Minutes

Presence

Commission Presidents

Marija Andjelkovic (MA) – Anti-Doping Commission
Lionel Kiener (LK) – Safety Commission
Juan Jesus Ibanez Martinez (JJIM) – Access WG
Peter Farkas (PF) – Mountaineering Commission
Carolina Adler (CA) – Mountain Protection Commission
Urs Hefti (UH) – Medical Commission
Pavlos Georgiades (PG) – Youth Commission
Carlos Teixeira (CT) – Ice Climbing Commission

Management Committee Members

Simon Alden (SA)
Anne Arran (AA)
Lode Beckers (LB)
Amit Chowdhury (AC)
Joachim Driessen (JD)
Kul Bahadur Gurung (KBG)
Mahmood Hashemi (MH)
Francoise Jaquet (FJ)
Martin Lascano (ML)
Steve Long (SL)
Jean Miczka (JM)
Greg Moseley (GM)
Peter Muir (PM)
Phil Powers (PP)
Stein Tronstad (ST)

Office Staff

Rob Adie (RA)
Peter Bourne (PB)
Stephanie Stettbacher (SS)
Carol Kahoun (CK)
Excused: Nils Glatthard (NG)

SATURDAY, 30 JANUARY 2021, E-MEETING, 16.00 – 17.00 CET

ITEM	TYPE	WHO
<p>1. Welcome and opening remarks by UIAA President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM: Welcoming all, thanks for joining. All Commission Presidents presents, including the Access Working Group Chair. Nils Glatthard could not attend due to illness. 	Information	Peter Muir
<p>2. MC Meeting Recap</p> <p>Commission Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM: First update of the MC Meeting held just before, is the list of newly approved nominations to your commissions. These were only new nominations, not renewals which are only due in May 2021. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Commission: Klara Horakova, Czech Republic (CMF) Medical Commission: Nima Namgyal Sherpa, Nepal (NMA) Mountaineering Commission: Gergo Santha, Hungary (MHSSz) Safety Commission: Julia Janotte, Germany (DAV) Youth Commission: David Evans, UK (BMC) PM: Also, a new president and vice-president of the Safety Commission have been approved. Congratulations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety Commission President: Lionel Kiener, Switzerland (SAC) Safety Commission Vice-President: Alexis Mallon, France (FFCAM) <p>Update on newly created EB Working Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> External Relations WG (led by LB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WG members: Lode Beckers, LB: The WG is making an inventory of all external relations of the UIAA, noting the benefits of memberships and affiliations. Aim is to come back to EB/MC and Commissions with a summary and a proposal which relations to keep and nurture, and which ones to potentially let go. 	Information	Peter Muir

- **Question from CA:** What criteria do you have in mind when deciding on continuing or dropping a partnership/membership/MoU/etc. Are Commission relations also taken into account?
- **PM:** As of right now we are only in the inventory phase, gathering and collecting all information. The idea is to have a stakeholder map.
- **LB:** In a next step, we aim at defining costs and benefits of each external relation. For the moment we're taking a pragmatic approach and starting with the UIAA as a whole and will then widen the inventory to all Commission relations. At the end of the day, we'll come to you for inputs.
- **Question from GM:** Maybe we could ask the Commissions for a list of external relations?
- **PM/LB:** Let's start in the smaller circle and then widen the search.
- **Internal Relations WG (led by PM)**
 - WG members: Peter Muir, Stephanie Stettbacher, Nils Glatthard
 - **PM:** A WG has yet to be formed. The group's aim is to keep an eye on relationships with members and groups inside the UIAA.
- **Commissions WG (led by AC)**
 - WG members: Amit Chowdhury, Martin Lascano, Zoljargal Banzragch
 - **AC:** The group's aim is to look into the work and projects of each Commission and look at how they contribute to the Strategic Plan of the UIAA. We also wish to understand what Commissions expect from the EB/MC and how these bodies can support each other. By the end of February 2021 the WG intends to report to the EB and make recommendations about the future. Suggestions and discussions are welcome, for that we asked each Commission to give us the opportunity to attend one of their e-meetings.
- **Governance WG (led by PM)**
 - WG members: Peter Muir, Zoljargal Banzragch, Klara Dvorakova (tbc), **XX**
 - **PM:** Tasks around the AoA. It won't affect the commissions directly.
- **Finance WG (led by FJ)**
 - WG members: Françoise Jaquet, Lode Beckers, Nils Glatthard
 - **FJ:** Work started by making an inventory with priorities on financial processes. We aim at improving the budgeting process for 2022 and will involve you, the Commission Presidents, into this process. Expect to be contacted in due time.
 - **Question from CA:** Great to hear the Commission Presidents will be involved. Has a treasurer been appointed yet?
 - **PM:** Not yet, but we'll inform you in due course.

Update from UIAA Office

- **PM:** Speaking on behalf of NG. Office continues to work from home. Work load has actually increased, due to more regular e-meetings of various UIAA bodies.

3. Commission Updates

Information

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Mountaineering Commission

- **PF:** Our Commission and associated WGs have identified 5 projects last year and will now focus on those that can be done from home. These include:
 - Vertical Life
 - ISO
 - Style and Ethics, reviewing the Tyrol Declaration
 - Mountain Workers Initiative
 - Accident Statistics: two advice papers almost complete
- **Training Panel:** will complete the Training Accreditation Database in mid-February and publish the new UIAA Alpine Handbook soon.
- **Access WG:** currently works on a main project namely a library of access/restrictions

One administrative request, within the Commission Members' List, the LEWG Chair doesn't have to be elected by the MC. The same should be true for Access, as it has now become a WG of MountCom. Please update it accordingly.

- **PM:** Ok, we'll do.
- **Question from AC:** I hear about some new projects ever since your Commission's submission of projects to the MC/GA in October 2020, could you please share these officially so our EB WG can consider it for our report?
- **PF:** Yes, we have a google sheet in preparation noting all projects and tracking progress in form of a diary. Once we are past the experimental phase, I can share these with everyone. Projects were mentioned in the last MountCom memo.

Anti-Doping Commission

- **MA:** Compliancy with current World Anti-Doping Code guaranteed. Regarding the in- and also out-of-competition testing, we will make sure to test enough elite athletes in Kirov to assure meeting the requirements for this year. Thanks for the great collaboration with Rob Adie and the Ice Climbing Commission.

Ice Climbing Commission

- **CT:** Our Commission meets weekly right now, to assure we meet all requirements and have valid measures in place to combat the spreading of Covid-19. Event in Champagny went well. Since April 2020, we've tried to redesign the Commission into WG to improve our working mode. We want to launch a restructuring as soon as possible.
- **Question from LB:** Does the Ice Climbing and Anti-Doping Commission have Covid-19 measures for the future also? Other federations are discussing whether vaccination is going to be a requirement.
- **MA:** Briefly, the UIAA and on-site the Anti-Doping Commission is in charge of making sure Covid-19 doesn't get into the "bubble" of athletes, officials, etc. Regarding vaccinations, in the Olympic protocol no requirements have been communicated, thus we don't expect it for any other sports.
- **RA:** The first international UIAA competition happened in Champagny, France last weekend. 36 athletes to submit negative CPR tests. Same applied for officials. Random rapid tests were performed during the competition. Everyone remained negative.
- **CT:** Protocols have been put together and updated continuously by the Ice Climbing and Anti-Doping Commissions together, mitigating any infections.

Medical Commission

- **UH:** Suggests to involve MedCom in future meetings and discussions on Covid-19 and measures, as many of its members are doctors and well experienced. In Medcom, many of the projects stay the same and continue on such as the updating of recommendations, translating them and co-running the diploma courses in mountain medicine. Three newer projects of MedCom are:
 - Training course in South Africa around August 2021, to be defined whether it can actually take place
 - Women-led project to update existing recommendations on Women's Health in the mountains
 - Teaching video about water and treatment methods should make popular recommendations of our Commission even more popular and show a new way of teaching people
- **Question from PG:** What about instructors and coaches who all need first aid certification. Could these not be done in-house within the UIAA instead of giving money to other organisations?

- **UH:** We actually continue our discussion on establishing a fee for Diploma of Mountain Medicine courses, but so far haven't found a good solution. To perform other courses, such as first aid, is simply too much of a workload.

Mountain Protection Commission

- **CA:** The Commission met less formally in December to take stock of GA and welcome new members. Our next check-in e-meeting is next week. The official annual meeting will likely take place in April online. Among our projects are:
 - Mountain Protection Award (MPA) re-launch for 2021, still depending on the GA. The 2020 edition has been postponed, while applications continued to be received. The new deadline to apply for the Mountain Protection Award is 31 May 2021. Re-launch will trigger work for our Commission (assessments). And we are currently having the MPA reviewed by an external expert to evaluate best practices and standards of projects.
 - Respect the Mountains (RTM) is likely to continue in its current format as an online calendar of events.
 - UIAA Environmental Objectives & Guidelines: standing guidelines need reviewing, a process planned together with IFMGA and UNEP. Progress will be reported on at the 2021 GA.

I wish to note that it is important for us to redefine Commission projects, as some ask for Commission expertise, some are Commission run and others by UIAA Office.

- **AC:** This is precisely what the EB Working Group on Commissions is looking into.

Safety Commission

- **LK:** The Commission is meeting more frequently. Testing continues and a major update on anchor standard was finally published. After 12 years of research on stress corrosion. Pictorials for UIAA standards are being renewed, thanks to the DAV and their cartoonist. We are also looking to provide feedback on the UIAA Alpine Handbook. The Commission has about 15 WG, based on the different standards and research areas. We've further improved communication and reach, through the Q&A series on the UIAA website.
- **PM:** Congratulation Lionel, your efforts here are much appreciated.

Youth Commission

- **PG:** 2020 has been difficult to organize events. The French Youth Ice Climbing camp is still scheduled to take place but likely will get cancelled also. I have contacted the government in Cyprus to set up a pilot youth camp in Cyprus in the summer of 2021. However, until the Covid-19 situation changes, we cannot announce much.

Training Panel

- **SL:** We got off a good start in 2020 in Mumbai. The event was sponsored by a company with strong links to Petzl. It looked like we could expand the program further in India. The database is going live next week and input from Commissions is awaited for the newest update of the UIAA Alpine Handbook.

10. Other business

- **Question from CA:** One of the issues raised by MPC delegates is about the Strategic Plan. What is expected from the Commissions? Also, what mechanism is in place to receive inputs from member federations about their needs and expectations? Our Commission counts representatives from a limited number of UIAA member federations only and it would be good to serve all interests.
- **PM:** Regarding the Strategic Plan, our EB WG on Commissions is looking precisely into the current projects of Commissions and drawing up a matrix of how and what parts of the UIAA Strategic Plan 2021-2024 are covered by Commissions respectively. In terms of federation input and needs, one of our key goals is to assure the relations with our member federations are improved further. For this we will consolidate a plan from an EB, MC and Commissions perspective. Work is in progress.
- **LB:** We are designing a road map, not only for approval but for feedback by various UIAA bodies. In my eyes, we are working in a two-year time horizon, in a continuous dialogue with the EB, MC, Commissions and Working Groups. I'm optimistic with the operative mode we currently have and wish to emphasize a focus on substance rather than procedure.
- **AC:** Our EB Commissions WG is mapping out strategic goals of the UIAA versus the projects of our Commissions. Some goals are served by many projects of the UIAA, and some only by a few. What we will

need to look at is what direction to take in the future in order to align ourselves at best with the Strategic Plan laid out.

- **CA:** This map would be very relevant and interesting to share with Commissions, so a discussion with the EB can take place.
- **PM:** The EB WG on Commissions will report to the EB first, for it – as a whole – to make recommendations to then be discussed with Commissions.
- **LB:** Suggestion for each Commission to initiate their meetings going over the Strategic Plan and how it is being addressed.
- **Question from PP:** We currently have a Strategic Plan but not the executive plan, correct? I would suggest the executive plan to be laid out within the year.

Future Meetings

- **PM:** The MC decided to postpone the 2021 MC Spring Meeting in Skopje, North Macedonia to 2022 and hold an e-meeting instead this coming May. Details will be communicated in due course.
- **PM:** The decision about the GA will be taken at that e-meeting.

End of meeting.
