

UIAA COMMISSION PRESIDENTS' AND EXECUTIVE TEAM E-MEETING 2020

FRIDAY, 2 MAY 2020, 13.00 – 14.30 CET, ZOOM-link TBA

AGENDA

ITEM	WHO	DOCUMENTS
<p>1. Welcome and opening remarks by the UIAA President MC E-meeting 1 May 2020 update</p> <p>Present – Frits Vrijlandt, Peter Muir, Pavlos Georgiades, Zoljargal Banzragch, Juan Jesus Ibanez Martin, Greg Mosely, Maria Andjelkovic, Lode Beckers, Amit Chowdury, Helene Denis, Peter Farkas, Carolina Adler, Carlos Teixerias, Stuart Gray, Vivian, Mahmoud Hashemi, Steve Long, Michael Maunsel, Nenad Dikic, Urs Hefti, Nils Glatthard, Stephanie Stettbacher, Carol Kahoun, Peter Bourne, Rob Adie</p> <p>See ppt. slide</p> <p>It was decided that the TNC (Temporary Nomination Committee) for new UIAA president will not be used, so the candidates will be presented to the GA without preliminary assessment process and will be elected as per AoA at the GA.</p> <p>New Commission elections detailed – see ppt.</p>	Frits Vrijlandt	
<p>2. Strategic guidelines for the UIAA See ppt slide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FV gave update from the MC meeting – strategic guidelines not completely in line with the decisions taken at the 2019 GA, a new combined version will be created and put before the MC for recommendation to GA. CA voiced concerns on the timing of the new strategy and whether the commission presidents will be consulted on this new document. FV stated SWG will be involved and a draft will be sent to the CPs. PF suggested that a representative from the CP group should be represented in the SWG (which is the case). 	Lode Beckers	Draft guidelines

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB gave background to the thinking behind his papers about how the EB thought the new version of the strategy should look. However the MC decided to go back to incorporate what was decided at the previous GA. • CA also mentioned that we do have a strategy document detailing the three pillars of sport, sustainability and safety which will need to be replaced in 2021 but should be used as a basis for current activities and for the new document. Idea supported by PF. 		
<p>3.</p>	<p>The impact of the Covid-19 situation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UIAA webpage • Creation of CCC (Crisis Consultation Committee) • Commission Budgets • FV appealed to all members of the meeting to contribute COVID related content to be included on the UIAA webpage. Detailed the new CCC which meets every few weeks and will be there to help federations who require it. • JIM requested that any future statements from the UIAA should include support for the mountain huts around the world, so national federations can access support from their governments. • PG suggested that huts should be in the same group as hotels in tourist organisations and should receive financial support from governments the same way the hotels do. Regarding the youth commission – national youth camp with only national attendees maybe possible. International youth camps will not be possible. • MH suggested that all summer events should be cancelled. Advice from the UIAA should be issued after the COVID situation is reduced about how climbing can be restarted. • SL gave the example of New Zealand as they relax their COVID restrictions and climbing is still blocked, as our sport will be last on the list for restrictions to be relaxed. Public perception is that we are very risky and UIAA should be proactive in convincing public that this is not necessarily the case. • PB detailed the member response to the situation as the pandemic hits different parts of the world at different times, a useful knowledge base is being built up with this experience. COVID having impacts on commission work, and this is being communicated to the federations and on the website. Next week there will be new themes – huts, transportation, etc. and how the UIAA can help member federations. Lots of traffic to the website. • PG stated that he was already working the Cyprus government to allow certain members to go out hiking and climbing to use the mountains responsibly. • 	<p>Frits Vrijlandt</p>	<p>CCC</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM stated that nothing will be guaranteed regarding access to the mountains until a vaccine is produced and MI are lobbying government. UH stated that we should not be too active as we dont have a lot of data and research and every country should be allowed to make their own decisions based on their own situation. But maybe help them with some of the stranger rules that maybe created in some countries. 		
4.	<p>Annual Report Report will be published next week.</p>	Frits Vrijlandt	Draft AR
5.	<p>A: Commission projects, updates:</p> <p>a. Anti-Doping</p> <p>MA made a report – no in competition testing in future, but out of competition testing might still continue in the future, but most has stopped. New WADA code coming for next year effective from 1st January 21 for 4 years. UIAA will be code compliant.</p> <p>b. Ice Climbing</p> <p>CT – season was business as usual. Problems with a cancellation of events. This was damaging for image of sport and must not happen in the future. Possible behaviour issue within athletes that needs to be looked at. Doubts over the 2021 season due to COVID, and will be discussed at commission meeting next week. RA stated that we were lucky to finish our 20 season with not issues due to COVID and we hope to have a great calendar for 21, but we will be monitoring the COVID situation to see if we can run a full or partial season in 21. PF asked about the cancellation of events and what measures will be put in place to stop this from happening. CT suggested that event negotiations should all be done well in advance and cancellations should be avoided.</p> <p>c. Mountain Protection</p> <p>CA stated that the commission will be meeting later this month with many items on the agenda. Meetings attended by members of the commission at UNCCC, but a lot of the meetings have now been cancelled. A lot of projects are now on hold including mountain protection award. Looking at previous awards and seeing how they have been doing. MP award will be postponed to next year and applications from both years added together.</p> <p>RTM – calendar open, but events will be restricted. Possible new version of RTM with UN</p>	Commission Presidents	Reports

d. Mountaineering

- **Access** – PF – no collaboration yet, online meeting. No new projects until after COVID. Accident reporting project has been closed down and data to be analysed and report produced. ISO project is also continuing. New project is STYLE and ethics – Tyrol declaration which has replaced by the mountain code, which was replaced by something else and the new project will update and extend this.
- JIM – challenge of integrating into the mountaineering commission.
- LB mentioned that there will be new challenges for access in a post COVID world. CA stated that the legal side of things will need to be looked at heavily. Also whether there had been any developments from access groups looked at Everest and Kilimanjaro. GM suggested that cross commission project group that could be setup for rapid response to issues when required, like they did with the two mentioned above.
- **Training Panel** – SL – piloting skills training to countries who are developing qualifications. Signed an agreement with UK for UIAA certificate in rock skills. Courses going well in India just before COVID, hosted by IMF. Seminar in Hong Kong. Book now in Japanese. Database for training courses/certificates is almost ready for operation and under testing. Lots of power behind UIAA logo on publications.
- MM requested update for Everest WG. GM said letter has been sent cosigned by UIAA and Alpine Club to Nepali government, but COVID has stopped progress but hopefully we will have time to come up with a joint policy. Nothing happening on Kilimanjaro.

e. Medical

- UH gave report with restructure of commission, request for support for funding for future commission activity and meetings. Plans to meet in South Africa in 2021. GM will make the meeting happen if possible. Also thanks for the donation of masks to a hospital in SA.

f. Safety

- AC – Masks came from safety lab in china to SA. Annual meeting cancelled and online meeting in June. Unlimited number of corresponding members requested. Two new labs accepted in Scotland and France. Two new labs in Korea and ???. New lab application from CMA to test specifically UIAA standards. Draft agreement to go past legal WG. Slack line project, FIXE problem, corrosion, DAV pictorials, all being held up. Work on probes Work on probes to be done direct with lab after CAI left. Work on canyoning. Lots of work where COVID has stopped actions. Issues with finance in 2021 due to COVID.

	<p>g. Youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PG – last meeting at end of february in Cyprus. SL attended and discussed collaborations with the training panel to produce certificates and training standards for the participants of youth camps. Developing new way of creating camps. Old way will still be used, but the commission will aim to create finance by upgrading the services that the YC provide to the federation that will provide for certification for participation at 10 Euros per participant. YC would also organise own youth camps with assistance of different feds. TP will work to certify feds. to correct standards for youth camps. <p>B: Projects that generate revenue for Commissions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PF – not been discussed yet. Should this be an expectation that commission generate income? All commissions should do their best, but could be the wrong track if we expect the commissions to raise finance. If commission does generate finance, whose money is that. These issues need to be clarified. See notes above to see possibilities. CA suggested that commissions should be consulted before sponsorship documents are sent out to possible sponsors. Lots of in-kind as well. PG suggested whether UIAA could get a PIC number to allow them to apply for European grant funding giving access for commissions to funding projects. <p>C: Cross-Commission projects?</p> <p>PF – Three projects –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protection of ice climbing athletes with protective equipment 2. Provision of alpine handbook 3. Style and ethics code revision 		
6.	<p>Budget planning process for 2021 UIAA budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM – CPs to receive budget information in supporting docs - See ppt slide Possible issues with COVID, but they are not present yet will come in 2021. Critical that commission budgets come in as early and as well thought out as possible. NG – gave update on timelines – see ppt slide. 	Peter Muir Nils Glatthard	Milestones

<p>7.</p>	<p>A: Draft Commission Regulations, update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM gave update – slow progress now with comments from PF and AC. Good comments from Mountain commission. • Highlights – how many commission members should a commission have. This has changed to unlimited amount that is required by the commission. • Corresponding members also unlimited. • Where the members come from – only one member per federation should be removed, but this causes issues with federation control when it comes to votes. • New rules says that no country can exercise 25% of the votes. • Quorum should be 1/3 of the commission but as long as the President and VP is there. New rules should be go before the MC in the autumn. • All comments on this to be sent to PM by August 15th. <p>B: Conflict of Interest – signing of declaration</p> <p>PM – please sign the conflict of interest form. It is only a declaration of conflict of interest, this does not restrict you from partaking in meetings etc.</p>	<p>Peter Muir</p>	<p>Draft Regulations</p> <p>COI declaration</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Next Commission Presidents Chair? PF – no volunteers for new president chair, so PF will remain.</p>	<p>Peter Farkas</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p>PM asked if the GA doesn't happen the president election would not happen, which is correct. FV - option is to have an electronic GA, if secure voting procedures can be guaranteed. PG suggested moving the country of the GA with better COVID issues, and a choice can be made at the last moment. NG stateded, based on feedback received from MedCom members, due to COVID, an in-person GA in October 2020 is unlikely to happen.</p>	<p>Peter Farkas</p>	