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## Global Mountain Network

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HONORARY MEMBERS

1964 Charles Eguignon (FRA/DAV)
1965 Eduard Wyss-Dunant (SAC)
1968 Hans von Bommard (DAV)
1968 Guido Tonella (CAI)
1975 Ugo Di Vallepiana (CAI)
1980 Fritz Weisner (AAC)
1983 Franz Hieß (VAVOE)
1987 Jaromír Wolf (CHS)
1990 Sir Edmund Hillary (NZAC)
1992 Dr. Pietro Segantini (SAC)
1995 William Lowell Putnam (AAC)
2000 Robbert Leopold (NKBV)
2001 Dr. Carlo Sganzini (SAC)
2002 Georges Moissidis (EOOA)
2003 Dr. Fritz März (DAV)
2003 Nassos Tzartzanos (EOOA)
2007 Jordi Pons Sanjines (FEDME)
2008 Pit Schubert (DAV)
2010 Kazuo Saito (JMA)
2012 Ang Tshering Sherpa (NMA)
2013 Claude Eckhardt (FFCAM)
2014 Tamotsu Nakamura (JAC)
2016 Reinhold Messner (AVS)
2019 Injeong Lee (KAF)
2020 Doug Scott (BMC)

The International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation (UIAA) was founded in 1932 and has a global presence on six continents representing 90 member associations and federations in 67 countries.

The UIAA, supported by over 200 volunteers, promotes the growth and protection of mountaineering and climbing worldwide by:

- preserving their spirit and traditions
- advancing safe and ethical mountain practices
- promoting responsible access, culture and environmental protection
- supporting youth participation and the Olympic movement

The UIAA fulfills its Mission Statement mainly through the work of its Commissions, which set recommendations, set policy and advocate on behalf of the international mountaineering community. UIAA Commissions are comprised of experts in their fields. The UIAA operates through the following Commissions: Anti-Doping, Ice Climbing, Medical, Mountaineering (including Access & Training), Safety, Youth and Women.

Further Reading: theuiaa.org/about

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The UIAA is the International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation. As the leading global network, we promote climbing and mountaineering and advocate for access to climbing areas and mountain ranges. While looking to our future, we value our heritage and care for the mountains, their fragile ecosystems, vulnerable communities and cultures. The UIAA represents the interests of our member federations and of our worldwide community.

For the climbers. For the mountains. For the world.

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The Annual Report is now available in digital format. To save or download the document please scan the QR code.

All information contained in the Annual Report refers to events which took place before 1 January 2022.
Welcome Message by
Peter Muir
UIAA President

As we report last year, I emphasised opportunity and the future within my term as a measure of UIAA progress.

Did we know that the challenges of 2020 with the pandemic would continue as they did? Perhaps not, but the use of "new" modes of communications and staying connected did provide the Executive Board and Management Committee with the opportunities for in-depth reviews of UIAA internal processes and we have made much progress.

The Executive Board met 11 times over 2021, all online and adopted new practices of using designated and time limited working groups for special projects.

Early in the year the Commissions Working Group, chaired by Amit Chowdhury, presented its review of the Commissions. The report confirmed much of what we sensed and it has led to improved internal communication among the Executive Board, Management Committee, and the Commissions such as Commission Presidents attending substantial portions of Management Committee meetings.

In 2022, the Management Committee will consider further changes that should increase the profile and efficiency of effective UIAA programmes such as training, contributions from the Legal Experts Working Group and global access advocacy.

We also used the working group concept to deal with important matters too large in scope for individual units of the UIAA. The Covid-19 Taskforce, chaired by General Secretary Lode Beckers, created an extensive online resource for members and contributed in many ways to UIAA planning.

The Climate Change Taskforce will work through 2022, and beyond, on the existential question with particular focus on climate change consequences for climbing and mountaineering.

Overall, the UIAA had a successful 2021 thanks to our members continued allegiance to the organisation even as they navigate their way through their own challenges from external forces beyond their control. In this 2021 Annual Report, you will find much evidence of this success - certainly in renewed organisational capability and in continued financial strength - but also in other noteworthy events, including an impressive number of Mountain Protection Award applications supported by the Bally Peak Outlook Foundation, the launch of the UIAA Mountain Network Series of webinars, and a generous financial contribution of Covid support from Dr Lee, President of the Union of Asian Alpine Associations (UAAA).

2022 is lining up as busy but encouraging. As always, I encourage you to join our journey as your time allows.

Mind yourselves,

Peter Muir
UIAA President

UIAA Presidents

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1945–1946  Eduoard Wyss-Dunant
1946–1952  Albert Eggler
1952–1953  Jean Juge
1954–1959  Pierre Bossus
1959–1963  Carlo Sganzini
1964–1965  Pietro Segantini
1966–1969  Ian McNaught-Davis
1970–1974  Alan Blackshaw
1975–1983  Frits Vrijlandt
1984–1985  Peter Muir (acting)
1986–1987  Mike Mortimer
1988–1992  Jordi Colomer (acting)
1993–1999  Peter Muir
2000–2006  Peter Humblet (acting)
2007–2011  Mike Mortimer
2011–2015  Jordi Colomer (acting)
2016–2020  Frits Vrijlandt
2020–  Peter Muir
UIAA Executive Review 2021

JANUARY
At the start of 2021, UIAA members gathered for the annual UIAA General Assembly in Tokyo (Japan) under the title “UIAA in the New Normal”.

MARCH
The UIAA launched its annual Mountain Worker Initiative to support the creativity, innovation, and well-being of mountain workers. The initiative was launched to support the mountain worker community worldwide, offering a wide range of resources and support services.

APRIL
The UIAA Medical Commission published its annual study on mountain health, including a detailed examination of the COVID-19 pandemic’s impact on mountain health.

MAY
The UIAA hosted a webinar on the topic of mountain access and safety, featuring experts from around the world.

JUNE
The UIAA celebrated the bicentenary of the Alpine Club, with a series of events and initiatives to mark the occasion.

JULY
The UIAA published its annual report on mountain protection, highlighting key trends and challenges in the mountain tourism sector.

AUGUST
The UIAA announced the winners of the 2020-2021 UIAA Mountain Protection Award, recognizing outstanding contributions to mountain conservation.

SEPTEMBER
The UIAA announced the launch of the Mountain Worker Initiative’s Mountain Worker Support Project, providing resources and support to mountain workers around the world.

OCTOBER
The UIAA launched its annual Mountain Worker Initiative Conference, bringing together mountain workers from around the world to discuss challenges and opportunities.

DECEMBER
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Throughout the year, the UIAA continued to support mountain workers and mountain tourism, with a focus on ensuring safe and sustainable access to mountains.

For more information, visit the UIAA website.
As confirmed by the UIAA General Assembly (October, 2021)

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India

Mohammad HASEMII
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(Board Member)
Argentina

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Josef KLENNER
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Austrian Alpine Club

Kul Bahadur GURUNG
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Nepal Mountaineering Association

Juan JESÚS IBÁÑEZ MARTÍN
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In this constant change, the UIAA must continue to be the engine to strengthen sports environment are increasingly within reach.

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The partnership with the Global Outdoor Foundation, the partner organisations in both the voluntary and professional sectors.

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The 2021 General Assembly marked a year since the Alpine Club of Canada took over the presidency. The event was held online, the 2022 GA is scheduled to be held in Banff, Canada.

The UIAA held its annual General Assembly from 22-23 October. For the second year running the event was held online. A total of 128 delegates from over 71 member associations representing 36 countries attended.

The 2021 General Assembly, marked a year since Pierre Humblet, from the Alpine Club of Canada, became the federation’s 16th President. Humblet had announced his intention to step down after the General Assembly completed in the past two months.

“As leader in my annual President’s message, I have stated that the UIAA is focused on sound principles and a common purpose. Over the last year, the Executive Board has seen some changes where we are at, and what issues we face to establish a way for our strategy and our projects over the next three years. These assessments are always work in progress, and the General Assembly does allow some common understanding. These are – communication, our aim is to have better communication across various levels and structures and introduce new ways of approaching meetings; a streamlined focus on the Strategy Plan in particular its goals. It is very clear that the UIAA is having to focus on key goals, and focusing on three priority topics; on Commission, ensuring responsibilities and clearly defining who is carrying out tasks and ensuring a good place in our activities.

In the first three months, the UIAA Executive Board has been working on its strategic activities. Its next steps include consultation with the Commissions, developing more defined Standard Operating Procedures. The need to improve communication is a priority as well as developing more defined Standard Operating Procedures.

The 2021 General Assembly is the first year since the UIAA last held a General Assembly in person, and it is the first year since the UIAA’s international observer members were able to vote in the elections and rank-listed Greg Moseley for his highly significant work with the UIAA.

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ELECTIONS

The main election activity was confined to representatives of the Management Committee. Management Committee re-elected:

- Marc Genev (France), FEDME (France)
- Peter Cartwright, MCAU (South Africa)
- Continental Representative – Africa. Paul concludes Greg Moseley, whose term with the Management Committee came to an end. Greg, work with the UIAA is the focus of a recent Volunteer series article.
- Willy Montenegro, FIDAC (Italy)
- Continental Representative – Central and South America

The UIAA congratulated all new MC members on their elections and ranked-listed Greg Moseley for his high-impact work with the UIAA.

The Management Committee newly-elected:

- Stuart Gray, NZAC (New Zealand)
- Pierre Humblet
- Continental Representative – Oceania
- Juan Jesús Ibáñez Martín
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Executive Board Working Groups

Goals of the GA included representatives from the UIAA’s international observer members – the International Climbing Association, the International Mountaineering Federation and the International Federation of Mountain Guides Associations, as well as The Petzl Foundation and former UIAA President Greg Moseley (in Judith Poncelin).

Executive Board Working Groups

One of the key accomplishments of the current EB was the creation of a number of Working Groups (WGs) to guide the UIAA in the following areas: Communications, External Relations, Internal Relations, Governance, Finance & Audit and Monitoring. Below is a brief overview of their findings to date.

Commissions WG

This Working Group has met with all Commission Presidents and addressed several Commission meetings. On the basis of these meetings, it has produced a report making a number of recommendations to the Management Committee. These include:

- The need to improve communication and strengthen the relationship between the Executive Board, Management Committee and Commissions.
- Consider granting independent Commission status to the Access WG.
- Proposing that the Legal Experts WG has an independent status outside of the Mountaineering Commission in order to more closely support the UIAA as a whole.

These include consultation with Commissions, developing a menu of activities, defining specific task descriptions for each Commission and presenting findings for MC approval.

Internal Relations WG

This WG is working on the development of a new model which will include the UIAA’s international observer members in the decision-making process. The UIAA is properly equipped to deal with any issues and implement changes when required.

Finance

Advisers have focused on closing out the 2020 accounts, the implementation of double-entry accounting and a new accounting software as well as developing the forecast for 2021 and budget for 2022. This active group has also set out internal guidelines to standardize the budgeting process of Commissions as well as developing more detailed Standard Operating Procedures.

Communication

Is primarily focused on the distribution of information to members and the wider climbing community. Plans include the further development of communication channels, upgrades to the UIAA website, developments to the UIAA Annual Report, supporting Commissions in developing their own publications and coordinating potential new information products to offer UIAA members.
The 2021-2024 UIAA Strategic Plan was approved at last year’s GA. UIAA General Secretary Luke Beckers presented an update before discussions were held to table subjects due to the UIAA’s Strategic Plan and membership.

Panel Discussions

On the first day of the GA, a number of panel discussions were held to table subjects due to the UIAA’s Strategic Plan and membership.

Panel 1: Sustainability, Sport & Safety Panel on Climate Change discussions:
- The role of UIAA advocacy on the international stage
- UIAA Strategic Plan synergy with the UN Framework on climate change
- Annual UIAA/WWF exchange on nature conservation, facts, tools and recommendations
- Examples from member federations: how to tackle climate change: how to measure, limit, offset impact
- Impact of climate change as climbing and mountaineering practices, notably in the fields of safety, equipment, routes and mountain rescue

Panel 2: Safety & Sport Panel on Commission Projects and Covid-19 Committee Activities:
- Safety: update on 2020 safety projects, details on UIAA initiatives
- Anti-doping: Continued success in WADA safety standards

Panel 3: Sustainability & Sport Panel on Commission Projects:
- 2020-2021 UIAA Mountain Protection Award: A summary of the Award submission process and presentation of the Award to be held as a webinar in conjunction with the project’s main partner Bally Rock Outfitter Foundation on 1 December
- 2019 Mountain Worker Initiative: A project launched by the UIAA in 2018 to support mountain workers, an update on its progress and the release of dedicated guidelines
- UIAA Atlas Handbook evolution: An overview of the research, how to update, on-going projects and the release of dedicated guidelines
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- Youth Innovation Panel: An overview of the UIAA’s youth projects in the field of youth development
- UIAA Access Database: Details on the progress of the launch of the new UIAA Access Database. This database follows the successful launch of the new UIAA Training database earlier this year. Members are invited to join the growing list of users and order their copies.

UPCOMING GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

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The panel discussions can be viewed as part of a YouTube replay of the GA stream.

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Please refer to page 16 for full details.
UIAA Strategy

A key component of the UIAA Executive Board and Management Committee’s work is implementing the Strategic Plan 2021-2024. At the 2020 GA, agreement was reached on its guiding principles and structure (safety, sport, sustainability). A road map has since been defined to create an executive plan while working with UIAA Commissions to identify priority projects.

The current Strategic Plan, 2021-2024, can be downloaded here.

The overarching focus of the SP is the question of ensuring the benefits to members and ensuring the UIAA is clear on identifying what those benefits are.

This will be guided by the SP’s three key objectives:

1. Provide information and guidance
   The UIAA has a proven track record in this area. Examples include the work of the UIAA Covid-19 working group; support through scholarly volumes; and throughout numerous Commission projects such as mountain medicine advice papers.

2. Set and maintain standards in certain defined areas
   Examples include the UIAA’s respected work in defining areas of safety standards and creating international declarations.

3. Representing the interests of the climbing and mountaineering community on a global level
   The role of the UIAA in advocating on behalf of its members remains a core responsibility of the UIAA. The UIAA has a role in representing the climbing population in a global context.

Mountain Network Series Webinars

While spending time in the mountains, exploring new rock faces and peaks and even climbing indoors has been severely restricted for most people over the past two years, the climbing community has been able to engage more frequently and actively online. Although no substitute for being outdoors, technology has made it possible for creative projects and collaboration to flourish.

The UIAA has worked almost exclusively online since March 2020. Harnessing some of the experiences and learning that have occurred over the past two years, the UIAA launched a Mountain Network Series (MNS) of webinars early in 2021 focusing on a range of topics from climbing heroes to ethical climbing to women in mountaineering.

The first webinar centred on the creation of a Mountain Worker Initiative, a project guided by the UIAA Mountaineering Commission which aims to help support and improve the conditions of the trekking industry. Centred initially on Nepal, the Nepal Mountaineering Association (NMA) and the Trekking Agencies Association of Nepal (TAAN) will lead the initiative’s first in-country working group. The idea to form this association was: From the survey’s findings, the areas of high consensus were:

- Definition of SP values could be improved
- The SP’s objectives are adequately defined
- There is a need for the UIAA provide clearer guidance to Commissions
- Mountain safety is a core responsibility of the UIAA
- Offering guidance on global issues is key task of the UIAA
- The UIAA has a role in advocating on behalf of its members
- Unit member status should be considered for competition sports
- Low consensus:
  - Definitions of SP values could be improved
  - The role of the UIAA in organising competition sports

The webinar was dedicated to a documentary on the life of Ueli Steck, A two-time Piolet d’Or winner, Steck was venerated in the climbing world’s most emblematic figures.

The second webinar focussed on the making of Herstory, a film dedicated to a documentary on the lives of inspirational female climbers.

Mountain Protection Award

The topic of ‘Mountain Women’ was built around content from Reminty, a series of short films about the lives of inspirational female climbers.

The final webinar focussed on the ‘Mountain Worker Initiative’, a project led by the UIAA Mountaineering Commission which aims to help support and improve the conditions of the trekking industry.

Mountain Network Series Webinars

WEBINAR #1

Mountain Worker Initiative & The Porter: The Untold Story at Everest

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The Porter: The Untold Story at Everest.

WEBINAR #2

Memories of an Exceptional Mountaineer

Mountain Women

The making of Herstory

WEBINAR #3

Mountain Women

WEBINAR #4

Mountain Protection Award

UIAA Mountain Protection Award 2020-2021

A special UIAA Mountain Network Series webinar was held ahead of International Mountain Day to announce the winner of the 2020-2021 UIAA Mountain Protection Award (MPA).

The webinar was streamed on YouTube and made freely available to the public to watch live and ask questions during the 20-minute Q&A session. Details of the four webinars held to date can be found here.

If you would like to submit ideas for a webinar in 2022 please contact the UIAA Office. Details on webinars to be held in 2022 will be communicated in due course. The full YouTube playlist can be found here.
This chapter provides details on the UIAA member associations on all six continents, the organisations and associations who partner and sponsor the federation and details on the 2021 financial performance. Information is also provided on the UIAA Office and communication deliverables.

Membership List

The UIAA closed 2021 with 90 Member Associations, comprising 66 full members, 1 unit member, 17 associate members and 6 observer members from 67 different countries, making a total of approximately 3.2 million individual members. There were no membership changes at the 2021 UIAA General Assembly.

FULL MEMBERS

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### Notes: Income 2021

1. | Sponsorship income as budgeted |
2. | Testing of products to new corrosion standards |
3. | Membership fee income used for Ice Climbing (as per MC decision). |
4. | IOC ARISF |
5. | RTM workshop, conference attendance) and MPA online award ceremony |
6. | Finance and Audit WG recommends the inclusion of these amounts in the 2021 profit and loss statement: |
7. | Fee and license income. 117,600 sponsorship cash received. 80,000 donation from Dr Lee, UIAA Honorary Member. |
8. | 177,000 under budget due to reduced event calendar and less service for testing of products to new corrosion standards |
9. | 41,800 5,000 better than budget |
10. | 142,000 6,000 lower than budget, no in-person meetings, no in-kind received and no social media intern, new additional organiser support - 20,000 budget re-allocation total. |
11. | Fee and license income for Dog-Training. 5,000 included in staff budget; no in-kind support for local organisers; no in-kind support for local organisers; 6,800 lower than budget due to reduced calendar and less service for testing of products to new corrosion standards |
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1. | Staff |
2. | Anti-Doping |
3. | Communication |
4. | Safety |
5. | Training |
6. | Mountain Protection |
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Notes

Proposal to the UIAA General Assembly 2022 regarding allocation of the result of the year 2021

- **A. Cash and cash equivalents**: CHF 68,000 due to lack in-person meetings and reduced/delayed commission activities and projects.
- **B. Prepayments and accrued income**: CHF 700 due to pre-payments for 2022 Ice Climbing season and accrued income for membership 2021 and training standards.
- **C. Accrued expenses and deferred income**: CHF 51,000 as 2022 sponsoring portion for Ice Climbing and Mountain Protection Award; some prepayed Safety Label fees.
- **E. Solidarity Fund**: CHF 30,000 as decided by the 2021 General Assembly.
- **F. General provision**: CHF 30,000 as decided by the 2021 General Assembly.
- **General provision**: CHF 15,000.
The UIAA Office is located in Bern. The staff working in Switzerland are responsible for running the daily operations of the UIAA.

It is the staff’s duty and commitment to serve UIAA members and to support, coordinate, plan and implement the activities and decisions of the Executive Board, the Management Committee and UIAA Commissions. On an operational level, the UIAA continues to benefit from a close collaboration with the Swiss Alpine Club (SAC).

**UIAA Office Report**

**Nils Glatthard**
**Director of Operations**
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- General management and coordination of the UIAA staff in Bern and abroad.
- Management and implementation of UIAA projects.
- Coordination of internal and external communication.
- Preparation and presentation of budgets and financial reports in collaboration with the UIAA Treasurer.
- Link between staff, volunteers, EB, Commission Presidents, Management Committee and member associations.
- Development and presentation of partnership proposals and contracts.
- UIAA representation at events and on international platforms.

**Stephanie Stettbacher**
**Office Coordinator & Safety Label Administrator**
office@theuiaa.org

- Member services: first and main contact for UIAA member associations, General Assembly organisation, GA agendas and minutes.
- Management Committee services: MC meeting organisation, preparation of agendas and minutes, implementation of MC decisions.
- Commission services: member administration, preparation and coordination of Safety Commission meetings.
- UIAA Safety Label administration: standards, test labs, manufacturers, certificates, invoices.
ROBERT ADIE
SPORT EVENTS COORDINATOR
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- Support, coordination, planning and implementation of projects, activities and decisions of the UIAA Ice Climbing, Youth and Anti-Doping Commissions.
- Development and coordination of UIAA's national events such as UIAA Ice Climbing World Championships, UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour, UIAA Ice Climbing World Youth Championships and Continental Cup series.
- Support and implementation of sport-related projects and decisions of the UIAA Executive Board, Management Committee, General Assembly and Commissions.

CAROL KAHOUN-KAUER
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- Development of the Global Mountain Network through cooperation and exchange of information with relevant international organisations and partners.
- UIAA representation on national and international sustainability platforms.
- Development and coordination of the UIAA Mountain Protection Award, Respect the Mountains Movement and other UIAA projects and partnerships.
- Evaluation and development of new funding opportunities, linked to UIAA or UIAA partner projects, such as donations and legacies.
- Offer support and link for UIAA Medical Commission and the International Skyrunning Federation.

PETER BOURNE
COMMUNICATION MANAGER
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- Development and implementation of UIAA’s communication strategy, plans and tools.
- Content production and co-ordination in general.
- Day-to-day website updates (coordination regarding website development which is managed by external webmasters) and social media management.
- Newsletters, press releases, member/partner/sponsor communications.
- Annual Report creation and delivery.
- Supervision of UIAA graphic design and video projects.

AGNÈS SEMELET
ACCOUNTANT
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- Preparation of budgets, forecasts, profit and loss statements, balance sheet, in collaboration with the UIAA Treasurer and Director of Operations.
- Accounting, bookkeeping.
- Member surveys, invoices, reminders, payments.

NATHANIEL MENNINGER
MMI LEAD & PROJECT MANAGER
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- Nathaniel will support Carol Kahoun-Kauer throughout 2022 on projects related to Mountain Protection and Mountain Medicine.
- Project management of the Mountain Worker Initiative in collaboration with the Mountaineering Commission.

TOM TUSHAW
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- Initially supporting the UIAA as social media strategist for the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour.
- In 2022, assisting the UIAA Communication Manager with planning and delivery of the UIAA social media strategy (TBC).
UIAA Volunteer Profiles

A UIAA communication series focuses on the backgrounds of some of the hundreds of volunteers who dedicate precious time and considerable expertise to the federation each year.

Buddha Basnyat
Medical Commission
HRA, Nepal

Juan Jesús Ibañez Martin
Management Committee
FEDME, Spain

Harshwanti Bisht
Mountain Protection Commission
IMF, India

Lionel Kiener
Safety Commission
SAC, Switzerland

Klara Dvořáková
Legal Experts Working Group
CMLA, Czech Republic

Greg Moseley
Management Committee
MCSA, South Africa

Stephen Gladieux
Safety Commission
AAC, United States

Mrika Nikci
Youth Commission
KMAF, Kosovo

Pierre Humblet
Court
CMBEL, Belgium

PART 2: FINANCE & MEMBERSHIP

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Communication

The UIAA’s communication services are delivered both to its membership and to the wider climbing and mountaineering community.

STRATEGY & WORKING GROUP

The UIAA communication strategy is built around collaboration with all of its Commissions, member associations, partners as well as events and projects. The strategy put in place ensures all aspects of the UIAA’s activities are promoted throughout the year.

From the beginning of 2021 and as one of the directives of the Executive Board elected at the 2020 UIAA General Assembly, several working groups were created to oversee the UIAA Strategy in different areas.

This includes a Communication Working Group (WG) comprised of UIAA Communication Manager Peter Bourne, UIAA Director of Operations Nick Shuttleworth and Executive Board member Lode Beckers.

The Communication Working Group has investigated a number of areas including the evolution of the Annual Report, upgrades to the UIAA website and digital tools, the drafting of UIAA statements on key issues and addressing improvements to internal and external communication tools. Towards the end of 2021, the Communication WG conducted a survey amongst UIAA members and delegates on communication preferences.

ANNUAL REPORT

One of the key deliverables to its members is the UIAA Annual Report (AR). The AR continues to be well received. A print version of the report was distributed to member associations in July 2021. An archive of Annual Reports dating back to 2009 can be viewed here.

WEBSITE

The UIAA website was last overhauled in 2016 and has undergone incremental updates ever since. At the most recent General Assembly, a budget was agreed for a more comprehensive upgrade of the website. This is scheduled to take place in 2022. One of the more significant updates to the current UIAA website is the creation of a one-stop document library of key resources. In November 2021, the UIAA created a new website for everything related to the sport of ice climbing.

In 2020, and due to the pandemic, UIAA website figures were down. Contributing factors included the absence of a full UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour and the postponement of events like the UIAA Mountain Protection Award. Despite the pandemic being a significant factor in 2021, website figures returned to 2019 levels (a record year) and in some areas recorded even higher statistics.

2021 website statistics compared to 2020:

• The number of unique users increased by 16% (this saw a return to the figures of the last pre-pandemic year, 2019)
• The number of new users increased by 17% (an increase also on 2019)
• The number of visits increased by 10%
• The number of page views increased by 4% (still down 15% on 2019 records)
• The average session duration decreased by 25%
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VIDEO CONTENT
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- To provide members more frequent news updates in case subscribers missed a newsletter.
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In the spring of 2020 and shortly after the outset of the Covid-19 pandemic, the UIAA Executive Board unanimously decided to create a Covid-19 Taskforce. Its mission was to provide fast responses to queries and Covid-19-related issues which may arise in the coming months. During meetings in June, July and August, the Taskforce allowed experts from members around the globe to share their experiences in the various federations. This information was well received by UIAA members who could benefit from the experiences of other climbing bodies in their own countries. On occasions, UIAA support and statements helped climbing clubs in the implementation of measures and discussions with authorities within their own countries.

In 2020, the CCC Taskforce held five online meetings. With the support of experts from different UIAA areas (EB, MC, Commissions and well as medical professionals), this group has been able to provide information on a number of subjects as the nature of the pandemic evolved. Each meeting addressed the situation across a number of different countries with reports and findings shared on the UIAA Covid-19 portal.

Throughout 2021, the Covid-19 Taskforce has continued to meet regularly and offer the international climbing community information. As the pandemic has become more complex with the prevailing situation changing across the world and factors such as vaccination programmes, lockdowns, travel restrictions and new variants to contend with, the taskforce has been able to adapt to this changing landscape.

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UIAA Court

In every structured and democratic organization, there are normally three separate powers: legislative, executive, and judicial.

The UIAA Court is this internal and independent judicial body of the UIAA (AoA 23). Its task is to solve, when requested, any possible disputes between the UIAA, UIAA members, and UIAA bodies, and between UIAA member organizations. This is a first instance internal arbitration court, where possible disputes must be brought before any appellate or external arbitration. In case the Court of Arbitration for Sport at Lausanne (CAS) is involved.

This is not the sole task assigned to the UIAA Court. It is also the independent judicial body founded to decide upon the alleged violations of the UIAA Code of Ethics (AoA 25). Additionally, the UIAA Court is also the Ethics Panel in charge of conflicts of interests, should the Executive Board be unable to reach a decision.

No case of any kind was filed in 2021. The main role of the Court over the past twelve months has been to offer advice about UIAA and UIAA regulations.

At the 2021 UIAA General Assembly, Pierre Humblet, Court President, as well as Denis Poncelin, Franz Stämpfli, and Marco del Zotto, Court members, agreed to stand for a second term, and all were voted in for a second four-year term.

The UIAA Court is also responsible for the UIAA’s Mountain Workers Initiative project whose goal is to set minimum standards to improve the life conditions of porters and their families. The UIAA Court is also the independent judicial body founded to decide upon the alleged violations of the UIAA Code of Ethics (Article 4). Additionally, the UIAA Court is also the Ethics Panel in charge of conflicts of interest.

Legal Experts Working Group

The Legal Experts Working Group (LEWG) provides assistance to any UIAA body or working group which requires its support. The LEWG is formed of lawyers from national mountaineering associations whose expertise ranges from environmental and public law, professional liability and insurance, commercial litigation, sports or travel law. In 2021, the LEWG expanded by welcoming new members from Argentina, Iran, North Macedonia and South Africa. The LEWG is therefore slowly recruiting members from all continents and legal systems.

Several members of LEWG were interviewed by Alpine magazine, which led to the publication of the article “Litigating the Mountains” in this respected US climbing magazine. Members of the LEWG explained the doctrine of voluntary assumption of risk, which applies nearly worldwide, and also that jurisdictions differ in the assessment of the breach of law during climbing and in civil or criminal outcomes of such cases. Criminal prosecution against a partner for climbing accident in US is unheard of, explained Jim Moss, one of the US representatives in the LEWG.

The LEWG has provided legal guidance for the UIAA’s Mountain Workers Initiative project whose goal is to set minimum standards to improve the life conditions of porters and their families. The LEWG has also initiated a closer cooperation with the Mountain Protection Commission and the Access WG, which is going to start in 2022 by LEWG members participating in different projects organized by these groups. LEWG chair, Klara Dvorakova, believes, that similar cooperation can be established also with other UIAA Commissions.

The LEWG is also considering reviving the idea of creating a database of case-laws related to accidents in mountains. This is something it will investigate in 2022.
Skyrunning World Championships will be held in Italy.

The VK OPEN Championship will be reproduced. The possibility of holding an Asian Championships will be explored if travel restrictions are eased and if Asian member federations agree to participate.

Other circuits and/or promotional events to be sanctioned are under discussion.

2022-2025 ISF STRATEGIC PLAN

The ISF Strategic Plan structure is already prepared and includes future ISF activities. This material is already a specific point on the agenda to be discussed during the next GA.

As ISF President, I wish to thank the MC and those who have contributed and will contribute over the next three years.

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PART 3: SPECIAL REPORTS
Mountain Worker Initiative

In February 2021, the UIAA launched the Mountain Worker Initiative (MWI), guided by its Mountaineering Commission, to promote ethical trekking and mountainworking practices worldwide with a focus on the lives of mountain workers.

The idea to form this initiative was inspired by the Porter: The Untold Story at Everest in June 2018, a documentary that was not only meant to kick off the new project.

Throughout the remainder of 2021, meetings took place between the founders of the MWI, and the UIAA, national UIAA member associations and stakeholders. The Initiative will seek to encourage self-responsibility of norms to ensure and improve ethical and fair treatment of mountain workers globally. The basic idea is to encourage self-responsibility at all levels and to help national and regional authorities and stakeholders develop a set of principles, questions and checklists for climbers, mountaineers, member associations and the mountain tourism industry.

Further details about the project can be found here. The page also offers the option to download the guide to support Mountain workers through a fundraising initiative.

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Climate Change Taskforce

The mountain environment is home to some 800 million people representing around 12% of the world’s population. Mountains provide freshwater for billions of people across the planet in every continent. They are powerful and impressive. Yet at the same time incredibly and increasingly fragile.

Global warming and climate change has made the weather unpredictable and is changing our landscape. It has a critical impact on the biodiversity of mountain regions, on the lives of mountain communities and ultimately on the future of the planet.

UIAA President Peter Muir provides an overview of its inception:

"Thanks to the initiative and expressed interest of many members and the fruitful and broad based discussions held on the topic at the last Management Committee meeting and the 2021 General Assembly, it is the right time to take steps on the review of the UIAA’s position and operational actions for climate change as advocated for some time by the Mountain Protection Commission. As a result the Executive Board has resolved to create a Climate Change Taskforce and create a review of options for action.

"Climate change and its related effects on the human and natural environment, are existential. UIAA and the UIAA must define its role and actions in response, with clarity and as a priority."

In addition to the UIAA’s own acceptance of its responsibility to take constructive steps, the UIAA, through the Mountain Protection Commission:

• is a signatory to The Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism, signed in November 2021;
• is a signatory to the “Sports for Climate Action Initiative” of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), signed in January 2020; and
• is expected to confirm by May 2022 its pledge to the UNFCCC “Sports for Climate Action Initiative” to reach Net Zero by 2040 and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 50 per cent by 2030.

The Climate Change Taskforce’s initial brief is to:

• Conduct a review of the UIAA’s current carbon footprint including recommendations of defining the included elements and recommending steps to the MC for reducing the footprint to meet the UIAA’s ambitions and reflect its own responsibilities. Based on this analysis, confirm the UIAA’s position in signing the UNFCCC pledge;
• Develop a resource of existing climate plans and environmental guidelines issued by UIAA member federations as foundation for the UIAA’s own use in development and for the information and use of UIAA members;
• Develop a plan of UIAA participation and advocacy strategy in the world climate change dialogue to define when, where, who and how the UIAA will effectively advocate its positions on climate change and; sustainable practices.
• Formulate ideas on how to motivate and assist all UIAA members and Commissions to develop action-oriented climate change and sustainability plans.

The Taskforce will be compromised of members from the Executive Board, Management Committee (including Continental Representatives), Legal Experts Working Group and Commissions (including for Climbing and Mountaineering) with consultation and support from the Mountain Protection Commission.

Please refer to the chapter on the UIAA Mountain Protection Commission for further details on the UIAA’s projects in the field of sustainability.
The UIAA fulfills its Mission Statement mainly through the work of its Commissions, which make recommendations, set policy, and advocate on behalf of the international mountaineering community. UIAA Commissions are comprised of experts in their field.

The UIAA operates through the following Commissions:
- Anti-Doping
- Ice Climbing
- Mountaineering (including Access & Training)
- Mountain Protection
- Safety
- Youth

Bally is a Swiss luxury brand with an alpine heritage and pioneering legacy dating back to 1851. Since 2020, the Bally Peak Outlook Foundation has proudly partnered with the UIAA and its annual Mountain Protection Award, celebrating and supporting innovation and the desire of climbers to make a positive difference through transformative mountain projects.
Safety

Throughout its history, mountain safety has been at the forefront of the UIAA’s activities. The UIAA Safety Label, and associated safety standards, have been in operation since the 1960s. The UIAA Safety Commission (SafeCom) is formed of experts with engineering backgrounds from different UIAA member federations, as well as international manufacturers with certified UIAA Safety Labels and accredited testing laboratories. SafeCom meets annually and is responsible for developing the UIAA Safety Standards and consequently working to help minimise accidents related to climbing and mountaineering gear.

SAFECOM IN NUMBERS

- 2,322 Active Safety Label certificates
- 91 Active Safety Label holders
- 26 UIAA Safety Standards

Global Manufacturers (Certified Label Holders)
- 42 from Europe
- 23 from the Americas
- 26 from Asia

PART 1: ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2021

New UIAA standard for avalanche probes. Following the 2017 release of the UIAA standard for snow shovels, SafeCom approved UIAA 157 on avalanche probes. This standard specifies the minimum requirements for the rescue probes used for companion research as well as for rescue teams. This is the first international standard for this kind of equipment and is complementary to the new snow shovel UIAA 156 to ensure reliable research devices.

New UIAA 130 standard for load sharing devices.

This equipment is used mainly to connect several connectors to a central anchor point. This new standard specifies the safety requirements and test methods for all types of load sharing devices commonly used in climbing and rescue. This standard increases the visibility of the UIAA Safety Labels on newest devices and confirms the advance of the UIAA in international climbing safety standardisation.

Release of the update of the UIAA standard for rock anchors including corrosion and Stress Corrosion Cracking resistance.

After 15 years of scientific research with the help of a laboratory specialised in corrosion, and significant funding from the UIAA, SafeCom approved the update of the Rock Anchor Standard with the introduction of three classes of resistance to general corrosion and stress corrosion cracking.

The supporting guide in English, and further details, on the work behind, and findings from, the revised UIAA 123 can be found here. It is also translated into Chinese, French, Italian, German, Japanese, Portuguese and Spanish.

PART 4: COMMISSIONS

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Pictorials

In November 2021, SafeCom released a number of new pictorials for its Safety Standards. They can be viewed here.
PART 2: SAFECOM IN 2021

Ongoing Projects

**Static ropes**

Completing the standard on load-stretch, a future standard is currently being drafted to create a UIA International standard on static ropes. This would allow several products already in use to be certified by the UIAA.

**Headgear**

A new working group is dedicated to establish the requirements for a future standard on portable lights and headlamps.

**Rope cutting on sharp edges**

Significant work is being performed by several laboratories and manufacturers to better understand the abrasion and cutting phenomena of a rope sliding over an edge.

**Comparing harnesses**

Following a previous recommendation, a working group is currently testing the effect of multiple cycles of UV exposure, humidity and drying on textile products.

PART 3: BENEFITS FOR UIAA MEMBERS

UIAA Safety Label

The UIAA Safety label logo is a registered trademark of the UIAA.

The UIAA Safety label on a piece of climbing gear means that the samples of the equipment have been tested by an accredited, independent third party and shown to satisfy the requirements set forth in the UIAA Standard. However, no lab test can ever truly reflect the range of situations encountered in practice.

In ensuring its standards are always relevant, the UIAA regularly studies the market and analyzes accidents to determine if existing standards should be revised or upgraded. Furthermore, it accredits laboratories that test mountaineering equipment bearing the UIAA Safety Label to ensure that the test results are in accordance with UIAA standards.

Benefits for UIAA Members/Climbing Community Outreach

Research conducted by the Commission has a direct benefit for all climbers worldwide. For example, the scientific findings on rock anchor corrosion research have led to improved standards that will dramatically improve safety when the certified products are in use.

PART 4: THE YEAR AHEAD, 2022

In addition to the ongoing projects (see above), the UIAA Mountaineering and Safety Commissions are working together to collect and share information on accidents and incidents databases.

**Safety Commitee**

As confirmed by the UIAA Management Committee - October 2021

Full Members

Lionel KIKEN, Switzerland (SAC), President

Alexis MALLON, France (FFCAM), Vice President

Gebhard BARBISCH (ICAR)

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PART 4: COMMISSIONS
The mission of the UIAA Medical Commission is to give the best possible advice through its network of doctoral-level mountain medicine experts, the International Diploma in Mountain Medicine, and the dissemination of advice papers, translated into over ten languages. All MedCom members are doctors and many are active teachers in their respective countries.

PART 1: ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2021

Advice and Recommendations

For the revision of two specific papers, translated into different languages, a COVID-19 Task Force was formed to come up with a recommendation.

First videos release

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Rushing into a global community of radiation enthusiasts is challenging, given the different situations around the world. For MedCom’s recommendation papers, it remains a challenge to bridge the gap between physici/neat and the general public in terms of sound advice and recommendations.

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Furthermore, the UIAA International Diploma in Mountain Medicine helps improve knowledge and increase expertise amongst medical practitioners across the world. UIAA members are reminded to reach out to UIAA MedCom with requests or topics they wish to be covered.

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Medical
A summary of upcoming MedCom deliverables is provided below.

Women’s Health Advice Paper

MedCom has two current recommendation papers specifically targeted at women, namely on psychology and nutrition.

In recent discussions of MedCom and due to its international interest on topics, delegates and experts are listing to provide an updated version of the recommendation in the coming years. As part of this first step, and throughout 2022, it will be important to review the most recent research available in the fields of psychosocial, nutrition, and gynecology. These papers specifically target women going to altitude and who are planning on childbirth.

This MedCom WG is looking to kick-start the process before the end of 2022 and provide updated advice towards the end of 2023.

Training Course in South Africa

Many countries offer regular courses in mountain medicine. The medical commission of the UIAA and UCM, together with the International Mountain Medicine Association (IMMA), developed educational requirements for a formal diploma course in August 1997 (Interlaken, Switzerland).

A number of course organisers adopted these standards and the resulting Diploma in Mountain Medicine (DMM) has become a widely accepted qualification. The regulations have been updated to reflect developments in mountain medicine, and to ensure that the high standard of the DMM is maintained.

In 2021, MedCom is planning on running a dedicated course alongside its annual meeting, scheduled to be held in South Africa. It will be a take-place in Stellenbosch with the intended course topics specific to the needs of the area.

Mountaineering practice and thus mountain medicine depend on local traditions and customs. Fully qualified UCM/DMM guides will increase the content of the mountaineering elements of the diploma while UIAA Medical Commission delegates will lead the sessions on medical practices.

Many women suffer from altitude illness due to their increased sensitivity to altitude and its disease, to exercise physiology, hypothermia and hypoxia, but range all the way to heat and solar radiation, infection control, water safety and dealing with children. The Diploma in Mountain Medicine qualification can only be awarded to health care professionals, and includes element of the diploma, while UIAA Medical Commission delegates will lead the sessions on medical practices.

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Mountain Protection

Since it was founded in 1969, the UIAA Mountain Protection Commission (MPC) has worked to guide action and be the voice of the UIAA for advocacy on mountain protection – the mountains being one of the last natural and free spaces of significance on Earth. The MPC’s goal is to ensure that the mountain’s unique environment and cultures will still be there for the benefit of future generations of mountaineers and wider humanity. The MPC also promotes the work of UIAA members and the broader mountaineering community that contribute positively to sustainable mountain development.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2021

2020-21 UIAA Mountain Protection Award
A total of 24 projects operational in more than 30 countries and on six continents were nominated for the 2020-2021 UIAA Mountain Protection Award. The 2020-2021 Award proved to be the most global in terms of applicants and second highest in terms of numbers since the Award’s launch in 2013. The UIAA Mountain Protection Award recognises sustainability-focused projects supported by UIAA member associations which engage mountaineers and climbers directly in their initiatives. Nominated projects were fully scrutinised by the Award Assessment Team.

The winning project – Giroparchi Nature Trail by Fondation Grand Paradis (Italy) – was crowned at a virtual award ceremony held on 3 December and received a trophy as well as EUR 10,000 to support the organisation’s efforts. The runner up – MacGillycuddy Reeks Partnership Project (Ireland), and the best new initiative – the No Bins Project by Zéro Déchet Mont Blanc (France) – also got their spotlight in the lead-up to International Mountain Day.

Carbon Footprint Calculation
The UIAA continues to assess its carbon footprint, notably from office infrastructure and airplane travel of delegates, athletes, officials and staff, for 2020. With three years’ worth of calculations, the MPC together with a newly created cross-UIAA Climate Change Taskforce can now begin to look into reduction measures and make suggestions on climate action to the UIAA as a whole.

Further details on the UIAA Climate Change Taskforce can be found on page 40.

Sustainability Guidelines for Ice Climbing Events
Various Commission members provided input on Sustainability Guidelines for sports events, particularly the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour. As a result, event organisers are now required to consider why and how to run their events more sustainably for the 2022 season and beyond. Organisers will have to review their events’ environmental impact in order to collaborate with the UIAA to avoid, minimise and offset any greenhouse gas emissions.

COP26 & 2021 EVENT ATTENDANCE
Since COP21 in Paris in 2015, the UIAA has enjoyed a regular presence at the conference. Spearheaded by its Mountain Protection Commission, the MPC forms part of the UIAA’s active involvement in international events and debates related to climate change and the mountain environment. This includes activities related to the 2021 session of the World Mountain Environment Conference (WMEC) in Nepal.

During 2021, the MPC participated in the following events:

- A Fragile Future: Can mountain communities adapt to climate change?
  8 November, Glasgow (UK) and online (virtual satellite
  event)
  Carolina Adler presented virtually on “The
  UIAA Mountain Protection Award: engaging
  the next generations for action on sustainability
  through climbing and mountaineering”

- Transforming Our World: Children’s Voices for 2050
  4 November, University of Glasgow and online (virtual)
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  UIAA Mountain Protection Award: engaging
  the next generations for action on sustainability
  through climbing and mountaineering”

- Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism
  On 4 November, the UIAA announced that it has become a signatory and launch partner of the Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism.
PART 2: COMMISSION IN 2021
The Commission is chaired by:

- President: Carolina Adler, New Zealand (NZAC) – first nominated as President in May 2016.
- Vice-President: Mike Maunsell, Ireland (MI) – nominated as VP in May 2019.

The MPC welcomed two new corresponding members in May 2021. Robert Arz, Romania (CAR) and Zuleyma Berenice Rincon Sauceda, Mexico (FMDEM). They both participated in the May meeting, and continue to show high interest in contributing to the Commission.

Two new full members joined the Commission in October 2021, namely Myoung Jooon, South Korea (KAF) and Dave Turnbull, UK (BMC).

The MPA would like to express its sincere gratitude to Steve Goodwin who represented the Alpine Club as a full member of the Commission for a number of years, until his untimely death on 29th May 2021. His contributions were always very welcome. Steve left the Commission in May 2021.

Annual Meetings
The Commission reconvened virtually a number of times in 2021. Among the main discussion points in those five meetings were national updates, for example in the advice provided to the Ice Climbing Commission on sustainability guidelines. The MPC is also available to provide professional advice on environmental sustainability as part of its daily professional work, the MPC also offers the UIAA and all its members ample mechanisms in place to prioritise, support and encourage the participation of UIAA members to not only showcase their initiatives, but also participate and be eligible for the prizes, resources and exposure on offer to promote their work.

PART 3: BENEFITS FOR UIAA MEMBERS
The MPC continues to ensure that it is the design of the two key mountain protection and sustainable projects of the UIAA – the MPA and the RM – that is integral to the UIAA, and that the UIAA’s longstanding commitment to sustainability is reflected in the MPC.

The Respect the Mountains (RtM) initiative forms part of the MPC’s longstanding commitment to sustainability and mountain protection. It is governed by the 7 Ways to Respect the Mountains, and aims to raise awareness about sustainable environmental and socio-cultural practices; encourage the participation of UIAA members to not only showcase their initiatives, but also participate and be eligible for the prizes, resources and exposure on offer to promote their work.

PART 4: 2022, THE YEAR AHEAD
UIAA Environmental Objectives and Guidelines
Adopted at the 1997 UIAA General Assembly in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, the UIAA’s environmental Objectives and Guidelines have been reviewed and updated to reflect the needs and ambition of today.

Together with the UN Environment and the IFMGA, the MPC is looking to host a workshop to kick-start the project and gather input from UIAA members and relevant stakeholders. The MPC will present the updated version of the 2022 UIAA General Assembly, 2022 Mountain Protection Award
Partnered with flexibility Podbuk Foundation, the MPC will launch the application process for the 2022 edition of the award on 1 March. Projects from developing countries are particularly welcome to apply and will receive valuable feedback from members of the assessment team, as well as benefit from the global mountain network.

PART 4: COMMISSIONS
Mountain Protection Award
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**Mountaineering**

MountCom is one of the largest Commissions within the UIAA, and houses the Training Panel (TP), the Legal Experts Working Group (covered in Section 1 – Special Reports) and the Access Working Group, formerly an independent Commission. Most of the Commission activities are now carried out within these three groups.

**EXECUTIVE REVIEW OF 2021**

Much of the main activities of MountCom are related to training, the Commission runs various initiatives that focus on subjects like ethics, mountaineering community as the original Tyrol Declaration, and the implementation of the guidelines may also result in the preparation of guidelines aimed at the improvement of working conditions of porters. The Commission formed an international working group, a team of seven people from four different continents. The guidelines have been prepared and are now under review despite a very tight deadline. They will be available publicly through UIAA member federations who, in turn, will help in adopting these guidelines to the local, legal and administrative framework of their own country. The final implementation of the guidelines may also result in further projects that MountCom could lead. Please find further information in the dedicated TP Special Report (Chapter 2).

**Achievements in 2021**

Perhaps the most important project last year was the Tyrol Declaration – the Mountain Worker Initiative. Within this project, inspired by the first World Summit on the Top of the World in 2020, MountCom supported the preparations of guidelines aimed at the improvement of working conditions of porters. The Commission formed an international working group, a team of seven people from four different continents. The guidelines have been prepared and are now under review despite a very tight deadline. They will be available publicly through UIAA member federations who, in turn, will help in adopting these guidelines to the local, legal and administrative framework of their own country. The final implementation of the guidelines may also result in further projects that MountCom could lead. Please find further information in the dedicated TP Special Report (Chapter 2).

The 2020–2021 report had two parts: the first report was produced to approve the 2020 Declaration. Over the past twenty years, the Commission has raised several statements, debates and discussions but none has reached such a high level of global mountaineering community, as the original Tyrol Declaration, published in 2002. Even if it was prepared and issued for an international conference where the UIAA was represented by the Mountaineering Commission, the Tyrol Declaration is widely regarded as a UIAA document. The decades since the Tyrol Declaration’s release have brought much as expected, with many more people visiting the mountains, and in percentage, sizable there is a growing new generation, though some very in good health. To help all mountain people and the public understand the nature of climbing and climbers, MountCom has revisited the 2003 Declaration and proposed a new Annex (Annex 3) whose purpose is to define the different styles of climbing mountains. The Annex is related to styles such as rock climbing in various areas of the Tyrol Declaration, but in itself will not alter the entire document. It is expected to address the style that a climber is familiar with, and to give a style that is by the future of our activities and their perception by the public.

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**Challenges in 2021**

The pandemic has affected the work of the Commission (most training programmes had to be cancelled or instead postponed and many were held online, which is generally less efficient in terms of practical operations). While the Commission is hoping for the best, it is also preparing proposals for new projects that can be implemented by remote work.

**Training Panel**

In Achievements in 2021 Skills Certificates

After many years of challenges over database development, the TP discovered that technology has caught up with them, training goes through online Learning Management Systems during the pandemic. Following in-depth testing through colleagues in several countries, the TP now has a plan in place that will allow the UIAA to issue skills certificates to students who have completed a course delivered by suitably qualified instructors and helped by the future of our activities and their perception by the public.

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**Fees**

Cost to federation

An additional fee per person if they choose. The course is built-in; even including access to the appropriate sections of the Handbook for the duration of the graduation course. Students can share certificates through social media, building further knowledge and demand.

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**Part 4: Commissions**

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Access Working Group

The mission of the UIA Access Working Group is to promote the idea of responsible free access to mountain environments to mountain users worldwide.

TRAINING PROJECTS IN 2021

Although most projects are on hold due to the pandemic, the TP was able to deliver one course in December to the South Climbing and Hiking Federation. Students were carefully selected by the federation and represented the country’s most experienced leaders. The course provided another opportunity to pilot the skills course syllabus, followed by an introduction to leadership strategies, knowledge, and skills. The federation hopes to develop its own leader and coach training programme using this core state.

Validation requests

When possible, the TP tries to arrange a mentor and/or validator who shares a language, and ideally lives reasonably close; obviously this is not always possible but on the panel of validators there is always someone. The TP received various requests for validation inspections from various federations. These include the following:

1) Germany (DWF) – multi-pitch climbing
2) Czech Republic (CMCK) – hiking
3) Japan (MSGC) – hiking
4) Mexico (FMDMYE) – climbing
5) Sweden (SMI) – mountaineering

UAA ALPINE HANDBOOK

This handbook, launched in 2009 at the UIAA World Alpine Summit, is now integrated into the Skills graduation courses.

UIAA ALPINE HANDBOOK

Work is currently well underway on a new edition of the English language version of this handbook. This has seen some quite substantial improvements and additions and it is currently undergoing a “soft” test to match UIAA branding. Member federations are being provided printed copies as a reward for their commitment, and it is now available in 12 languages. Eight additional language translations are in progress.
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DONATE: Financial support for climbing

Support the UIAA, its members and partners in delivering international projects which make a difference.
Ice Climbing

MISSION STATEMENT

Create a fun and fair, sustainable and spectacular annual UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour with a focus on the athletes, fans and organisers - developing each event, every season.

Build a financial structure that creates a sustainable future for the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour, as well as allowing the financing of the development of the sport following the UIAA’s Strategic Plan.

Develop the sport of ice climbing in the areas of youth inclusion, gender equality and accessibility to bridge the gap between the mountains and urban environments across the winter sporting nations of the world.

WORLD TOUR IN NUMBERS

1,003,200 total views from 2020-21 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour livestreams
190 athletes who took part in the 2020-21 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour
18 member federations who registered athletes for the 2020-21 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour

2021 ACHIEVEMENTS

• In 2021 the UIAA organised a successful, reduced, season of events. Initially World Cup events were planned in Valence, France, Switzerland, Canada and Russia with unfortunately only the French and Russian events surviving the wave of cancellations due to Covid-19. Continental Cups in Switzerland, Netherlands, and Iran also had to be cancelled, leaving a three round European Championship in Oberstdorf, Czech Republic and Finland.

• The future direction of the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour was discussed in view of its continued development and the ambition for the sport of competition ice climbing to one day become part of the Olympic Winter Games competition programme. A working group will be created to take these developments further.

• Following the guidance of the UIAA Anti-Doping Commission, ice climbing competitions met full compliance with the new WADA regulations which came into force in 2021. Please refer to the Anti-Doping Commission chapter for further details.

• The UIAA Office developed an event carbon footprint calculator and this was distributed to all the events with guidance on how to complete it, with a view to using the data collected to set baseline figures for carbon footprint reductions in the future for the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour.

• A new ice climbing website was developed and launched in October to give more exposure to and interactivity with the sport - iceclimbing.sport. The new site is fully linked with the UIAA registrations and results system with view athlete profiles, real time results and draftsheets and business all embedded.

• The UIAA continues to develop its registration and results system with local organisations successfully using the systems to coordinate their events at a continental level and also its new integration with the website were major developments for the season.

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• The UIAA EB set-up a working group to look into the future development of the sport and the issues that the Ice Climbing Commission are dealing with, including the conflicts of interest within the Commission. This group is made up of Martin Lascano - UIAA EB, Andy Syme – BMC President, Phil Powers - UAMC and Jean Miczka - UIAA MC.

WORLD TOUR CALENDAR

2021 UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD CUP
Kirov, Russia
5-7 March 2021
Lead & Speed

2021 UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS
Tyumen, Russia
6-8 March 2021
Boulder & Speed

2020/21 UIAA ICE CLIMBING CONTINENTAL CUPS
Zilina, Slovakia
5 December 2020
Lead
Brno, Czech Republic
12 December 2020
Lead
Oulu, Finland
20 February 2021
Lead

2020-21 UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD TOUR CALENDAR

2020-21 UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD TOUR

Champagney-en-Vanoise, France
22-24 January 2021
Lead & Speed

2021 UIAA ICE CLIMBING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
Champagney-en-Vanoise, France
22-24 January 2021
Lead & Speed

2021 UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS
Tyumen, Russia
6-8 March 2021
Lead & Speed

Zilina, Slovakia
5 December 2020
Lead

Oulu, Finland
20 February 2021
Lead

Brno, Czech Republic
12 December 2020
Lead

Champagney-en-Vanoise, France
22-24 January 2021
Lead & Speed
With the restrictions caused to the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour by Covid-19 this season was an unusual one and therefore the aims for the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour for the future remain largely the same as last season. The UIAA aims to host 5-6 World Cups plus a Youth World Championship every year, with the World Senior Championship every other year, alongside a full calendar of Continental Cups with further collaboration with ice festivals and urban events.

A big focus on developing Continental Cups in Asia and North America and the established European Cups will be encouraged to develop youth events to be run in conjunction with their existing events. Youth development will be a top priority moving forward.

More UIAA support for federations in order to develop their ice climbing teams at a senior and junior level is required to improve event universality - top ranking federations should be at a level to stop single nation domination.

Increase the use of ice on lead routes in order to conform to the Winter Olympic Charter and increase the sport’s Olympic Games eligibility. Returning to the icier structures of World Cups past, but retaining the technical difficulty developed in recent modern route setting.

Continued development of the registration, results and regulation and livestream production systems will increase efficiency, professionalism and the look and feel of all our events for all stakeholders and maximise athlete and spectator enjoyment.

The UIAA will continue to work with event organisers who conform to the UIAA guidelines and regulations regarding deadlines, payments, sustainability and athlete focus. Policies will also be put in place to ensure a minimum number of participating nations and athletes must be present at each event to protect the credibility of UIAA World Championships and World Cup brand and titles.

Continue to grow the worldwide reach of the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour with increase in online viewership and the introduction of global TV distribution through many national television networks.

Continue to implement improvements at every event on the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour to add up to the perception of major gains - all fed via feedback from the athletes and fans through surveys and market research.

The UIAA plans to develop its social media presence across all platforms in the next season - this can also include delivering bespoke advertising for partners and event organisers if required.
The UIAA Ice Climbing Commission has plans to reach out to UIAA member federations in the future as part of its strategy to expand the number of participating nations and athletes competing in the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour. This will include the conception of a development plan and the hosting of more training camps. The UIAA is also working on a multi-year competition calendar.

The Commission would also like to continue to widen its resources and skillsets by sourcing support from member federations in order to allow for motivated individuals to get more involved with the Commission and push forward its development targets for the future of the sport.
Youth

MISSION STATEMENT

The Youth Commission (YC) provides safe and exciting opportunities for young people to experience the mountains. The Commission encourages not only an individual's technical development in a given discipline but also an appreciation for the environmental, cultural and ethical aspects of the areas the UIAA is engaged in. Young people are the future guardians of our wild spaces and it is our mission to teach respect for, and understanding of, these places. USA Youth Commission events therefore have not only a technical focus but also an environmental and cultural emphasis.

PART 1: ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2021

Activities in 2021 were severely impacted by Covid-19 but the Commission managed to achieve the following.

Youth Innovation Panel

The Commission has created a Youth Innovation Panel with Jane Carney as the chair. This group held a number of meetings to determine the future structure and goals of the YC.

PART 3: COMMISSION IN 2021

GLOBAL YOUTH SUMMIT (GYS)

Going forward, the UIAA Youth Commission will coordinate international youth events under the UIAA Global Youth Summit series. As such it is the body responsible for:

• Advising on best practices, technical and other aspects of the events.
• All UIAA approved youth events are organized and undertaken in strict accordance with the regulations and rules governing such events.

PART 4: THE YEAR AHEAD, 2022

As some federations are increasingly focusing on youth development with the backing of their own youth camps, the YC has decided to identify certain new events to turn into UIAA camps and be open to international attendees. Currently, the federations that have agreed to collaborate are:

• Mountaineering Ireland
• China Hong Kong Climbing and Mountaineering Union
• Mountaineering Climbing & Orienteering Federation of Cyprus
• Romanian Mountaineering Union

SUPPORT FOR UIAA MEMBERS

• Receiving applications from UIAA member federations in other approved bodies to organize international youth events.
• Receiving applications deemed to be in the interest of youth development within the UIAA Strategic Plan and being organizationally and financially viable.

Youth Commission Members

Chair & Technical advisor, Ireland

Jane Carney

Technical advisor, Cyprus

Christian Biard

Technical advisor, Hong Kong

Dai Bukher

Technical advisor, India

Youth Camps

The YC was unable to organize its own events in 2021 owing to Covid restrictions relating to international travel. However Commission members, through their federations, organized the following national events:

1957

Year that UIAA General Assembly agreed to form a Youth Commission

1971

Year that UIAA General Assembly approved the two-tier system for UIAA events

1980

Year that UIAA General Assembly agreed to establish the UIAA Training Panel

1992

Year that UIAA General Assembly approved the UIAA Global Youth Summit series

2020

Year that UIAA General Assembly approved the UIAA Global Youth Summit series

2021

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2022

Year that UIAA General Assembly approved the YC's future to really expand the number and global reach of UIAA Youth camps.
The UIAA promotes Clean Climbing by adopting and implementing the World Anti-Doping Code. The UIAA Anti-Doping Commission (ADC) manages the federation’s anti-doping programme, including in-competition and out-of-competition testing and results management process. In parallel, the UIAA is responsible for ensuring that all member associations and athletes respect and comply with all relevant International Standards and all the principles inherent to the World-Anti Doping Code, including education for successful prevention of doping in sport. The UIAA contributes to advancing a clean sport through scientific research and outreach initiatives under Clean Climbing.

PART 1: ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2021

This year was marked by the continued Covid-19 pandemic, naturally impacting the level of doping controls during ice climbing competitions. The number of tests was reduced for both the in- and out of competition phase, as was the case in most other sport federations. An achievement that needs to be highlighted is the UIAA’s full compliance with the new World Anti-Doping Code from 2021. The online education certificate that the UIAA ADC Commission created a few years ago is now a mandatory component of WADA compliance - in 2021, the International Standard for Education was published.

In 2021, one athlete from competition ice climbing returned positive analytical findings in urine for meldonium, a prohibited substance from S4. Hormone and Metabolic Modulators. This athlete accepted the result of the doping control, and her sanction was consequently reduced from four to three years according to the new WADA code.

PART 2: COMMISSION IN 2021

Commission

Three full members represent the UIAA Anti-Doping Commission – Professor Nenad Dikic, lawyer Borja Oses, and President Professor Dr. Marija Andjelkovic re-elected for a new term until 2025. This Commission has been working together for more than 15 years and with great efficiency manages all anti-doping activities.

Annual Meetings

Anti-Doping Commission meetings were held regularly online and with two main subjects – adopting the new WADA Code as part of the UIAA’s rules and regulations and to discuss the positive case mentioned previously. On several occasions, all three members were present during meetings and solved the ongoing issues, mainly in publishing the new UIAA Anti-Doping Regulations.

PART 3: BENEFITS FOR UIAA MEMBERS

As a Unit Member of the UIAA, the International Sky Running Federation receives full support from the UIAA ADC regarding anti-doping activities. The ADC is onhand the support all areas of the UIAA and its members.

PART 4: THE YEAR AHEAD, 2022

In the current Covid climate, the biggest challenge will be to organise out-of-competition controls from the register testing pool of athletes and for this testing to be unannounced. Besides this, testing during different competitions in Covid-19 will be challenging. The Commission will do its best to organise and adapt.
The UIAA’s Continental Representatives undertake valuable work in representing UIAA member federations in their respective regions at a Management Committee level. The various continental bodies recognised by the UIAA serve as networks helping to address issues, projects and interests at a regional level. Together these reports offer an insight into the global state of the mountains. Each one of the Continental Reports addresses updates from individual members and common trends and talking points.

The UIAA also recognises the following Continental organisations:

- **Asia:**
  Union of Asian Alpine Associations (UAAA)

- **Europe:**
  European Mountaineering Associations (EUMA)

- **Latin America:**
  Pan-American Union of Mountaineering and Climbing (UPAME)

Africa

CONTINENTAL OVERVIEW

As noted in previous Annual Reports, Africa is the smallest UIAA continental body in terms of membership but has potential to develop with almost 17% of the world’s population and iconic mountains. The Mountain Club of South Africa (MCSA) is the longest standing member of the UIAA on the continent (the Mountain Club of Namibia is a member of the MCSA). Morocco is also represented within the UIAA through the fédération royale marocaine de ski et sports de montagne.

AFRICA IN 2021

Whilst Covid dominated much of 2021, outdoor activities recommenced in South Africa with the easing of lockdown restrictions. The desire for outdoor activities and access to mountain areas led to a substantial demand for access to properties owned and/or controlled by the MCSA and translated in increased applications for membership. Organised “official” climbing and hiking meets started tentatively but attracted large participation and it is anticipated that this trend will continue in 2022.

In addition, the MCSA is in the process of assisting Mountain Club of Namibia to obtain access to a new climbing venue near Windhoek.

Achievements

The UIAA & MCSA have reached out to the mountain clubs of Zimbabwe, Malawi, Kenya, Uganda and Kilimanjaro. To date positive responses have been received from Kilimanjaro, Kenya, Malawi and Zimbabwe. Consequently these clubs signed a memorandum of understanding with the Mountain Club of South Africa to form the Confederation of African Mountain Clubs (CAMC), an umbrella organisation of the regions and members of the UIAA access to the UIAA and to the wider world of climbing through the MCSA’s membership of the UIAA.

Africa in Numbers

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Mr Joong-ho, mountain museums must be near Windhoek and Swakopmund. Discussions have commenced for a meet in Namibia.

Finally, subject to Covid constraints, the plan is in place the aim would be to encourage and/or facilitate more mountain clubs on the continent.

Projects for 2022 include cementing relationships with the Mountain Club of South Africa to arrange a Pan Africa Meet in Kenya, Uganda and Kilimanjaro who are (or were) ready to restart its projects and meet again in 2022.

During the first week of October 2021 the Paarl/Western Cape Section of the MCSA held the National Minicamp at the Hawequas Scout Adventure Centre to celebrate the Section’s 125th anniversary. The camp welcomed 16 hike leaders, 21-day visitors, 53 campers and three hut stay overs. The celebrations included 29 kicks (of which three were overlooked), a lasting four day Organic Estate and five campfire evenings.

Asia
CONTINENTAL OVERVIEW

The Union of Asian Alpine Associations (UAAA), founded in 1994, is the leading mountaineering and climbing organisation in Asia, represents climbers and mountaineers on one of the largest continents in terms of population, density of high mountains and culture.

The UAAA stands for friendship, development and promotion of responsible mountaineering and climbing for all in Asia. The UAAA promotes respect for mountains, climbers and culture on a global scale in keeping with the values of the UIAA. It has also pledged to reduce its carbon footprint and ensure mountain culture to local people and young people.

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Asia in Numbers

2022 THE YEAR AHEAD

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As of late 2021 and early 2022, the UAAA was ready to restart its projects and meet again in 2022. The outbreak of Covid-19 suspended the annual meetings and council meeting in India by the IMF, a GA meeting in Nepal by the Nepal Mountaineering Association, an Asian joint expedition to Karly Tau Peak in Kazakhstan by MSFRK (Mountaineering & Sport Climbing Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan) and a traditional rock-climbing festival in Nepal by the Nepal Mountaineering Association.

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Central & South America

CONTINENTAL OVERVIEW

Latin America and the Caribbean, as a macrospace within the Americas, is presented as a geographical sector with great potential growth, since more than 50 countries and territories that comprise it, only six are affiliated with UIAA (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Mexico) which represents a clear opportunity for expansion in the region.

At this time, talks have been held with federations in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru to encourage their incorporation into the UIAA within the year 2022. This work already doubles the number of associated members today.

Added to the above is the extensive work to restructure the Pan American Confederation of Mountain and Climbing Sports - UPAME, which brings together countries from all over the continent and which has functioned, in the past, as a Continental Federation.

Activity in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2021

Sport activities suffered a great setback in 2021 throughout the region, given the high incidence of the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions on practicing sports outdoors or in public spaces. This meant that many mountain projects scheduled for that year being postponed to 2022 or until such time as travel restrictions are more accessible.

Only towards the end of 2021 did some facilities start to reopen in line with Covid-19 countermeasures. This resulted in a true avalanche of people interested in mountain training and weekend sports outings in sectors near to their residences and cities of origin. This situation brought with it a substantial increase in mountain accidents, creating stress throughout the emergency care sectors of the regional level, which has led to an increase of procedures and training of rescuers in several countries.

ACHIEVEMENTS AT A REGIONAL LEVEL

During 2021, it was possible to undertake some activities at a sporting and administrative level, this very interesting for the region.

The Mountaineering Federation of Peru managed to organise important ascents in the “Cordillera Blanca” sector, most of them carried out by national climbers.

The Federation of Andinism and Climbing of Ecuador made several ascents to the sector of the Chimborazo Volcano, Cotopaxi and Pichincha, managing to reactivate a traditional mountain-eering pole in that country.

The National Sports Federation of Mountain Sports and Climbing of Chile (FEACH) developed an online training process that allowed for a 1000% increase in the number of annual students graduating from the National Mountain School (ENAM), which made it possible to bring training to all regions of that vast country.

The Argentine Ski and Mountaineering Federation (FASA) also focused online training talks and ski mountaineering and climbing activities in the Chaltén area.

THE YEAR AHEAD, 2022

This year, FEACH of Chile celebrates 80 years since its foundation, being one of the oldest in Latin America and one of the oldest active members of the UIAA, since it joined in 1955.

To celebrate this significant event, FEACH has prepared a series of activities aimed across its data and associations, to be attended by members of other national federations and state authorities.

2022 Post-Pandemic Challenges

The challenge of the region is to return to the rich mountain activity that has characterised Latin America and the Caribbean, since there are so many great peaks and walls to climb, many of them still without access.

Report by

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FEACH, Chile

FEACH, Chile

Central & South America in Numbers

| Number of Member Associations in Central & South America | 6 |
| Number of Countries represented in Central & South America | 6 |

PART 5: AROUND THE GLOBE
Europe

PART 1: CONTINENTAL OVERVIEW

Europe is the largest continental body in terms of UAA membership. It houses some of the world’s most diverse and iconic mountains and impressive rock faces with around three million federation members representing approximately 2.5 million come from alpine or mountainous countries in western Europe with a long history on climbing and mountaineering: Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Switzerland.

European Mountaineering Bodies

The European Mountaineering Association (EUMA) was founded in 1995 which represents eight alpine federations.

EUMA provides guidance on the latest trends in mountaineering and offers a growing representation towards the European Union including collaboration with the EU Directorate. EUMA has also become full member of the European Environmental Bureau. It has provided a resolution to European Parliament MEPs regarding mountain and protected areas. EUMA also aims to support and represent the European Mountaineering Bodies (EUMB).

The Balkan Mountaineering Union (BMU), founded in 2009 offers mutual collaboration, development and promotion of mountaineering and mountain sports in the Balkan region.

PART 2: ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2021

Some European federations have had a particularly busy time with Covid. Credit to the UIAA for helping to provide travel and accommodation for the mountain during the pandemic showing the strong character of climbers. But of course, the need for those unnecessarily going on expeditions into fragile communities that could be affected by Covid was also important.

EUMA in 2021

The European Mountaineering Association (EUMA) and the UIA foundation project in 2021 aimed to bring clarity and a vision on the role of mountaineering which has suffered with the lack of movement as well as mountain and outdoor workers taking the brunt of restrictions.

General Trends

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GENERAL TRENDS

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EUMA in 2021

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In 2021, CAA presented a £250 prize to the winner of the essay contest held by four countries:

**CAAS Position on E-Mountain bikes (Pedeleces)**

A joint bike data interface is “under construction”. In the framework of the European online reservation system, both under leadership of the Austrian Alpine Club, but approved by the CAA GA, and is a good event funded by the CAA.

**EVENTS & NEWS INCORPORATING UICBA CONTINENTAL MEMBERS**

The UICBA aims to present a series of events through the year. This was a rather general position paper taking into account the concerns of CCA members, especially on electric mountain biking.

**Safety recommendations for MTB’s**

The Pan-Baltic hiking conference on 15 November 2020 was the first event held in a warm, vibrant atmosphere hosted by the Czech Mountaineering Federation. The CAA GA took place in Prague. The excellent event was followed by climbing at Prachov Rocks and hiking in a warm, vibrant atmosphere hosted by the Czech Mountaineering Federation. The CAA GA took place in Prague. The EUMA GA was also held in Prague. The excellent event was followed by climbing at Prachov Rocks and hiking in a warm, vibrant atmosphere hosted by the Czech Mountaineering Federation. The CAA GA took place in Prague.
North America

CONTINENTAL OVERVIEW

North America in 2021

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Climbing culture is rich with vibrant communities and active associations. Perhaps the most important initiative at the AAC is the creation of Climbing Lives — a multifaceted effort to bring greater diversity to the climbing world. Another key focus is the creation of inclusive environments, where women, people with disabilities, Black, Indigenous, people of color, and LGBTQ+ individuals are made to feel welcome and engaged. Perhaps the most important initiative at the AAC is the creation of Climbing Lives — efforts aimed at bringing greater diversity to the climbing world. Another key focus is the creation of inclusive environments, where women, people with disabilities, Black, Indigenous, people of color, and LGBTQ+ individuals are made to feel welcome and engaged.

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CONTINENTAL OVERVIEW

Oceania in 2021

Like other regions, Oceania in 2021 was deeply impacted by the Covid pandemic. In Australia, New Zealand and other parts of Oceania, facilities were closed or had strictly limited access, lockdowns were enacted at a country, state or city level. Travel between countries was much reduced with managed isolation periods on arrival for those small numbers travelling.

Despite this local climbers, when permitted, did manage to get out into the hills and onto the crags. A near complete lack of international tourists had the benefit of fewer people at popular locations, but badly impacted the local guiding community and local infrastructure such as accommodation which had developed on the back of growing international visitor numbers.

The latter half of 2021 (spring season) saw excellent ice conditions in the Southern Alps and there was much activity on classic snow and ice routes plus some new routes. The outstanding Darrans region saw activity by a dedicated group on hard multi pitch rock routes.

Access issues continued to be at the fore in both Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand. The engagement of the climbing community with traditional land owners and the building of trust and mutual understanding is fundamental to the future of climbing and mountaineering in these countries. This takes both time and capability which is challenging in a largely volunteer, independent minded sport.

Achievements

In New Zealand, the Aotearoa Climbing Access Trust was established as a fundraising and advocacy body. It has enabled the purchase of a popular climbing crag on the North Island. The Trust is a positive step forward as a mechanism for the NZ climbing community to purchase and manage private land that is threatened with closure and is modelled on the US Access Fund. In Australia the threat of closed access became reality for many parts of Gariwerd (Grampians Ranges) as well as Djuritte/Mount Arapiles in the state of Victoria, following traditional owners concern at the impact of climbing on places of cultural significance.

Discussions have been ongoing for some years on the issues, including the use of chalk and bolting. Local climbing clubs and other groups such as Crag Stewards are working to educate local climbers on the cultural concerns and how to appropriately behave. Please refer to: https://savegrampiansclimbing.org

Covid and the inability to travel overseas has led to people turning towards their local environment. Both Australia and New Zealand are seeing large numbers of first-time outdoor users. This augurs well for the future. The NZAC and other clubs are seeing growth in membership after an initial period of decline.

2022, THE YEAR AHEAD

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Oceania in Numbers

New Zealand Alpine Club sections (including one in Australia)

13

New Zealand Alpine Club in 2022

1891

Year the New Zealand Alpine Club was founded

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The Bern office and Executive Board are continually exploring new commercial opportunities and means of approaching sponsors as well as increasing the UIAA’s international network through partnerships with likeminded organisations.

Outdoor Research is dedicated to inspiring the journey ahead with innovative technical apparel and accessories designed for outdoor adventures. Outdoor Research is the Title Sponsor of the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour 2019-2023.

The Bally Peak Outlook Foundation, partners of the UIAA Mountain Protection Award, was established in 2020, demonstrating the Swiss luxury brand’s long-term commitment to mountain preservation. With a mission to safeguard fragile alpine environments from the adverse effects of global warming and excessive outdoor tourism, the Bally Peak Outlook Foundation aims to raise awareness around the issues threatening the future of these extreme landscapes and empower local communities and reputable, on-the-ground partners to drive positive and sustainable change. To learn more, visit Bally.com/peakoutlook.