Memorandum of Understanding
on establishing
"MountainSafety.Info" (MSI)

Preamble
The signatories (hereafter called members) strive for promoting best practice in mountain safety and agree to cooperate for establishing "MountainSafety.Info" (MSI). This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) outlines the objectives and the terms and conditions of MSI.

General Values
1. All partners value the freedom of practice.
   a. MSI does not seek to establish formal regulations on best practices in mountain safety.
   b. MSI content will respect cultural diversity and refer to recommendations of MSI member organizations.

2. MSI is a non-commercial organization, acting in the general public interest as a non-profit organization, to provide up to date, peer reviewed information on best practice in mountain safety from experts in the field.

3. MSI is a self-sustaining entity, working in collaboration with other organizations to provide practical and useful information for use in the mountains.

Institutional Setup and Governance
1. MSI shall be established as a non-profit association governed by the provisions of the Swiss Civil Code (such as are UIAA, ICAR, IFMGA).

2. MSI Membership is limited to organizations and scientific institutions with global impact in mountain safety.

3. MSI will exclusively be governed by the MSI members. Potential members are UIAA, IFMGA, ICAR, ENSA, SLF and others within the above defined scope.
Organization and Participation in Workgroups

1. MSI content will be elaborated by working groups. For each topic to be covered one working group will be established; each group will include experts of MSI members as well as additional subject matter experts.

2. Working group members are selected based on appropriate representation and qualifications.
   a. Each MSI member may nominate an expert in the respective field who fulfills the prerequisites so that each MSI member can contribute in a timely and pro-active approach.

3. Proposal and Initiative Right
   a. Anybody has the right to propose a topic for discussion or make a specific suggestion on content by written proposal to a MSI working group.

Objectives

In the following the main MSI objectives are listed:

1. Develop an international knowledgebase containing best practice in mountain safety (an example is provided in the Appendix).

2. Take advantage of existing knowhow

3. Include existing and further develop content based on evidence

4. Promote standardization across user groups and application cases.

5. Provide the data in as many languages as possible using standardized terminology

6. Respect intellectual property rights in all use of data

7. Support a sustainable future development of the knowledge

Access to the Knowledgebase of MountainSafety.Info

1. Access to the data is based on a yearly subscription model and on a volume based license model, depending on type of use of the data.

2. Fair pricing is ensured by including the number of users in an organization as well as the GDP of the respective country.
3. Fees are used for author's compensation, workgroup expenses, operational costs of MSI and in particular for future development of its content.

4. Users can freely choose based on their requirements which content of the MSI knowledgebase they want to use.

Implementation and duration

This MoU shall take effect from the date when the last partner has duly signed, but no later than 15 December 2017; it shall remain in force for a duration of one year. This agreement may be amended or terminated upon mutual consultation and consent between the partners.

Appendix 1: Example of MSI content

Appendix 2: Example of MSI Logo
Signatures

UIAA
Name (in print): ____________________________
Location, date: ____________________________
Signature. ____________________________

IFMGA
Name (in print): ____________________________
Location, date: ____________________________
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ICAR
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ENSA
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