

## Minutes of the 70<sup>th</sup> Assembly of Delegates

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 / 15:00 at E.N.S.A. in Chamonix, France

### 1. The President's welcome address

In the name of the ICAR Executive Board the ICAR President welcomes all attendees shortly after 15:00 to the 70<sup>th</sup> ICAR Assembly of Delegates at E.N.S.A. in Chamonix, France and thanks the local organizing committee under the lead of Claude Jacot and Dominique Létang for all efforts setting up this year's convention.

A special welcome is addressed to the audience by Florence Giraud, Directrice E.N.S.A.

The ICAR President personally welcomes the Honorary President Toni Grab and the Honorary Members Dr Hermann Brugger, Nils Farlund, Bruno Jelk, Heini Malue, Felix Meier, Louis Salzmann, Danilo Škerbinek, Dr Ken Zafren and Fidel Elsensohn.

The invitation with the agenda and all available documentation was published on our website (and e-mailed to all member organizations) one month before this assembly, according to our bylaws.



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02-ICAR\_Assembly\_of\_Delegates\_2018\_

Due to maximum daily working time restrictions, this year's assembly will take place without our ICAR Interpreter team. Most of the presentation is trilingual, a few slides are in one language only. Should you need translation assistance for a specific slide, then please ask (raise your hand) when it's displayed.

In remembrance of all mountain rescuers who lost their lives, the ICAR President asks for a moment of silence, while known rescuers are displayed with their names on the screen (see presentation).



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The word is given to Maj Alessandro Alberioli of the Guardia di Finanza, Italy. He remembers and commemorates the tragic incident of his compatriots, which happened in the mountain area near Chamonix, France and the Italian border.

## 2. Roll call, appointing the officers

We have present:

- 31 A-members with 4 votes each = 124 votes (including the late arriving RCS)
- 19 B1-members with 2 votes each = 38 votes
- 8 B2-members with 1 vote each = 8 votes

The assembly has a total of 170 votes. The absolute majority (50% + 1 of total available votes) stands at 86 votes.

Accounting for the votes:

The ICAR President proposes Andre Thoresen (France), Thomas Lobensteiner (BWB), Matthias Jacob (BWB) and Matthias Haselbacher (ÖBRD). The ICAR Assembly of Delegates accepts.

The proposed meeting agenda is accepted without any additional last-minute requests.

Tom Spycher (ICAR Office) will take down the minutes.



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Excused absences:

- Thomas Stucki, WSL-SLF (Switzerland)
- Rik De Decker, MCSA/WSAR (South Africa)

## 3. Minutes of the 69th Assembly of Delegates 2017 in Soldeu, Andorra

The minutes have been published on our website (in the minutes section) and have been e-mailed to all ICAR member organizations. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates accepts the minutes without any comments or amendments.



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## 4. President's Annual Report

Franz Stämpfli reports: The ICAR Executive Board met for three meetings; in January and in August at Zurich-Airport, Switzerland and in October here in Chamonix, France.

Topics of the ICAR Executive Board meetings were:

- New ICAR Executive Board organization structure (Executive & Technical Committees, Work Group Leaders Congresses and Membership)
- Membership Category Issues
- Membership Applications
- New Partnerships
- ICAR 2018 Chamonix, France (Coordination, Preparation)
- ICAR 2020 Thessaloniki, Greece (Reconnaissance)
- ICAR 2022 and beyond (Applications)
- MountainSafety.Info
- Improved future commission integration of Cave Rescue, Canyoning Rescue, etc.
- ICAR Privacy Policy (due to new General Data Protection Regulation coming into effect)
- Commission meetings with growing number of attendees
- Finances (Annual Report 2017, Audit 2017, Budget 2019)

The responsible Chairmen of each Commission have established their annual reports 2018, which were included in the documentation of the agenda/invitation to this assembly:



20180910-TER\_President\_Annual\_Report



20180919-AVA\_President\_Annual\_Report



20180825-AIR\_President\_Annual\_Report



20180901-MED\_President\_Annual\_Report



20180903-DOG\_President\_Annual\_Report

The ICAR President thanks the Commission- and Sub-Commission Chairmen for their much-appreciated efforts.

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates accepts the President's Annual Report.

## 5. Finances

### 5.1 Income statement and balance sheet 2017

The ICAR Treasurer Markus Hölzl presents the annual financial report 2017:

#### Expenses 2017

Expenses	€uro	Budget 2017
Bank interests and expenses	730,16 €	400,00 €
Exchange rate differences	2.280,31 €	- €
Dept write off	4.910,00 €	- €
Office and Administration	27.000,00 €	53.000,00 €
Representation (Homepage, Video, etc.)	7.705,19 €	5.000,00 €
Expenses Board	23.785,66 €	25.000,00 €
Expenses Commissions	3.387,57 €	12.000,00 €
Expenses Convention	19.341,88 €	16.000,00 €
<b>Totale expenses:</b>	<b>89.140,77 €</b>	<b>111.400,00 €</b>

#### Income 2017

Incomes	€uro	Budget 2017
Membership fees	47.600,00 €	43.600,00 €
Sponsors	52.300,00 €	46.000,00 €
Capital income	121,50 €	200,00.-
	<b>100.021,50 €</b>	<b>89.600,00 €</b>

#### Profit and loss account 2017

	€uro
Expenses 2017	89.140,77 €
Incomes 2017	100.021,50 €
<b>Net profit 2017:</b>	<b>10.880,73 €</b>

Balance per December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Assets	€uro	€uro
Bank accounts	98.135,91 €	
Bonds	34.269,00 €	
Liabilities	€uro	€uro
Capital		114.925,67 €
Congress Equalization Fund		6.598,51 €
Net Profit		<b>10.880,73 €</b>
<b>Total :</b>	<b>132.404,91 €</b>	<b>132.404,91 €</b>

Markus Hölzl also informs about the 2 new ICAR Partners:

- RECCO
- UTC Aerospace Systems



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## 5.2 Auditor's report 2017

# Auditors Report 2017

## 20180306-ICAR Fiscal Year 2017

The ICAR Auditors have checked the correctness of the accounting for the fiscal year 2017 with the following findings:

- The fiscal year 2017 closed with a net profit of EUR 10'880.73
- Assets have increased from EUR 121'158.71 to EUR 132'404.91 compared to the previous year.
- The positive financial development is based on continues increase of new member organization acquisition and additional partnerships (sponsors), which is the correct and reasonable direction to pursue.
- All financial transactions are continuously monitored and approved by the 4 eye principle.
- Open questions in the technical area were clarified in detail.
- Receipts were audited at random and the respective, correct entries identified.

We petition the Assembly of Delegates to approve the fiscal year 2017 accounting and to discharge the ICAR Treasurer as well as the entire ICAR Executive Board. A thank you is to be given to the ICAR Treasurer Markus Hölzl for his work and supervision.

Zurich-Airport / March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018



Arthur Rohregger  
ICAR Auditor



Jürgen Negele  
ICAR Auditor



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### 5.3 Acceptance of annual accounts 2017 and relieving the treasury

The annual accounts and discharges of the ICAR Treasurer and the ICAR Executive Board are unanimously approved.

### 5.4 Membership payments 2018

#### Yellow card (1<sup>st</sup> unpaid year):

- ACNA Associació per al Coneixement de la Neu i les Allaus >C >EUR 200
- BRL Bergrettung Liechtenstein >A >EUR 1'000
- BPA Bomberos del Principado de Asturias >C >EUR 200
- CMA Chinese Mountaineering Association >A >EUR 1'000
- ÓAMTC Christophorus Flugrettungsverein >B1 >EUR 500
- CAB Club Andino Bariloche >C >EUR 200
- HRA Himalayan Rescue Association >C >EUR 200
- HSC Horska Sluzba Ceske Republiky >A >EUR 1'000
- HDC Hospital de Cerdanya >C >EUR 200
- LDMRSDA Lake District Mountain Rescue Search Dog Association >B2 >EUR 400
- MCSA Mountain Club of South Africa >C >EUR 200
- PSBIH Planinarski savez Bosne i Hercegovine > A >EUR 1'000
- SBS Seilbahnen Schweiz >B1 >EUR 500
- WSAR Wilderness Search and Rescue Association South Africa >C >EUR 200

#### Red card (2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive unpaid year):

- BMRS Bulgarian Mountain Rescue Service >A >EUR 1'000

Stefanie Thomas (TCSAR) asks if credit card payments could be offered for the annual membership fee settlement? This has been investigated recently. The set-up and running cost for an ICAR merchant account for credit card payments is much too high; and ICAR's expected volume for that much too small.

## 6. Membership category issues / adjustments (> type)

Following the membership category changes decided upon the ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2017 in Soldeu, Andorra the following adjustments emerged:

### 6.1 AC – Avalanche Canada (> C)

Has decided to leave ICAR (Information).

### 6.2 ASV – Alpine SAR Victoria (> C)

Has decided to leave ICAR (Information).

### 6.3 EHAC – The European HEMS and Air Ambulance Committee (> C)

Changes to membership category type E, approved by the ICAR Executive Board (Information).

### 6.4 FVE – Fondazione Vanni Eigenmann (> C)

Changes to membership category type E, approved by the ICAR Executive Board (Information).

#### **6.5 MAPMR – Macedonian Association for Protection and Mountain Rescue in Inaccessible Terrain Asklepius (> C)**

Would like to change/upgrade to membership category type B2. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves this change.

#### **6.6 MCSA – Mountain Club of South Africa (> C)**

A change to the membership category type A would be appropriate and recommended. Thus, MCSA does not want that. Consequently, MCSA remains in membership category C.

#### **6.7 WSAR – Wilderness Search and Rescue Association (> C)**

A change to the membership category type B1 would be appropriate and is recommended. Thus, MCSA does not want that. Consequently, MCSA remains in membership category C.

#### **6.8 WSL-SLF – Institut für Schnee- und Lawinenforschung (> B1)**

A change to the membership category type B2 would be appropriate and is recommended. WSL-SLF supports that. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves this change.

### **7. Admission of new Members (> type)**

#### **7.1 UNIB – Universitäres Notfallzentrum Inselspital Bern (> E)**

The ICAR Executive Board informs the ICAR Assembly of Delegates about its approval for type E membership. The UNIB Delegation (Monika BRODMANN MAEDER) briefly presents its organization.

#### **7.2 AMMR – Association for Mountain Medical Rescue (> B2)**

The AMMR Delegation (Kazue OSHIRO) briefly presents its organization.

The initial objection received from JMGA and JMBC has weakened in the wake of the ICAR Assembly of Delegates. The representatives of JMGA and JMBC will abstain in the vote. For language reasons, they do not want the word.



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The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves type B2 membership with 5 abstentions.

#### **7.3 LPR – Lotnicze Pogotowie Ratunkowe (> B2)**

The LPR Delegation (Przemyslaw BARCZENTEWICZ) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves type B2 membership unanimously.

#### **7.4 NCRC – National Cave Rescue Commission (> B2)**

The NCRC Delegation (Eddy CARTAYA) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves type B2 membership unanimously. This is our first member organization specializing in cave rescue only.

### 7.5 NSP – National Ski Patrol (> B2)

The NSP Delegation (Ed CARLSON and Rick SHANDLER) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves type B2 membership unanimously.

### 7.6 NSW-SES – NSW State Emergency Service (> B2)

The NSW-SES Delegation (Richard DELANEY) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves type B2 membership unanimously.

### 7.7 CCP – Cantabria Civil Protection (> B1)

Although the membership application was successfully processed with a recommendation for a membership type B1, CCP had to withdraw it last minute for local political reasons. Consequently, the membership application vote must be postponed to a future year.

### 7.8 NLA – Norsk Luftambulanse AS (> B1)

The NLA Delegation (Rune MIDTGAARD) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves type B1 membership unanimously.

### 7.9 RNoAF-330SQN – Royal Norwegian Air Force 330 Squadron (> B1)

The RNoAF-330SQN Delegation (Fredrik JOMAAS) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves type B1 membership unanimously.

### 7.10 GC-GREIM – Guardia Civil Grupo de Rescate e Intervención en Montaña (> A)

The GC-GREIM Delegation (Pedro GARIJO AÑAÑOS) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves type A membership unanimously.

### 7.11 Honorary Membership for Patrick Fauchère (> D)

KWRO/OCVS and ENSA/GSM/FFME/ANENA have submitted in due time the nomination of Patrick Fauchère for ICAR Honorary Membership type D.



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The ICAR Assembly of Delegates formally approves type D membership unanimously with great applause and gives Patrick a standing ovation.

Patrick thanks the audience for the honor, Bruno Jelk for opening him the door to ICAR and Michel Pierre for the much-appreciated support as AIR Vice-President.

Charley Shimanski has prepared the enclosed list of “Pat Fauchère’s Achievements”. The honoring ceremony will take place at the beginning of the upcoming Gala Diner.



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## 8 Expulsion of Members

As defined in the ICAR Bylaws, the ICAR Executive Board recommends to the ICAR Assembly of Delegates to expulse the type A member BMRS Bulgarian Mountain Rescue Service for two consecutive unpaid annual membership fees (EUR 800 for 2017 plus EUR 1'000 for 2018).

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates expulses BMRS unanimously.

## 9 ICAR Convention 2019 in Zakopane, Poland

### 9.1 Organizing Committee

The complete organizing committee of TOPR for ICAR 2019 in Zakopane, Poland is present and called to the podium to introduce themselves to the audience.



### 9.2 Presentation

TOPR presents the “ICAR 2019 Zakopane Poland Promotion Video”.

## 10 General topic 2019

There are 3 suggestions available to vote on:

- Going beyond - Challenges to be met (Alistair Read, MREW) > gets 18 votes
- Teamwork and Collaboration(Marcel Meier, ARS) > gets 108 votes
- Lightweight Options for High Altitude Rescue (Tom Wood, MRA) > gets 45 votes

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates selects “Teamwork and Collaboration” as general topic for the 2019 ICAR Convention.

## 11 ICAR Convention 2020 in Thessaloniki, Greece

The destination has already been approved at the ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2016 in Bulgaria. A Delegation of the ICAR Executive Board and ICAR Office has visited the proposed location and has found matching and good infrastructure, besides a highly motivated local organizing committee of HRT. More details will follow upon next year’s ICAR Assembly of Delegates.



## 11.1 Dates

Proposed dates for ICAR 2020 in Thessaloniki, Greece:

Tue 13 Oct 20 > Arrival  
Wed **14 Oct 20 > Practical Day (optional)**  
Thu **15 Oct 20 > Congress**  
Fri **16 Oct 20 > Congress**  
Sat **17 Oct 20 > Congress (including ICAR Assembly of Delegates)**  
Sun 18 Oct 20 > Departure

There is no date conflict with the ISSW International Snow Science Workshop planned to take place October 4-9, 2020 in Fernie, Canada.

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves the proposed dates unanimously.

## 12 Venue 2022: Switzerland

For strategic reasons, the ICAR Executive Board tried to motivate our Canadian Member Organizations to apply for an ICAR Convention 2022 in Canada, 40 years after the last ICAR Convention in Canada. Unfortunately, we did not receive much feedback. There doesn't seem to be enough willingness for such an application.

ARS backed-up and applied to organize the ICAR Convention 2022 in Switzerland.



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The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves the ARS application for the Switzerland venue in October 2022 unanimously.

## 13 Elections

Following the resignation of Patrick Fauchère as ICAR Air Rescue Commission President and the resignation of Michel Pierre as ICAR Air Rescue Commission Vice-President, replacement needed to be appointed for the remainder of the term.

### 13.1 President of the ICAR Air Rescue Commission

There have been the following nominations:

- Charley SHIMANSKI as AIR President (MRA) USA



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- Mihael AVBELJ as AIR President (GRZS) Slovenia



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- Renaud GUILLERMET as AIR Vice-President (ENSA,FFME,GSM,ANENA) France



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The ICAR Air Rescue Commission has elected...

- Charley SHIMANSKI as AIR President (MRA) USA
- Renaud GUILLERMET as AIR Vice-President (ENSA,FFME,GSM,ANENA) France

... and proposes Charley Shimanski to be elected as ICAR Air Rescue Commission President into the ICAR Executive Board.



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The ICAR Assembly of Delegates accepts the proposition and confirms Charley Shimanski unanimously.

## 14 Budget 2019

The ICAR Treasurer Markus Hölzl presents the budget 2019:



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The ICAR Assembly of Delegates accepts the budget 2019 unanimously.

## 15 ICAR Recommendations

The drafts of all proposed ICAR Recommendations were enclosed to the invitation.

### 15.1 Revision TER-REC0007

Gebhard Barbisch (TER) explains that there have not been any changes made during the commission meetings during this convention for the drafted revision of:

- TER-REC0007 Rope Differentiation Static / Low Stretch / Dynamic Ropes



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The ICAR Assembly of Delegates accepts TER-REC0007 unanimously.

## 15.2 DOG-REC0001 (replacing AVA-REC0001)

Marcel Meier (DOG) explains that there have not been any changes made during the commission meetings during this convention for the drafted:

- DOG-REC0001 Requirements for Dog-Handlers and Rescue Dogs



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The ICAR Assembly of Delegates accepts DOG-REC0001 unanimously.

## 16 Mountain Safety.Info (MS.I)

Franz informs the ICAR Assembly of Delegates that a work group of the ICAR Executive Board has been active to that respect and continues to work. Now the proper legal entity needs to be established. Also, the responsibility for publications should remain at ICAR. There has been a meeting to that respect today. The next step is to review the proposed MS.I statutes.

## 17 Miscellaneous

No issue.

## 18 Closing remarks of the President

The ICAR President Franz Stämpfli thanks the French Organizing Committee and all the volunteers for the organization of ICAR 2018 in Chamonix, France. He further acknowledges the much-appreciated support of ICAR Partners, local sponsors and exhibitors; plus, all the valuable efforts of the hotels and their staff, the interpreters, the technicians and all the ICAR trainers, board-members and office staff. He closes the 70<sup>th</sup> ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2018.

These minutes (and all mentioned documentation) is available online via our website:  
<http://www.alpine-rescue.org/xCMS5/WebObjects/nexus5.woa/wa/icar?menuid=1047&rubricid=257&articleid=15724>

Chamonix, France / October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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Franz Stämpfli  
ICAR President

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Markus Hölzl  
ICAR Treasurer

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Tom Spycher  
Secretary, ICAR Office