

Mountain Safety Knowledgebase

Plenary Session ICAR 2016

ICAR STATUTES *(Extract)*

2. Purpose/Tasks

2.1 ICAR works as worldwide open platform for the exchange of mountain rescue knowledge.

ICAR in the past and today

- **Founded 1948**



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- **ICAR 2015**



ICAR 2016

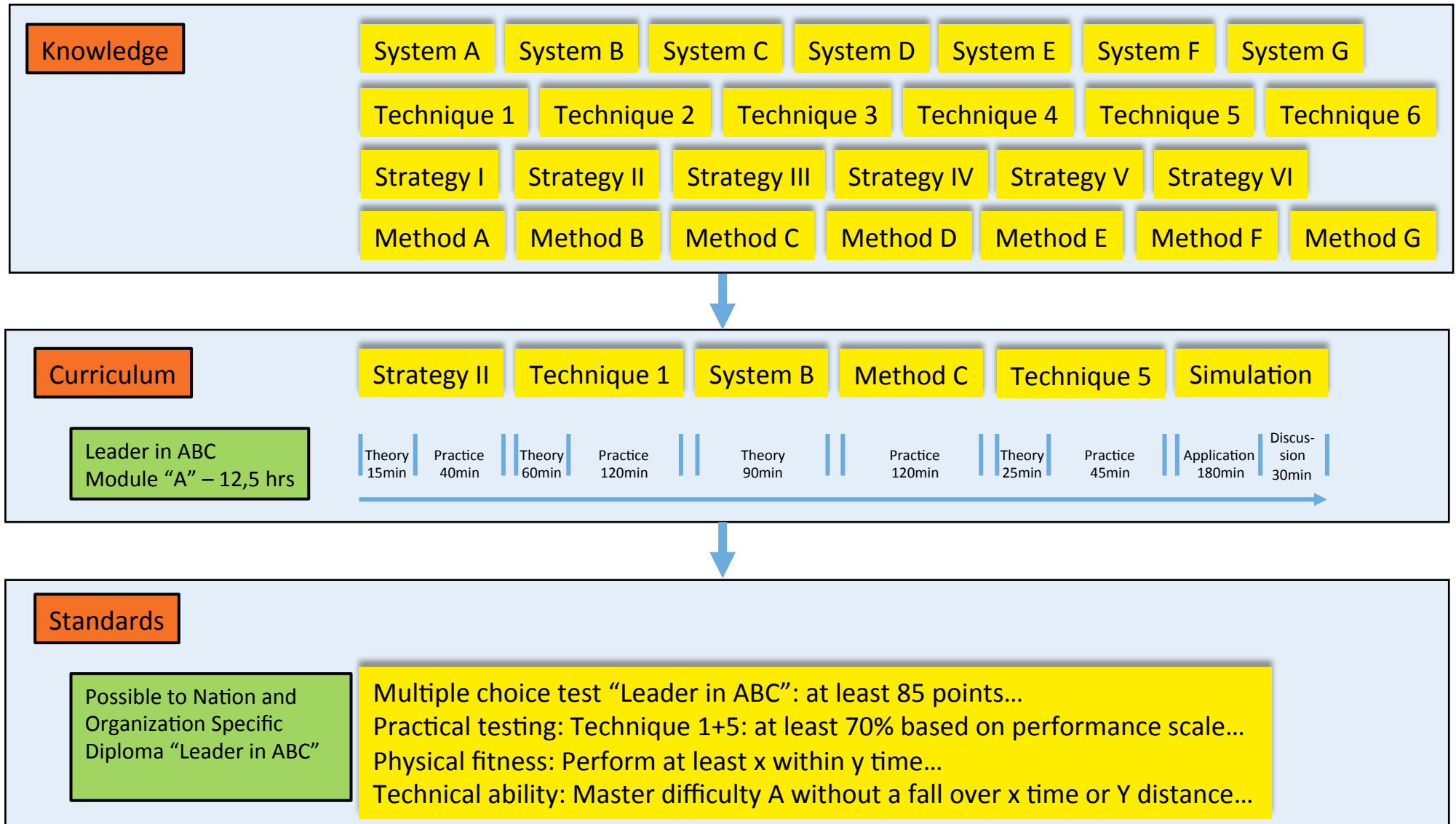
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- Safety, accident prevention and rescue in cold environments
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- Safety and accident prevention in alpine air rescue
- Mountain emergency medicine

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Search

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Probe

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GSM and additional means

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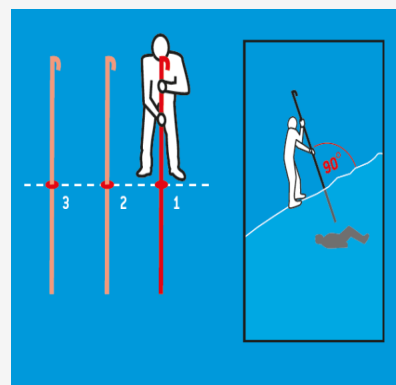
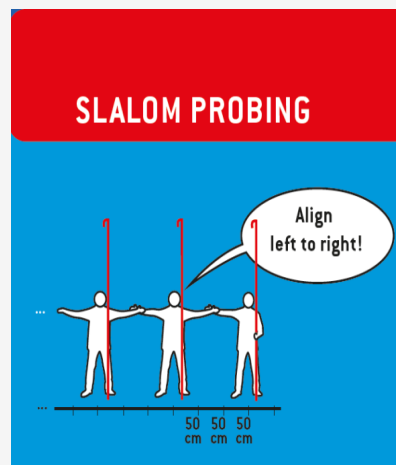
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Probe lines

Coarse Probing

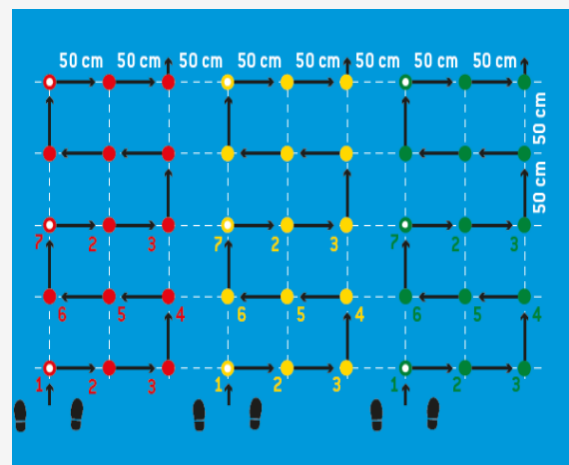
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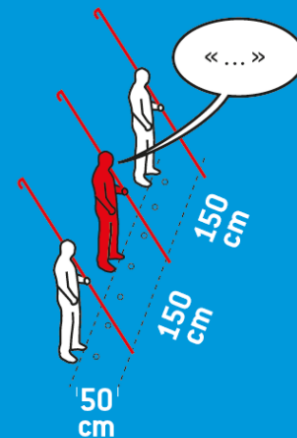
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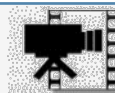
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Instruction Video:



Scientific Paper:

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ICAR Recommendation:

AVA REC0011



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ISKANJE NASLEDNJEGA SIGNALA

PLUSIEURS SAUVETEURS PENDANT LA RECHERCHE FINE + RECHERCHE DU POINT

Profondeur d'ensevelissement:

- normale → x ~ 1 m
- profonde → x = 1.5-2 m

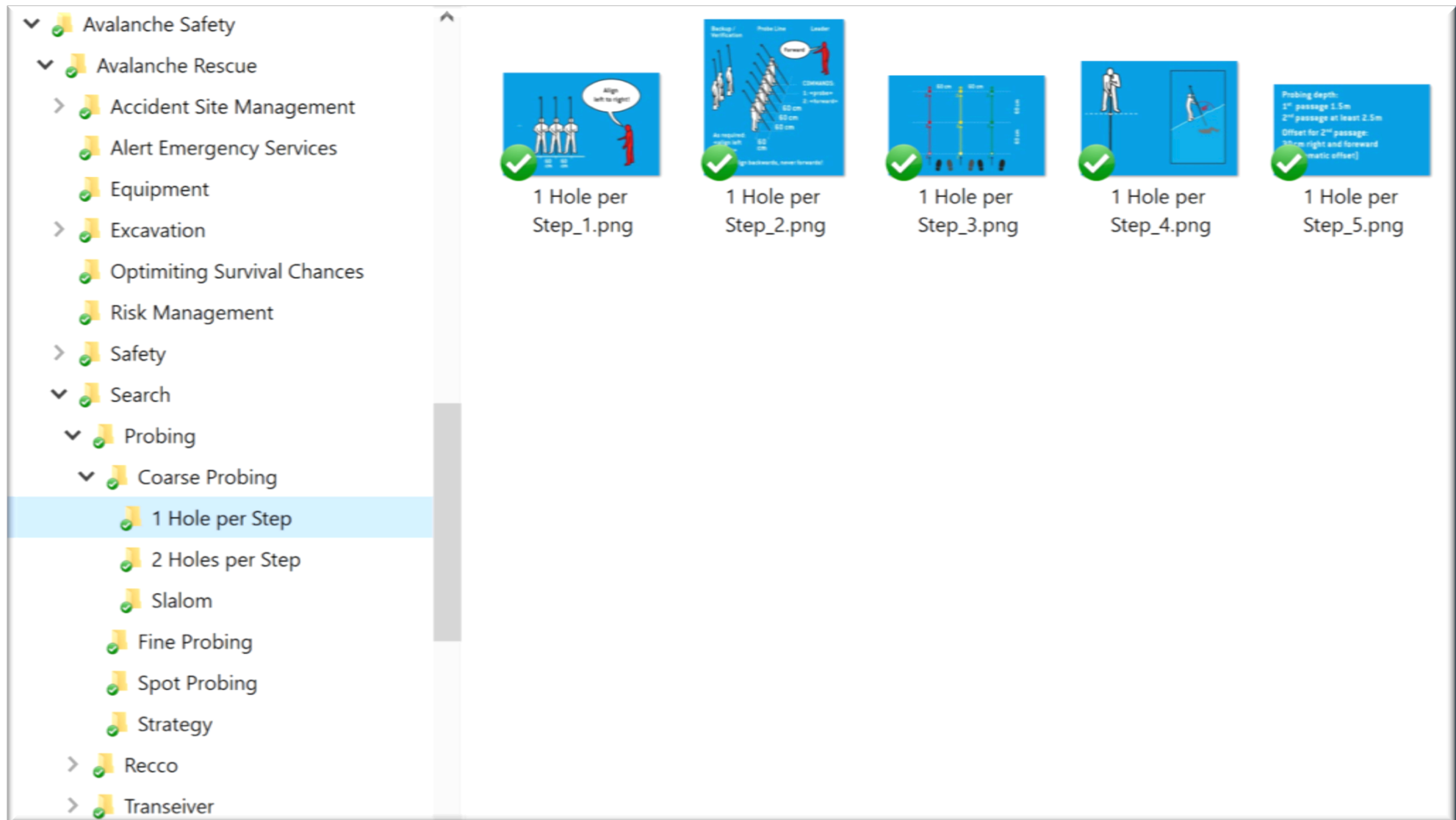
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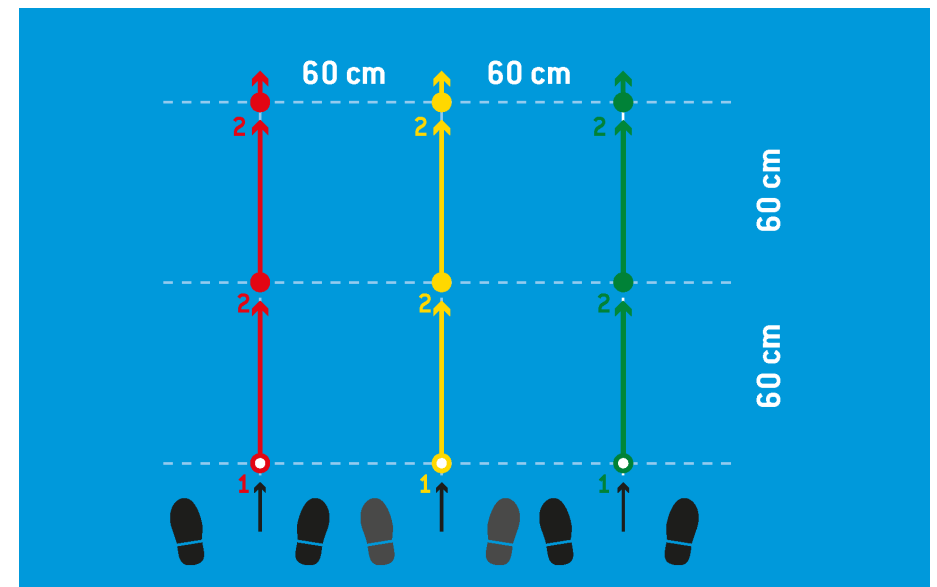
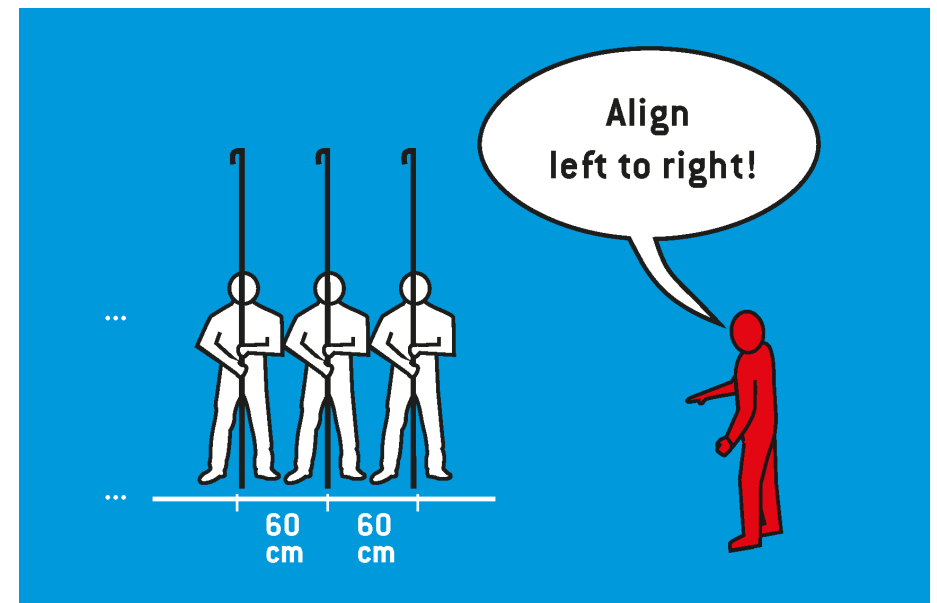
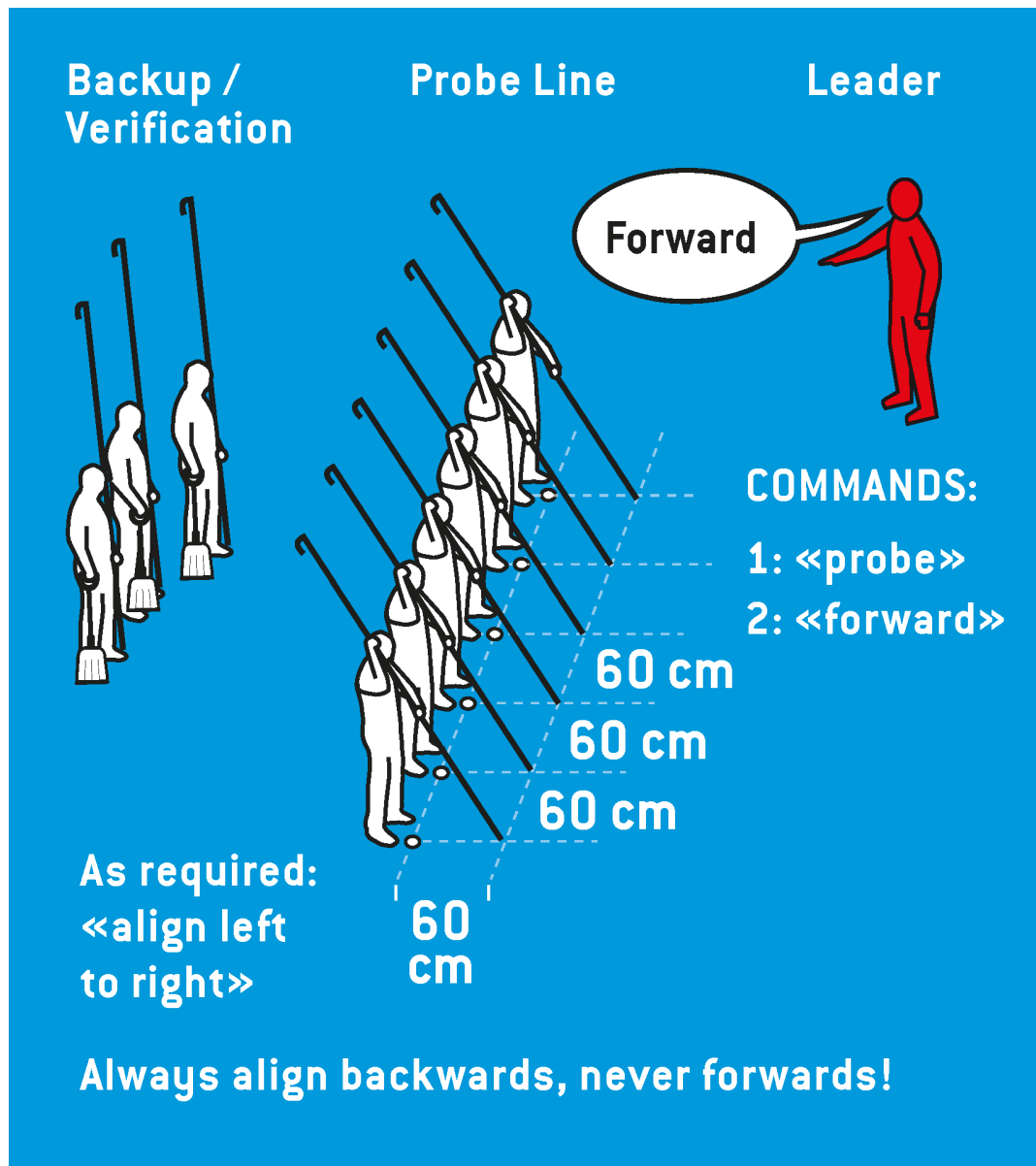
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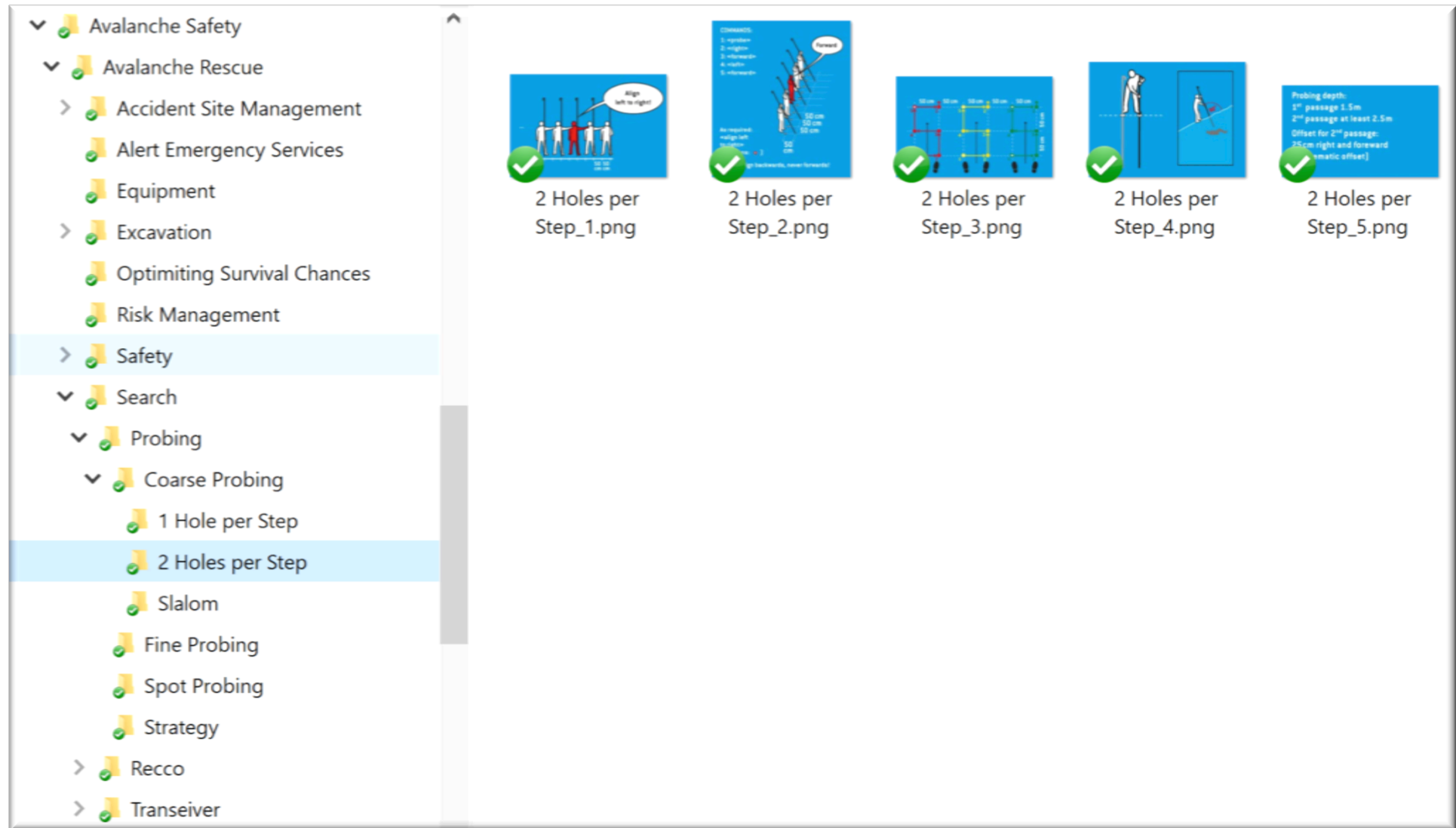
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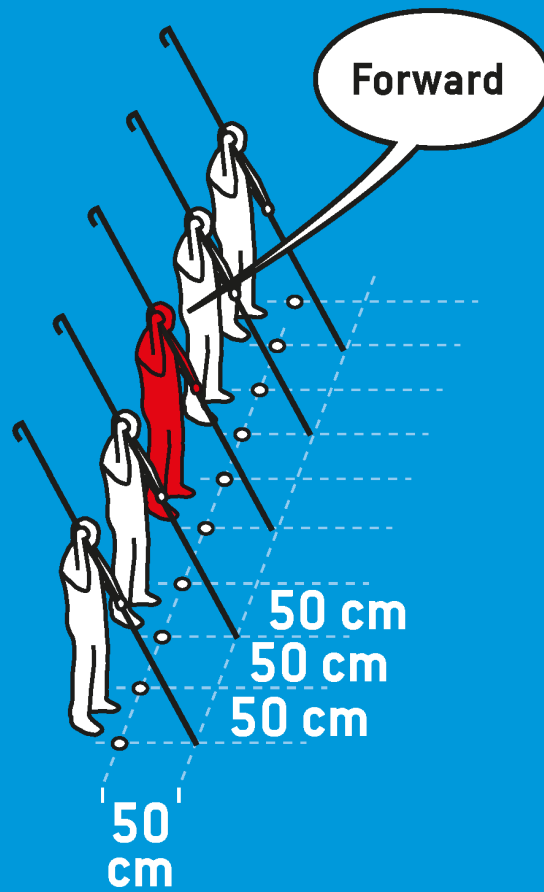
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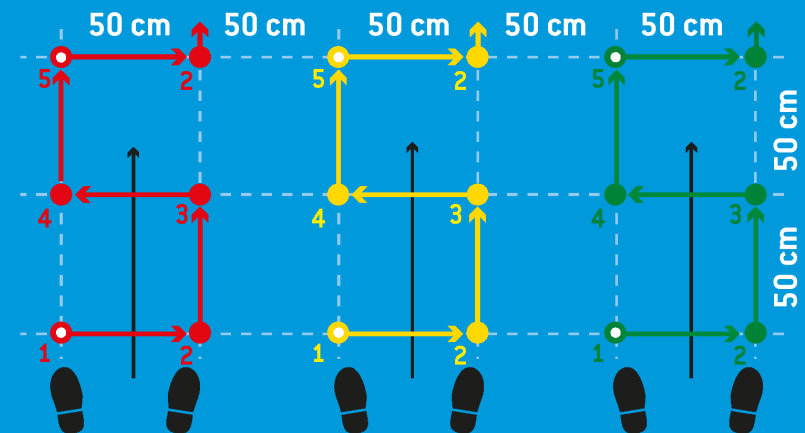
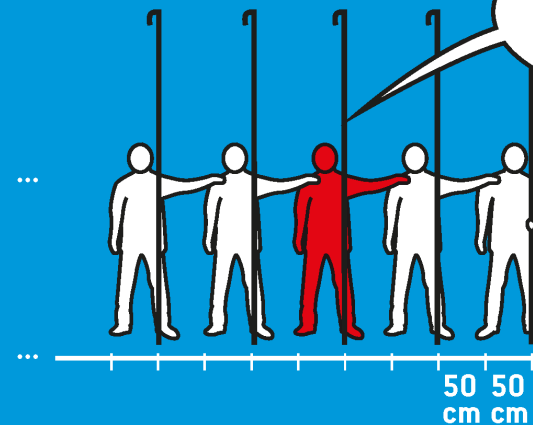
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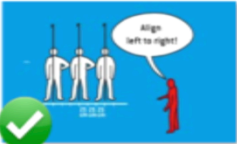


Some Print Screens as Example


- ✓ Avalanche Safety
 - ✓ Avalanche Rescue
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 - ✓ Alert Emergency Services
 - ✓ Equipment
 - > ✓ Excavation
 - ✓ Optimiting Survival Chances
 - ✓ Risk Management
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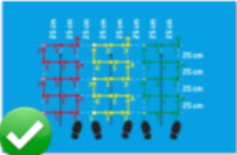
FINE PROBING Overview.png




Fine Probing_1.png



Fine Probing_2.png



Fine Probing_3.png



Fine Probing_4.png

Mountain Safety Knowledgebase

- **Collect existing systems, techniques, strategies and methods from individual and groups of authors**
- **Standardize and harmonize content in subject matter expert consensus workgroups**

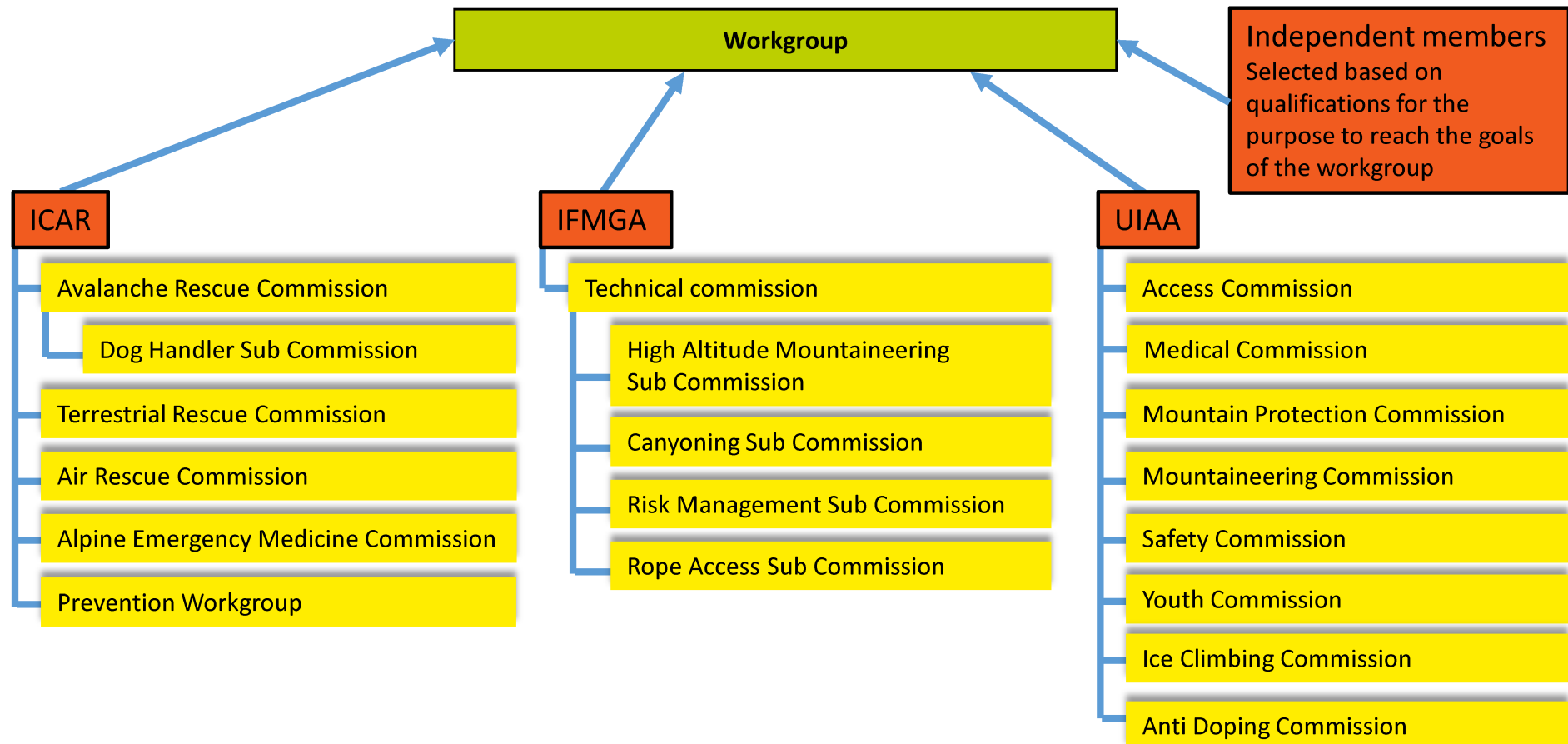
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ICAR workgroup - Stubai 2016 - Coarse Probing - 1

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- **+ 4 Languages in ICAR 2016 = total 17!**

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Initiative / Proposal right

Every organization or individual...

- May propose modifications, optimizations and additions to the material in the Mountain Safety Knowledgebase. Proposals will be carefully evaluated by the topic-specific workgroup of the Mountain Safety Knowledgebase. After an addition or optimization has been accepted and implemented, all users of the Mountain Safety Knowledgebase will have access to it.
As the Mountain Safety Knowledgebase is not based on voluntarism, everyone, independently of their socioeconomic background, has an equal chance to become a contributor.

Mountain Safety Knowledgebase

- **Store the data in a common database**
- **Make data available for a affordable price**
- **Invest revenue in the future development of mountain safety knowhow**

Mountain Safety Knowledgebase

Strategic Committee

(One delegate of each member organization + additional delegates)

Technical Committee

(All topic-specific workgroup leaders)

Managing Director Mountain Safety Knowledgebase

Topic-Specific Workgroups

Avalanche Rescue

Crevasse Rescue

Via Ferrata

Rock Climbing

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Art-Work and Database Coordinator
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Mountain Safety Knowledgebase

- **Professionalism**
- **Sustainability**
- **Standardization**
- **Truly global cooperation between all players**

Mountain Safety Knowledgebase

*A project of ICAR, IFMGA,
UIMLA*

*in collaboration
with UIAA*

*Scientific partners:
ENSA and SLF*



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Current Situation

- **Large Variety of Systems, Techniques, Methods and Strategies for the Same Purpose**
- **Inefficient Use of Resources**
- **Missing Compatibility**

Economic Situation

- **Increasing complexity and demand for resources of research and development projects**
- **Decreasing availability of resources based on voluntarism**
- **Research and development is a full time, professional activity**
- **Project goals have life-saving, but not a economic effect**
- **No return of investment from those who take advantage of the intellectual property created by the authors**

Unsustainable Business Models for Authors

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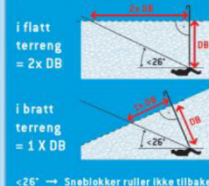
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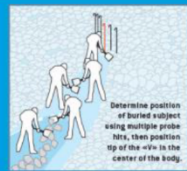
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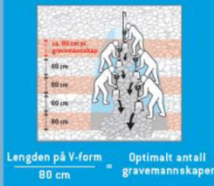
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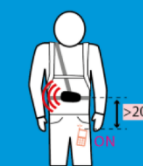


Optimalt antall gravemannskaper

UNDBIK STÖRNINGAR

eller till störningar: elektroniska enheter (batter avstängda)
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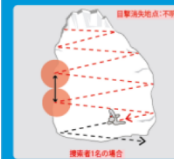
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Alla räddare och vittnen vid lavinen:
Stäng AV allt och håll 50 cm avstånd från sökande transeivers.

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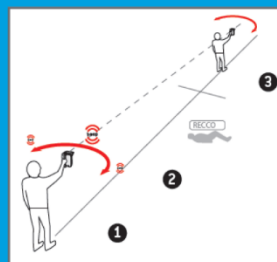
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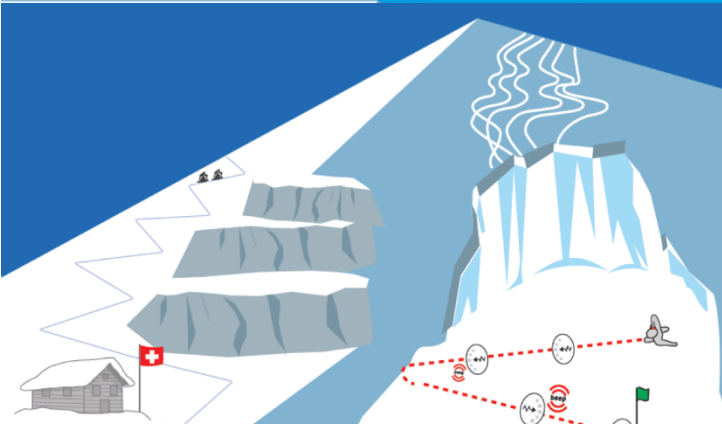
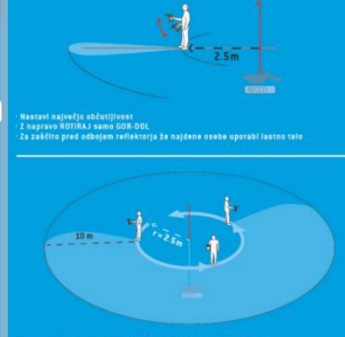


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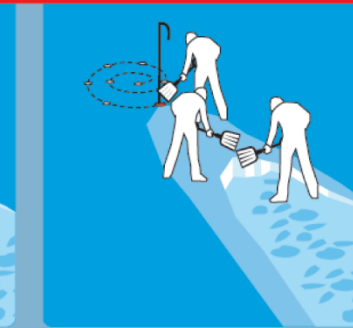


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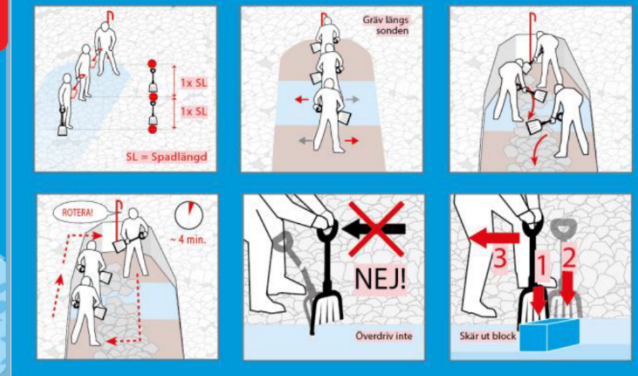
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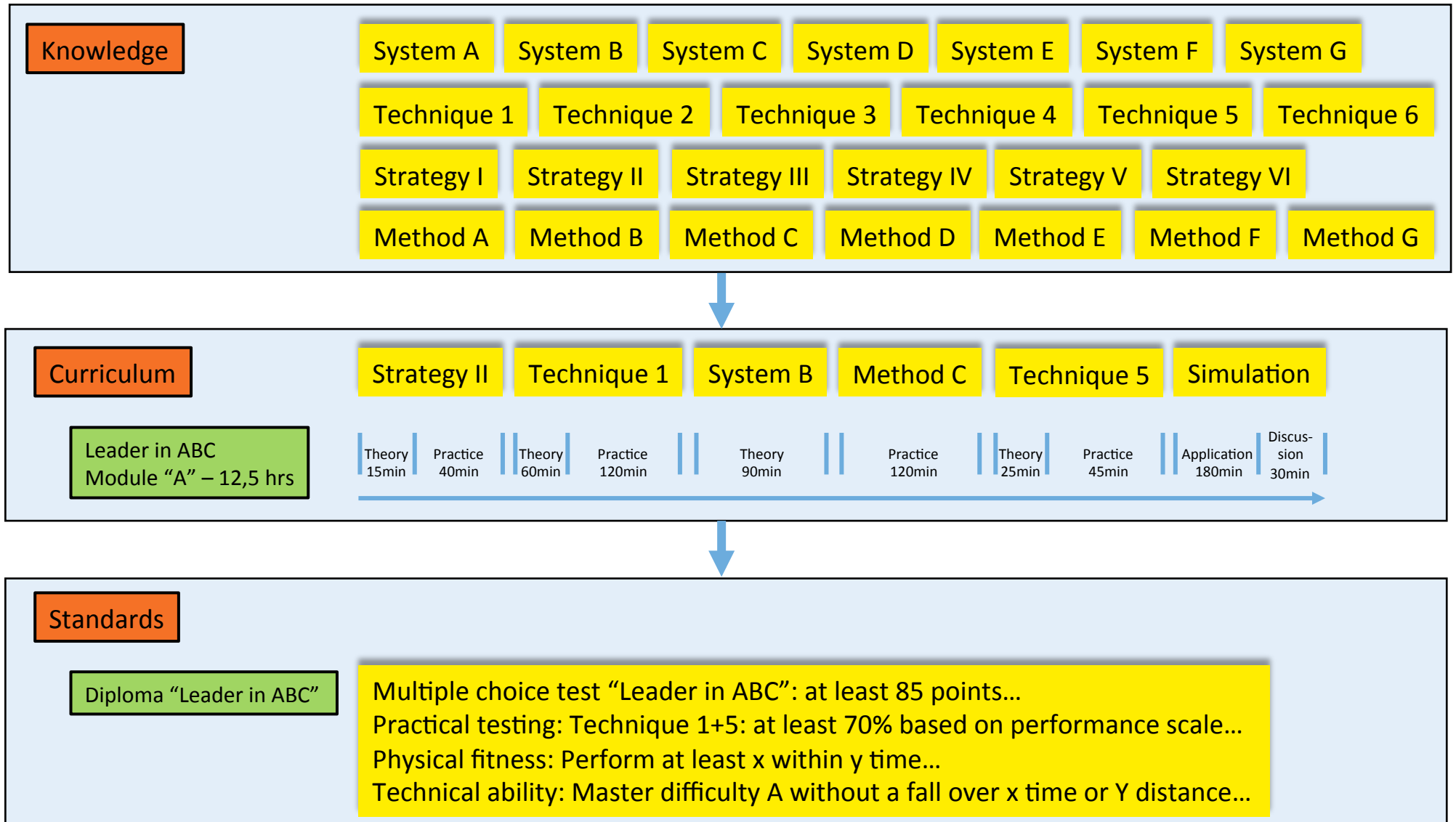


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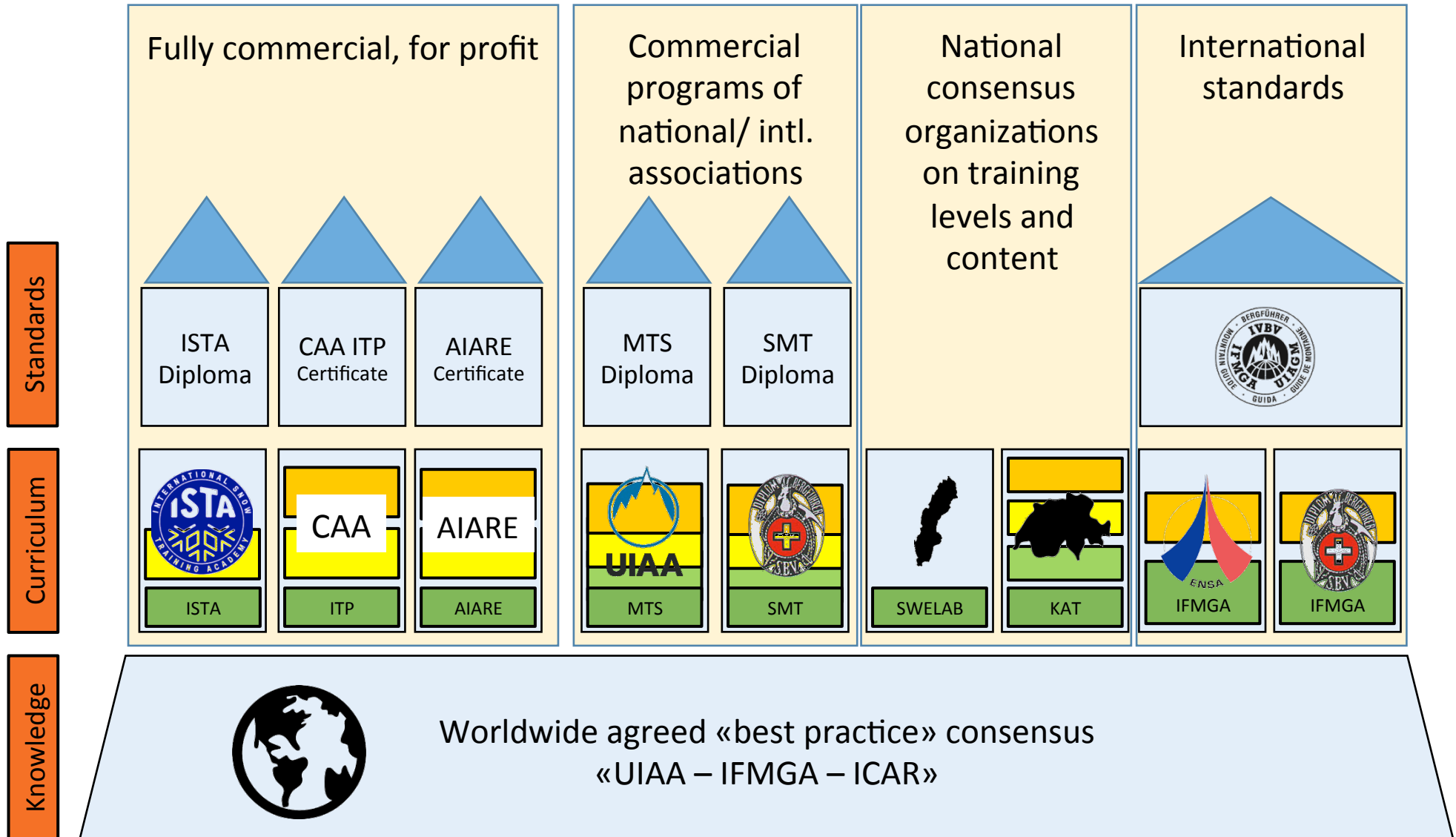
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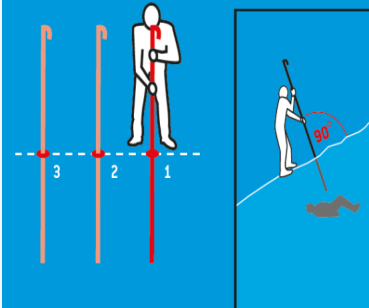
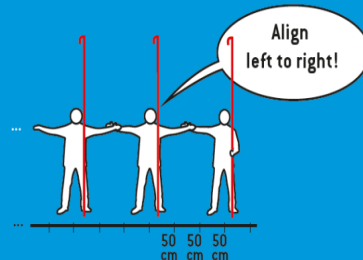
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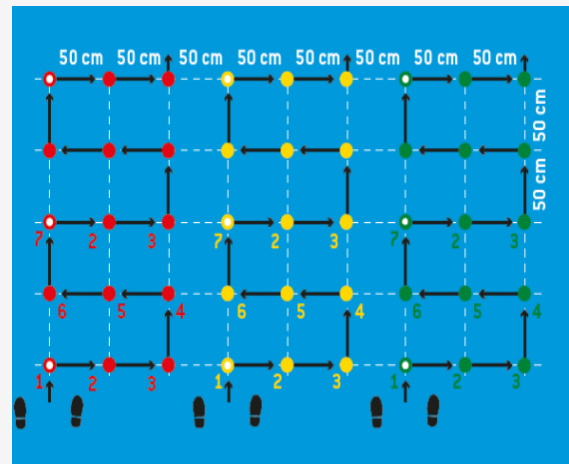
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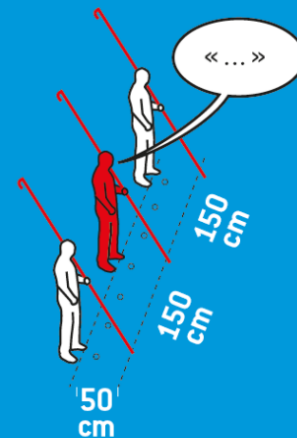
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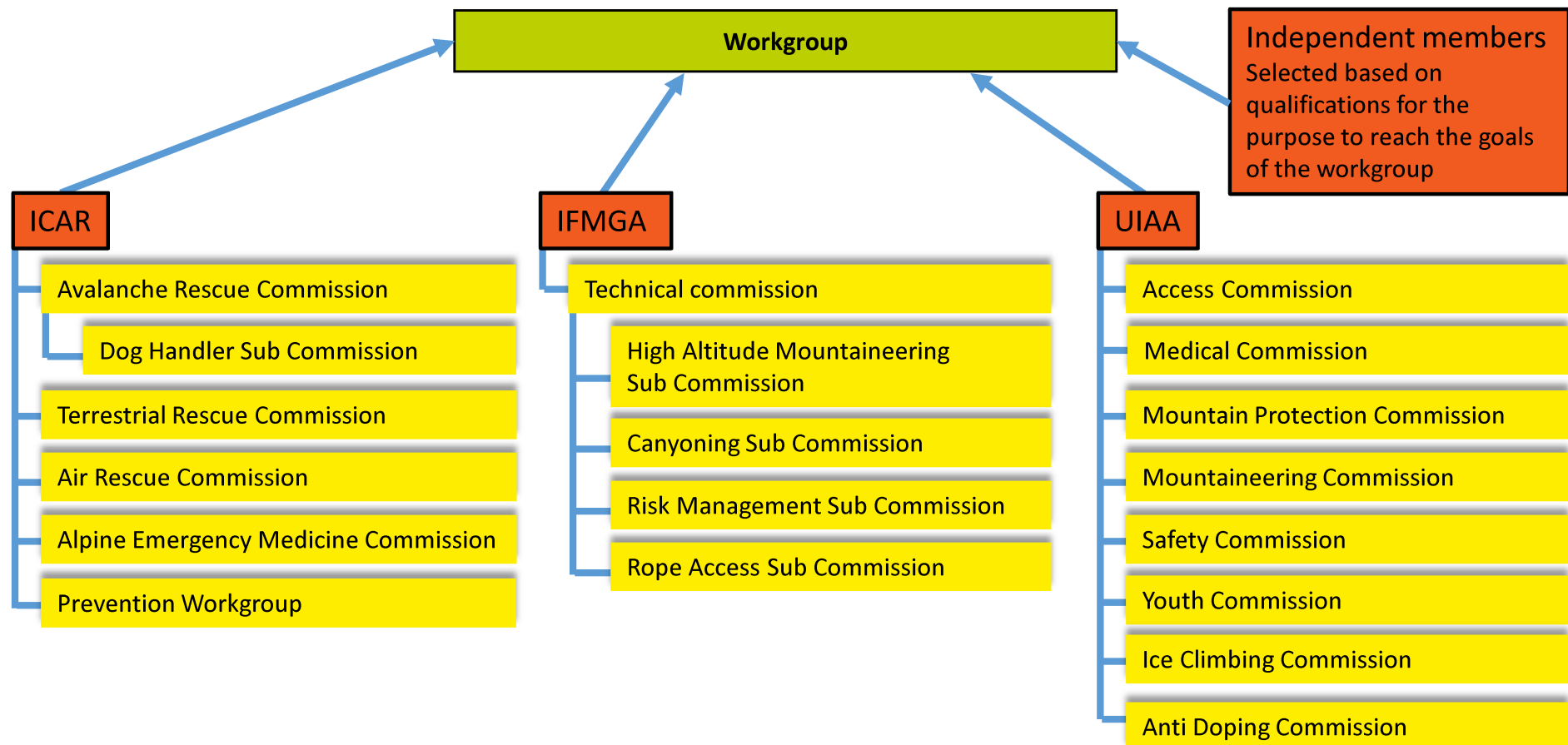
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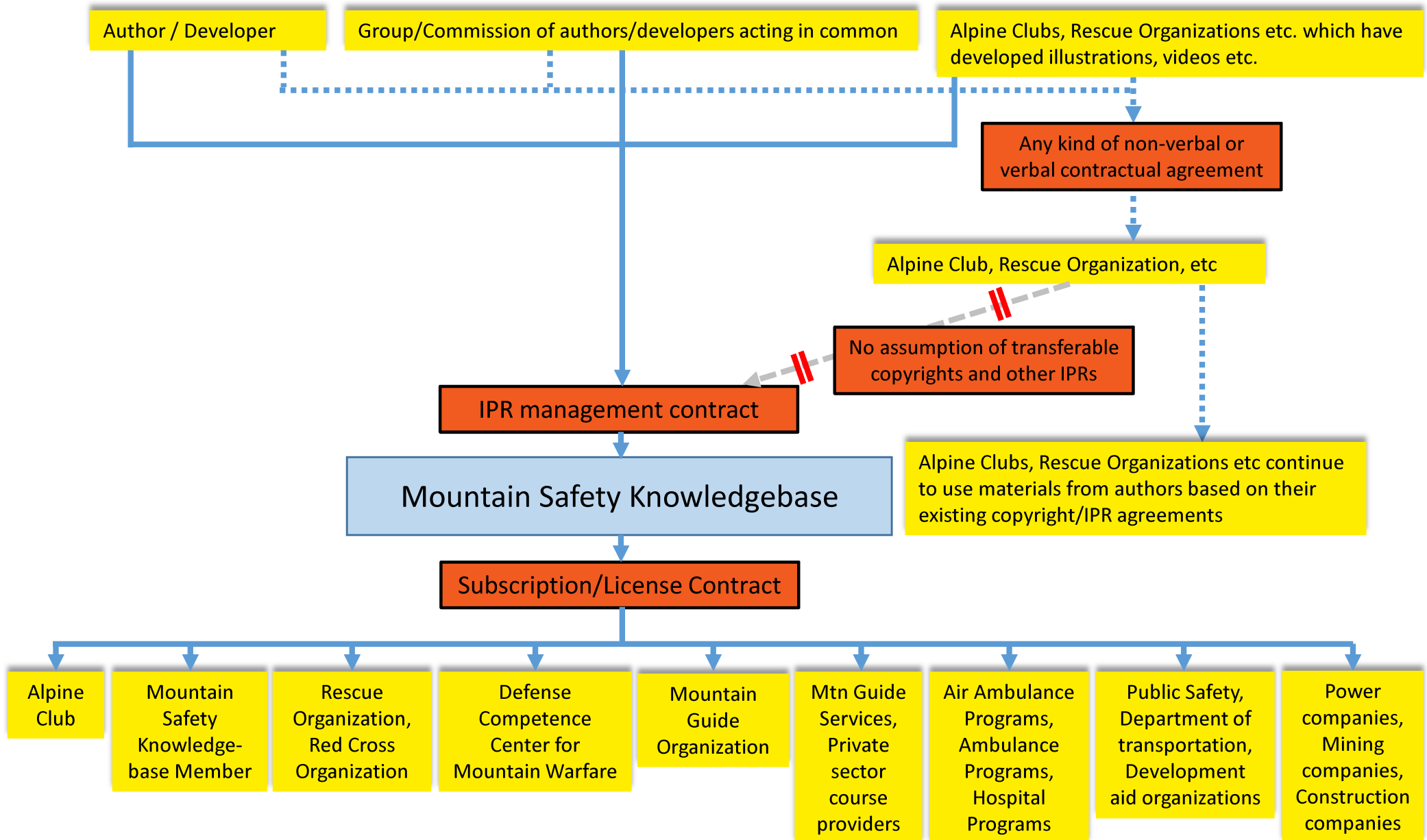
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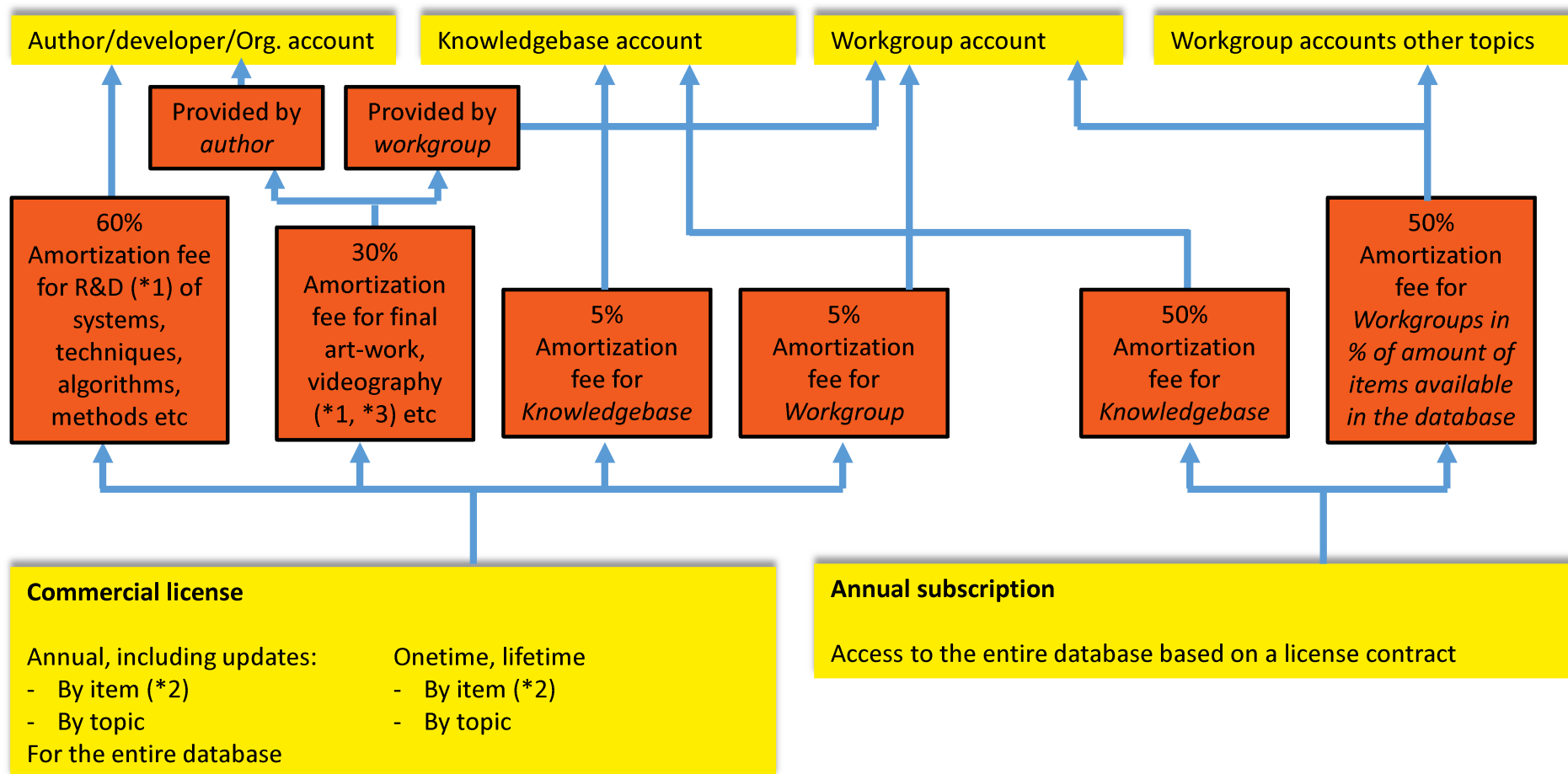
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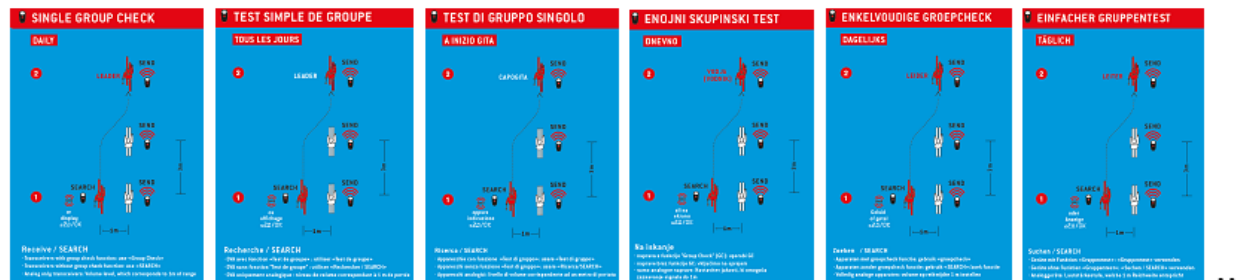
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Give and Take for Subscribers and Licensees

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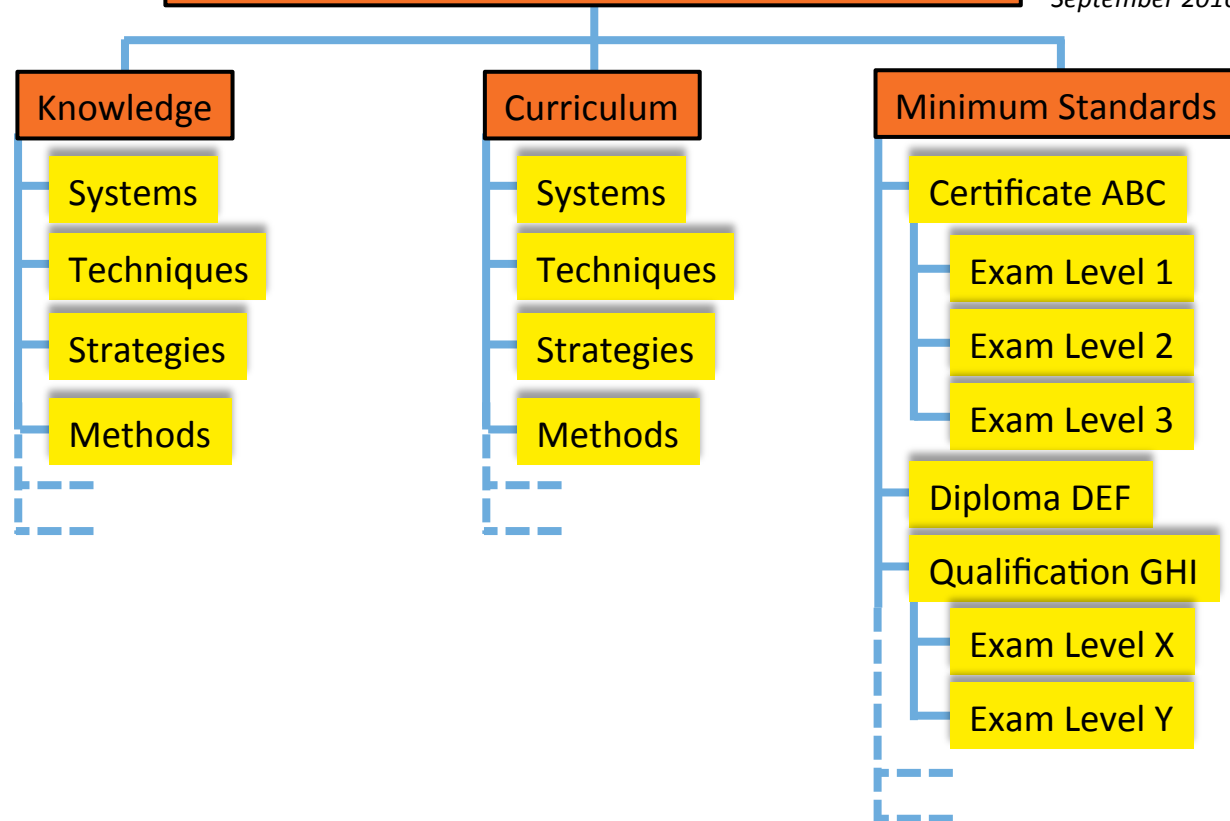
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- Safety, accident prevention and rescue in caves
- Safety and accident prevention in alpine air rescue
- Mountain emergency medicine

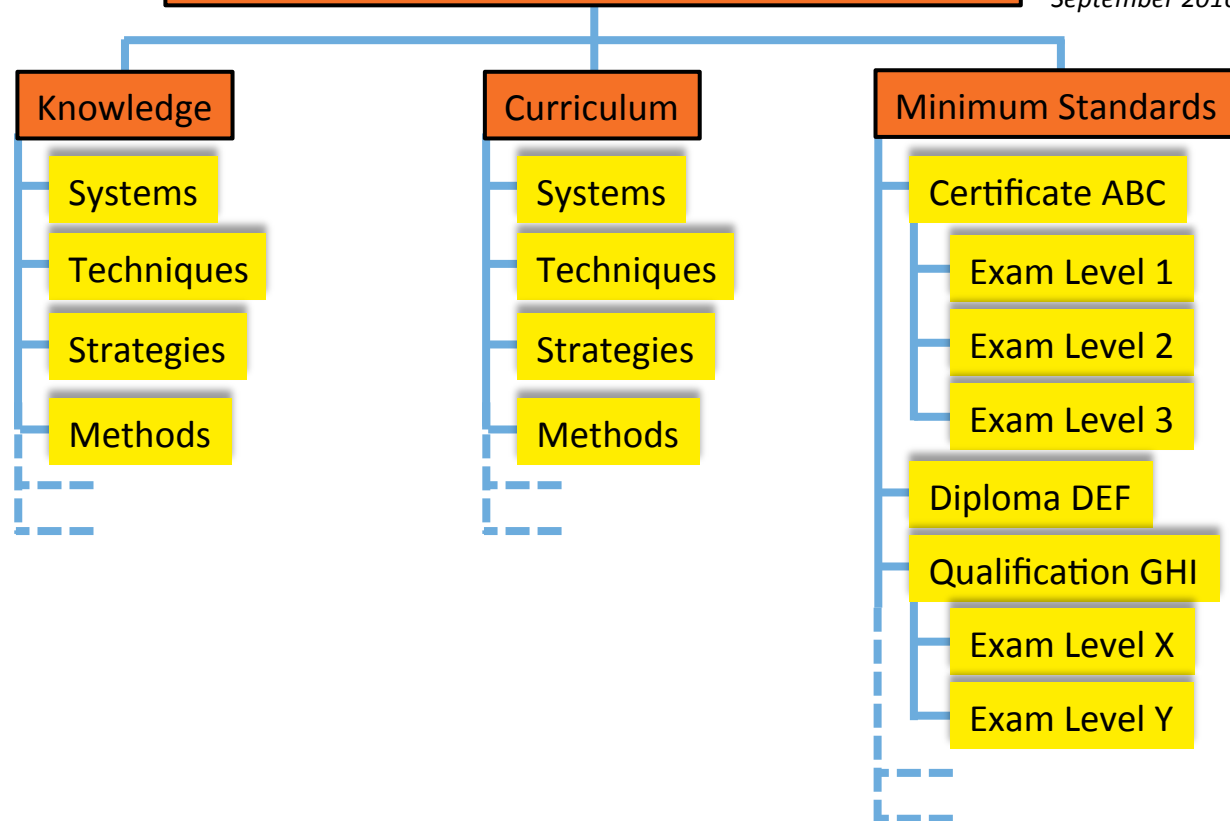
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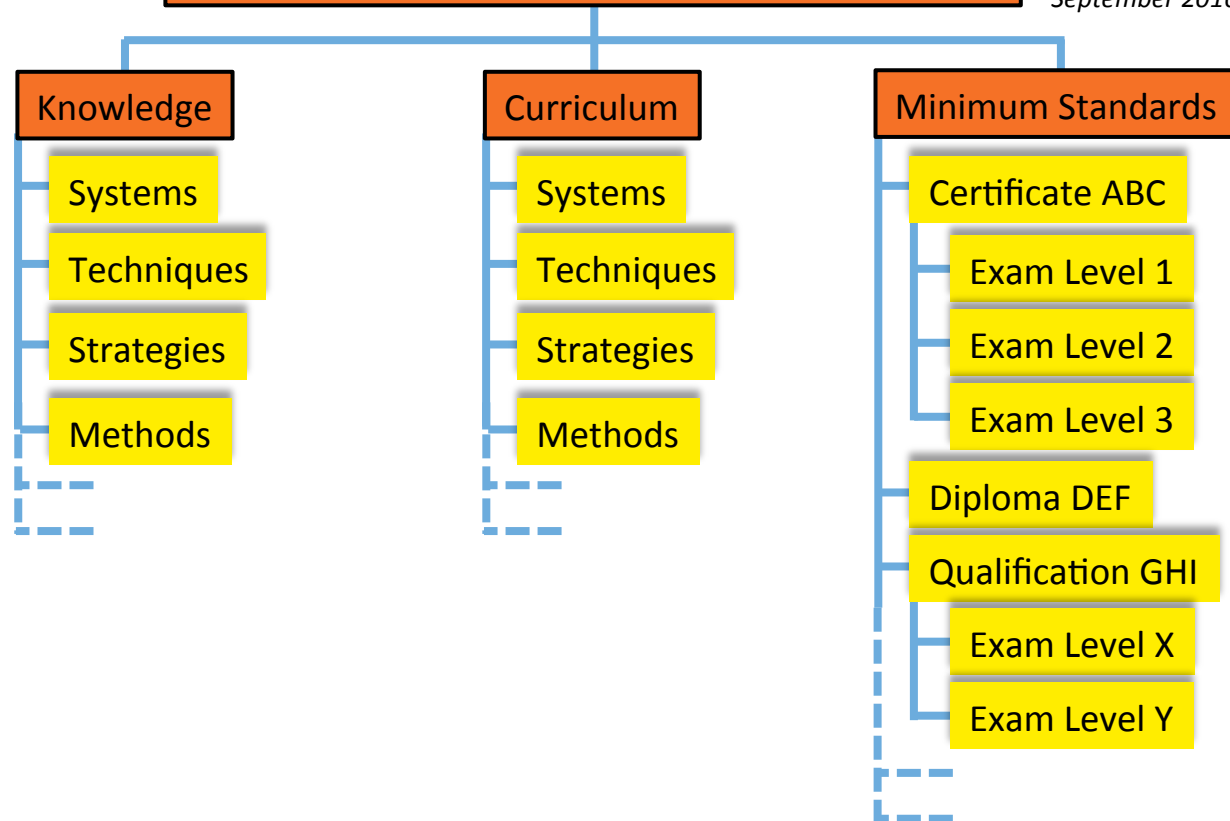
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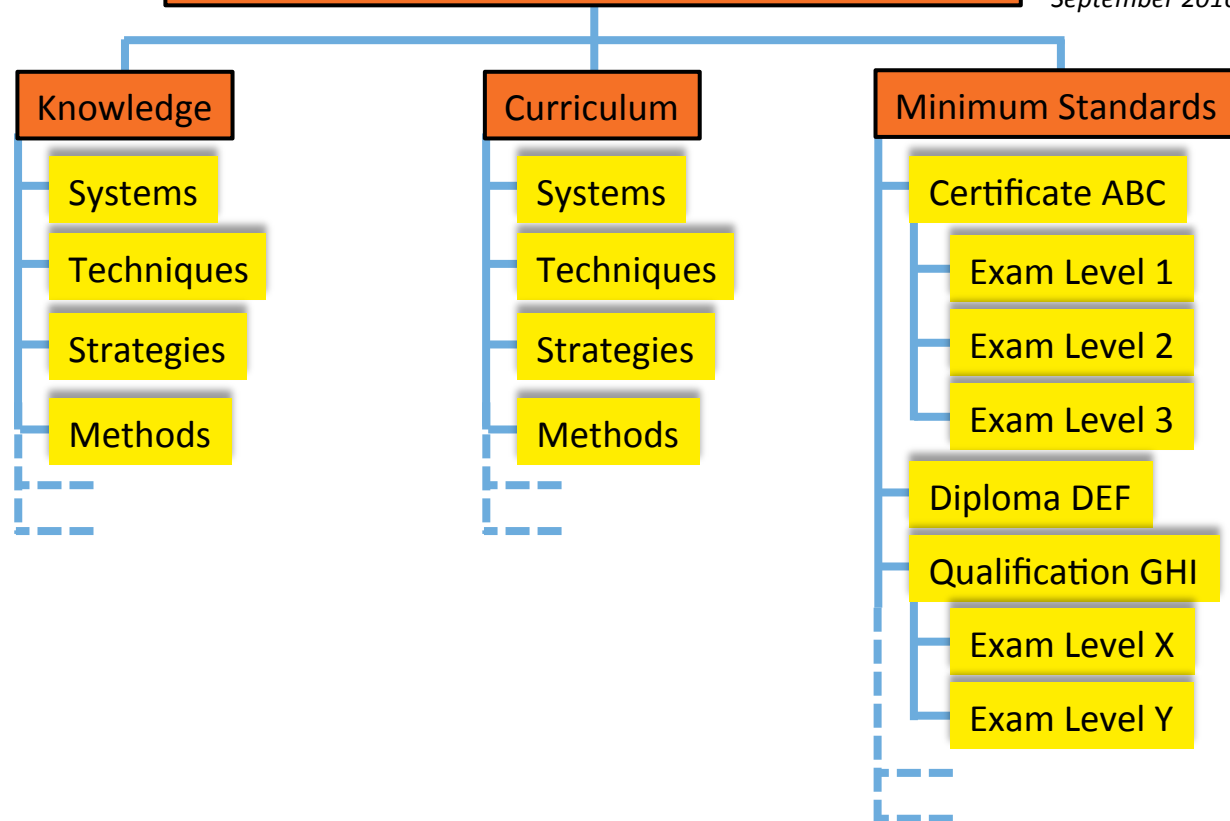
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