

## Terrestrial Rescue Commission Report for 2022/23

Since our last Assembly of Delegates in October 2023 in Montreux the TERCOM Presidency has done the following activities:

### **Montreux 2022**

Preparation of the minutes of our Meetings and publication on the ICAR homepage. Many thanks to Fabienne Jelk for their work as a secretary during the TERCOM Meetings. You can find our minutes here: <https://www.alpine-rescue.org/topics/36--minutes-reports?audiences%5B%5D=3>

### **Board Meetings**

The TERCOM Presidency participate on 4 Board meetings. The most important we discussed:

- ICAR Strategy
- Review for Montreux 2022
- Planning for Toblach 2023
- Financial issues and Budget

### **Technical Commission Meetings**

The Technical Commission is a meeting place of all Commission Presidents and their Vicepresidents.

During the mentioned period 3 meetings took place. The focus was on the coordination of topics of the commissions. Furthermore, in the reviewing of the meetings in Montreux 2022 and the detailed planning of Dobbiaco 2023.

Furthermore, points from the strategy concerning the commissions were dealt with.

### **Virtual Spring Meeting 2023**

For this spring conference, important information from TERCOM were prepared and then presented at the virtual spring conference.

### **Rescue Bags as Medical Devices**

A manufacturer of rescue bags has claimed that rescue bags may only be used if they are certified as medical devices.

Together with the Alpine Emergency Commission (MEDCOM) we had a lot of work to contact different National and EU based Groups to get a clear information about this issue.

The result of our surveys was that this statement was not correct. You can find the summary of our work here on our webpage:

<https://www.alpine-rescue.org/articles/974--rescue-bag-as-medical-device-results-of-our-efforts>

### **Preparation of our practical day**

The complete system of our practical day was reorganized do come back to the basic plan to have a working meeting for the Terrestrial Commission and the Avalanche Commission.

The final program is published on our homepage:

<https://www.alpine-rescue.org/articles/1074--program-for-the-practical-day-2023>

### **Preparation of our congress program**

We are preparing our congress program.

As a result of our Discussions about "Rescue Bags as Medical Devices" a information will be given by the chief of the EU Leadership in this case during our program in Toblach

### **UIAA Safety Commission - Meeting in Leeds in May**

The yearly meeting was held in Leeds this May. The report was done and published also to the board members. <https://www.alpine-rescue.org/articles/1027--uiaa-safecom-spring-meeting-report>

### **Working Group “EU-Standard for Avalanche Airbags” (UIAA)**

The goal of this working group is to renew the EU-Standard for Avalanche Airbags including topics for the new series of electronic airbags without the using of cartridges. A lot of meetings happend in this working group. The main topic now is to find out the source of interferences from electronic parts of Avalanche Airbags to Avalanche Tranceivers and how to prevent them.

### **Working Group “UIAA Standard for Avalanche Tranceivers” (UIAA)**

The goal of this Working Group is to define an UIAA -Standard for Avalanche Tranceivers. We will not change some ETSI or EU-Standards. Claudio Artoni from the Avalanche Commissio is also a participant in this Working Group. At least Claudio and I, we submit a proposal for a more effective Information for users of Avalanche Tranceivers, that the battery power is lower then 50 %.

This wil end up in a sub-working group to define the details.

At least we had some meetings and the next one will happen at the middle of September.

We also had a short discussion at the end of the last meeting concerning the interferences to Avalanche Tranceivers . In a short Email conversation I agree with Marc Beverly - the leader of this workgroup - that we will follow up the discussion in the Avalanche Airbag Working group and not include that into the UIAA Standard of Avalanche Tranceivers.

### **Workinggroup “Rescue at very high Altitude” (UIAA and ICAR)**

TERCOM is also part of this working group. I am following the discussion in the following section of the paper:

-> Improvised Rescue

-> Organised Rescue

My main job will be to review this sections.

### **Publishing of Equipment warnings from UIAA on our homepage**

Recalls of Mountaineering Equipment (which normaly is also used in terrestrial rescue operations) are published on our website. (<https://www.alpine-rescue.org/topics/32--news?audiences%5B%5D=3>)

### **International Mountain Rescue Race in Romania**

On invitation of the ANSMR - SALVAMONT ROMANIA I was allowed to visit the International Mountain Rescue Race in Romania. At this point I would like to congratulate our Romanian comrades for the excellent organization of this valuable event.

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