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International Commission for Alpine Rescue ICAR

Minutes of the 57th ICAR Assembly of Delegates October 15, 2005, 4 pm, in Cortina, Italy

Chairman: Toni Grab, President ICAR

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1. Welcome by the President

At 4:15 pm, the president, Toni Grab, welcomes all delegates as well as the honorary members, Dr. Goetzfried and Dr. Flora.

The assembly stands in memory of the mountain rescuers fallen since the last Assembly of Delegates.

2. Establishing Attendance, Appointing Office

Excused: Mrs. R. Eigenmann, Marian Bielecki, Martin Schori, Andreas Lüthi

Present Organizations:	28
Countries Represented:	18
Total Votes:	31
Absolute Majority:	16
2/3 Majority:	19

Counting Votes : Franz Marx and Fidel Elsensohn

The minutes are taken by Mrs. Nathalie Werlen.

3. Minutes of the 56th Assembly of Delegates in Zakopane (PL)

Last year's minutes are not read since they were electronically available to everyone. The minutes are approved without objection. A thank you goes to the author Hans Jaggi, SAC.

4. Annual Reports

President:

Project Futura 2010 was a constant topic this year.

Visit to the anniversary of the Voluntary Mountain Rescue Service of Slovakia together with the vice president. Thanks for the hospitality.

The executive committee met in January and June to work on Futura and in September to prepare for the assembly. Part of the executive committee also met in July in Cortina to discuss the congress with the leaders of CNSAS.

The ICAR secretary position is still vacant. Therefore, the president has been continuously occupied with ICAR business.

Terrestrial Rescue:

The topic „Safety of the Rescuers“ has brought forth many insights. Bruno thanks all participants very much.

Regarding this year's main topic one can surely say that GPS and computer use is on the rise, but even in the future we still have to physically engage in the rescue.

Bruno thanks everybody who contributed to the success of this assembly with presentations.

Avalanche Rescue:

Last year, the questions from the last work meeting were divided into 5 work groups:

Work Group „Glossary for Avalanche Rescue“:	Dale Atkins
Work Group „Definition Search Stripe Width“:	François Sivardière
Work Group „Data Collection Avalanche Accidents“:	Albert Lunde
Work Group „Checklists for Rescue Operations“:	Heini Malue
Work Group „Minima for Prototype Devices for the Organized Rescue“:	Hans Jürg Etter

Possible recommendations will be tested for 2007, but only after consultation with each country.

Air Rescue:

Last year in Zakopane, the technology of the helicopter winch was an issue. This year in Cortina it was possible to actually see it in action.

Interesting examples at this year's assembly were the rescue of a mine victim in an alpine area and the rescue after a work accident with a wind generator.

Alpine Emergency Medicine:

Spring meeting 2005 in Croatia: working out the papers „Snake Bite“ and „Lightning Strike“. They are meanwhile available on the ICAR homepage. Several other topics, such as Ket, Pocket Mask, and eye injuries in the mountains were also discussed. Thanks also to the Terrestrial Commission for the great cooperation as well as to all other commissions for the support for the production in the new film.

November 2005 Physician's Course in Argentina and spring meeting in March 2006 in Leukerbad (VS), Switzerland.

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Various applications on the homepage are explained.

5. Finances

After presenting the report of the auditor, the treasurer is discharged with 27 votes and applause. The budget 2006 is accepted.

6. Election of Auditor

Karl-Peter Goetzfried is nominated as new auditor and is elected with applause.

7. Future of ICAR

After a report by Louis Salzman regarding the Mission Statement under Project Futura 2010, the president explains the parts of the statutes which have proposed changes.

The new member categories and the accompanying changes in voting rights were reason for an intense discussion.

The proposal of the executive committee for the statute changes and the Mission Statement were unanimously approved.

The executive committee will work on the decisions of this Assembly of Delegates for the Assembly of Delegates 2006 and will submit the relevant applications (assignment of the three member categories, finances, etc.)

8. New Members

Hellenic Rescue Team : decision of membership acceptance at the Assembly of Delegates 2006

ENSA : *unanimously approved for membership*

Other interested organizations are from China, Serbia, Japan, Pakistan, and Spain.
New Zealand was accepted as corresponding member.

9. Emphasis 2006

Emphasis 2006: Trends and Developments

The emphasis is not only about trends and developments in the rescue material and device field but primarily about trends in new search and rescue strategies, techniques and procedures.
Emphasis 2006 is applicable in all commissions.

If enough new material and practices can be presented, an additional work day could be added to the Assembly of Delegates 2007 in order to practice the techniques one on one (especially Terrestrial and Avalanche Commissions)

10. Presentation of Venue of Conference 2006

Kranjska Gora SLO, 10/11 – 10/15/2006, introduced by Danilo Skerbinek
Important dates regarding the next assembly:

! Sign-up with the organizer by September 1, 2006 at the latest !

! Written presentations need to be submitted by September 30, 2006, at the latest !

11. Venue of Conference 2007

Venue of Conference 2007: Pontresina/Graubünden/Switzerland

12. Miscellaneous

No petitions were filed with the president.

Reinhold Doerflinger, work group „Statistics“, announces that they will send a simple, to the most important categories reduced, statistic guideline to all the member organizations within the next few months. ICAR needs a minimum of data in order to sell itself on the outside.

The member organizations are asked to follow the appeal.

13. Recognition

Proposed for Honorary Membership:

- Dr. Urs Wiget for 12 years chairman Medcom / proposed by Hermann Brugger
- Pavle Segula for various achievements in mountain rescue /proposed by Mountain Rescue Service Slovenia
- Sepp Hölzl for 12 years assessor in the ICAR executive committee / proposed by Toni Grab, President

The Assembly of Delegates approves all three propositions

14. Closing Words

The president thanks all members for another successful conference. Of course he also thanks the organizing crew in Cortina as well as the simultaneous interpreters.

The organizer thanks everybody for their efforts and closes the Assembly of Delegates at 6:30 pm.

Cortina, October 15, 2005

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