



Internationale Kommission für Alpines Rettungswesen IKAR
Commission Internationale de Sauvetage Alpin CISA
International Commission for Alpine Rescue ICAR

**Minutes of the Assembly of Delegates CISA IKAR
Saturday, October 14, 2006
In Kranjska Gora / Slovenia**

Chairman : Toni Grab, President ICAR
Agenda : according to Invitation

1. Welcome by the President

The president opens the assembly at 5:08 p.m. A special welcome goes to the honorary member Gerhard Flora, Karl-Peter Götzfried and Pavle Segula.

Excused: Marian Bielecki, honorary member.

The assembly stands in remembrance of the rescuers who gave their lives since the last assembly of Delegates as well as for honorary member Melchior Schild who passed away in 2006.

2. Establishing Attendance and Appointing Office

The entitlement to vote has been retained from the old statutes since the classification in member categories will be held later.

There are 33 votes present:
- Absolute Majority: 17 votes
- 2/3 Majority: 22 votes

Nils Faarlund and Siegfried Salzburger are counting the votes.

The presentation of the „Hellenic Rescue Team“, which has applied for admission, will be held now due to their travel arrangements.

3. Minutes of the Last Assembly of Delegates in Cortina

The minutes were available on the home page within adequate time after the assembly. It was unanimously accepted.

4. Reports

4.1 President Toni Grab:

Toni Grab visited the Alpine Physician Congress in November 2005. In January 2006, he chaired the first meeting of the year of the executive committee. The second one followed in September which was mainly a preparation for the annual congress. The president also doubled as secretary since ICAR still does not have a permanent administrative office.

4.2 Bruno Jelk, Terrestrial Rescue:

- Gives a short summary about the work done in his commission.
- Work groups were formed in order to prepare the main topic for next year.

Details can be found in the congress minutes of the terrestrial rescue commission.

4.3 Hans-Jürg Etter, Avalanche Rescue:

- 4.3.1 Several topics could be closed in Kranjska Gora. For example the recommendation REC L 0005 of October 14, 2006, by the avalanche commission, regarding the optimal orientation of users of avalanche beacons about the search strip width or the suitable range when searching buried persons; and the recommendation REC L 0006 of October 14, 2006, by the avalanche commission, regarding official test periods in the area for new search systems.
- 4.3.2 The work groups concluded the checklists as well as the data entry definitions for avalanche accidents.
- 4.3.3 Together with the terrestrial rescue commission and MEDCOM they also concluded the statement regarding the different emergency systems.
- 4.3.4 They discussed new ideas and pushed the project „Glossar“ positively and efficiently.
- 4.3.5 In 2007 there will be a meeting of the avalanche rescue dog leaders in Salzburg which was approved by the ICAR executive committee. They will inform the delegates at the next congress about their meeting.

4.4 Gilbert Habringer, Air Rescue:

- Accident review regarding mainly Long-Line operations.
- There will be no recommendation or statement due to the different procedures in different countries.
- Topic Pontresina 2007: problem of tail rotor control.

4.5 Hermann Brugger, Alpine Emergency Medicine:

- Meeting in Switzerland (Gemmipass) was very successful.
- Thanks to the organizers.

- Publication of the different recommendations, such as the utilization of breathing masks.
- Concluded their work on snake bites.
- Rescue corset is a topic.
- Good cooperation with terrestrial and avalanche commissions.
- DVD is done; can be ordered by credit card starting the end of October, also for North America.
- List with emergency phone numbers published on the internet.
- First diploma for ICAR Mountain Rescue Physician issued.
- Work meeting in 2007: England (Lake District).

4.6 Gebhard Barbisch, Webmaster:

- ICAR buys a new CMS-System for the operation of the home page. It will simplify the webmaster's work and should make more actual information apparent at first sight.
- New members receive log-in data (user-id and password) from the webmaster.

5. Member Categories

The „New Memberlist“ was sent to all members electronically and was also available on the home page. The „New Memberlist“ is today's voting ID. There were no negative comments. The suggested categorization will therefore be valid.

6. Expenses Regulations

Felix Meier: the expenses of the members of the executive committee shall be taken on by the ICAR. Expense regulations were drawn up (see annex). These regulations also regulate the expenses for other persons who work for ICAR. Expected costs are presented. A discussion is not requested. Therefore, it will be voted on the expense regulations.

Accept increase in annual member dues:

YES 31 votes – no opposing votes

Accept new expense regulations:

YES 31 votes – no opposing votes

7. Finances:

Felix Meier presents the balance sheet (see annex).

The auditors present their report and recommend the approval of the annual accounts.

Accept the balance sheet:

YES 31 votes – no opposing votes

The budget 2007 is presented, based on the new expense regulations.

Accept the budget 2007:

YES 32 votes – no opposing votes

8. New Members

The rescue field in Switzerland (except Wallis) was reorganized. The mountain rescue parts of the Swiss Alpine Club and the REGA were joined in the newly formed "Alpine

Rescue Switzerland". Therefore, REGA resigned from ICAR. Following the categorization of the other alpine clubs, the Swiss Alpine Club becomes now a Member B.

The member applicants present their organizations.

Voting results:

Alpine Rettung Schweiz as Member A
Accepted: 33 Votes

Hellenic Rescue Team as Member B
Accepted: 32 Votes – no opposing votes

Oesterreichische Gesellschaft für Alpin- und Höhenmedizin as Member B
Accepted: 33 Votes

Corps de sapeurs-pompiers de la Generalitat de Catalunya as Member A
Accepted: 33 Votes

Mountain rescue Unit of Aragon 061 (Spain) as Member B
Accepted: 32 Votes – no opposing votes

Gorska Sluzba Spasavanja Srbije as Member A
Accepted: 33 Votes

Canadian Ski Patrol as Member B
Accepted: 33 Votes

Mont-Blanc Japan as Member B
Accepted: 33 Votes

9. Emphasis 2007

The special emphasis topic for the coming year is:

- Requirement and Training Standards for Mountain Rescuers

We hope to have the first documents available by the next congress. The core business of the annual conferences is and will always be the exchange of experience.

10. Presentation of Venue 2007 in Switzerland

Dominik Hunziker presents the next conference venue with inviting pictures. We are looking forward to Pontresina.

11. Conference 2008

France will definitely be organizing the 2008 congress.

12. Miscellaneous

This point was dropped from the agenda due to time issues. (Three Slovenian ministers arrived)

13. Thanks and Closing Words by the President

Toni Grab asks for more discipline when it comes to signing up and paying for the congress. He emphasizes that also in the future it won't be possible to only pay for parts of the congress.

The president encourages everybody to take the gained knowledge from the congress home and put it into action. It is very important and also justifies the expenses for participating in the congress.

He thanks all speakers, especially the ones that signed up and sent their brief presentation outline in time.

Special thanks to the organizer of this congress and all participants for their efforts for a congress that was worth the trip in every aspect.

The President:

For the Minutes:

Toni Grab

Nathalie Werlen

For the Translation:

Olivia Chandler

The agenda item „Honorations“ was held during dinner due to time issues at the assembly.

Toni Grab honored Pavle Segula. He was appointed honorary member in 2005, but was not able to participate in Cortina.

In consent with the executive committee, the president appoints Pierre Blanc as honorary member at Bruno Fleury's request. Pierre Blanc was a long-standing member of the executive committee.