

Avalanche commission report – Borovets (Bulgaria) Oct. 2016

Practical day :

Presence of the President of the avalanche commission.

Ten workshops on the field – 220 attendees.

Program:

Joint Workgroup Sessions on the "Scoop and Run" strategy

"Rapid Assessment of the Patient and Improvised Evacuation without Harming the Patient" provided by ICAR MECOM.

"Helicopter-attached Excavation of a Buried Subject in an Avalanche" provided by the ICAR Air Rescue Commission and the ICAR Avalanche Rescue Commission.

Major Updates Provided by Manufacturers

Get the latest news updates from manufacturers of avalanche rescue equipment. Participating manufacturers presented a flash update of their latest and greatest technology.

Workgroup Sessions of the ICAR Avalanche Rescue Commission

The ICAR Avalanche Rescue Commission presented the current status of the "work in progress" of the ICAR Workgroup "Standardization of Rescue Procedures" and showcase all below mentioned methods, strategies and techniques using the new teaching materials.

"ICAR Knowledge Base: How it can serve us as rescuers"

"Excavation strategies"

"RECCO Search Techniques"

"Probing and Probe Line Search Strategies"

"Transceiver Search Techniques"

"Transceiver Safety: Group Check / Interference / Maintenance"

Assembly of Delegates of the Avalanche Rescue Commission:

Welcome / Meeting program



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President's report

Avalanche Accidents reports

Six avalanches data presented from :

France, Italy, Switzerland, Norway, USA, Slovakia, Poland

Presentation of new Icar members.

Oral presentations:

Avalanche program Sweden 2016 (PO Wikberg)

Measuring success in prevention programs (PO Wikberg)

Avalanche fatalities in the European Alps long-term trends and statistics (Gian Darms – Fred Jarry)

How to build an avalanche dog school (Ion Sanduloiu)

Review of avalanche balloon incidents in Tatra mountains (Marek Biksupic)

Alpine safety Knowledgebase (M. Genswein)

Effect of endurance exercise on search performance in avalanche military dogs: preliminary results (A. Tartaglia)

Report from Marcel Meier – Dog-handler sub-commission regarding the dog-handler gathering that be held by Marcel last winter.

Report from Per.O Wiberg about working prevention group.

Update UIAA Safety Commission Workgroup Avalanche Probes and Shovels Standard

The standard development has progressed with many laboratory and field test sessions. Target is to present a final standard proposal for avalanche shovels at the UIAA Safety Commission 2016 meeting and for probes at the UIAA Safety Commission 2017 meeting.

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