

TER Annual Report

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Dear Friends!

Since our last Assembly of Delegates 2016 in Borovets the defined work groups worked a lot on the update of three of our recommendations:

- TER-REC0001: Using of Carabiner with Self-Lock-Systems in Mountain Rescue Organizations
Work group members: Patrick Fauchère, Raphaël Gingins, Tom Koller, Kirk Mauthner, Alistair Read, Matjaz Serkezi and Herbert Streibel.
- TER-REC0004: Static Rope Knots for Rope Extension, Work group members: Kirk Mauthner, Alistair Read, Matjaz Serkezi, Herbert Streibel and Tom Wood.
- TER-REC0005: Redundancy by Lowering or Raising People with Fiber Ropes
Work group members: Kirk Mauthner, Alistair Read, Herbert Streibel and Tom Wood

A final draft for every recommendation is ready. We will have the final discussion at our meeting in Andorra and then the result will be ready for the final decision by the ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2017 on Saturday.

Another work group was developing a structure on what level we can work together with the Mountain Safety Knowledgebase. That we will work together was decided at a board meeting in August 2016. We only have to decide on which level we will work together. Members of this work group were the ICAR Technical Committee (all 4 ICAR Commission Presidents and the President of the Dog-Handlers Sub-Commission) plus Marc Beverly and Dave Custer of UIAA. We developed a structure which was accepted by the ICAR Executive Board in August this year and will be the basis of our cooperation. Within the next months we have to find a way together with the other players (IFMGA and UIAA) to realize a good solution for this tool.

In April this year Martin Schori, former ICAR President and ICAR Honorary Member, died and I attended his funeral together with former ICAR President Toni Grab.

These have been our main tasks in the past months. More detailed information will be given upon the meetings of the ICAR Terrestrial Rescue Commission in Soldeu Andorra.

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