

Minutes of the 69th Assembly of Delegates

October 21st, 2017 / 16:00 at Sport Hotel Village, Soldeu, Andorra

1. The President's welcome address

In the name of the ICAR Executive Board the ICAR President welcomes shortly after 16:00 all attendees to the 69th ICAR Assembly of Delegates at Sport Hotel Village in Soldeu, Andorra. A special welcome goes to the ICAR Honorary President Toni Grab and the ICAR Honorary Members Dr Hermann Brugger, Felix Meier and Nils Farlund.

The invitation with the agenda and all available documentation was published on our website (and e-mailed to all member organizations) one month before this assembly, according to our bylaws.



01-ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2017 Invit:



03-ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2017 Infor



02-ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2017 Agen

In remembrance of all mountain rescuers who lost their lives, the ICAR President asks for a moment of silence, while known rescuers are displayed with their names on the screen (see presentation).



04-ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2017 Presc

2. Roll call, appointing the officers

There are 35 A- and 26 B-members present. The Assembly of Delegates has a total of 96 votes. The absolute majority stands at 49 votes.



05-ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2017 Votin

Marko Budic (HR), Alistair Read (UK), Jim Donovan (US), Dave Benson (UK), Rickard Svedjesten (SE) and Otto Möslang (DE) are appointed and confirmed to count the votes. Tom Spycher (ICAR Office) will take down the minutes.

Excused absences:

- Louis Salzmann, ICAR Honorary Member
- Reinhold Dörflinger, ICAR Honorary Member
- Mikael Amlert, SBO Svenska Bergsguideorganisationen
- Krister Kristensen, NGI Norges Geotekniske Institut
- Oleg Cholakov, BMRS Bulgarian Mountain Rescue Service
- Jean-Louis Tuaille, FIPS Fédération Internationale des Patrouilles de Ski

The ICAR President informs about additional topics/agenda requests that have been received:

- 20171012 BWB/DRK Nomination of Prof Dr Volker Lischke as Candidate for ICAR-BOA Assessor (under agenda point 12.2.)

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves the admission of the additional agenda request.

3. Minutes of the 68th Assembly of Delegates 2016 in Borovets, Bulgaria

The minutes written by Tom Spycher (ICAR Office) are accepted unanimously without any amendments.



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4. President's Annual Report

The ICAR President Franz Stämpfli reports: The ICAR Executive Board met for three meetings; in January in Chamonix France, in August at Zurich-Airport Switzerland and in October here in Soldeu Andorra.

In January the main topics were:

- Constitution of the restructured ICAR Executive Board (Technical Committee & Executive Committee).
- Review of ICAR 2016 in Borovets Bulgaria.
- ICAR Membership Applications 2017 (Type C).
- ICAR Membership Categories (Work Group).
- ICAR Partnerships (Update).
- Mountain Safety Knowledge Base (Discussion).
- ICAR Statistics (Discontinuation).
- Reconnaissance for ICAR 2018 in Chamonix France.

At the August meeting the main topics were:

- Finances (Annual Financial Report, Audit and Budget).
- ICAR Membership Applications 2017 (Type B).
- ICAR Membership Survey (Results, Conclusion).
- ICAR 2019 in Zakopane Poland (Reconnaissance Report).
- Preparation of ICAR 2017 in Soldeu Andorra.
- Preparation of the ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2017.
- ICAR Videos (Topograph Media).
- Mountain Safety Knowledge Base (Visit of Manuel Genswein).

Here in Soldeu we:

- Finalized today's ICAR Assembly of Delegates.
- Discussed the proposed Memorandum of Understanding for the Mountain Safety Knowledge Base.

The responsible Chairmen of each Commission have established their annual reports 2017 which were included in the documentation of the agenda/invitation to this assembly:



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20170905-AVA_Annual_Report.pdf



20170903-MED_Annual_Report.pdf



20170826-AIR_Annual_Report.pdf



20170917-DOG_Annual_Report.pdf

The ICAR President thanks the Commission- and Sub-Commission Chairmen for their much appreciated efforts.

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates accepts the President's Annual Report (1 abstention).

5. Finances

5.1. Income statement and balance sheet 2016

The ICAR Treasurer Markus Hölzl presents the annual financial report 2016:

Expenses	€uro	Budget 2016
Bank interests and expenses	354,49.-	400,00.-
Office and Administration	25.248,50.-	28.000,00.-
Translation Convention	2.737,85.-	
Representation (Internet, Video)	5.047,72.-	15.000,00.-
Expenses Board	23.079,87.-	25.000,00.-
Expenses Commissions	4.360,31.-	12.000,00.-
Expenses Sponsors Convention	16.211,00.-	18.000,00.-
Extraordinary expense	2.000,00.-	0,00.-
Exchange rate difference	0,36.-	0,00.-
Totale expenses:	79.040,10.-	

Income	€uro	Budget 2016
Membership fees	45.720,03.-	37.600,00.-
Sponsors	46.440,00.-	46.000,00.-
Capital income	186,92.-	200,00.-
Totale income:	92.346,95.-	

Balance Sheet 2016:

	€uro
Expenses 2016	79.040,10.-
Incomes 2016	92.346,95.-
Net profit 2016:	13.306,85.-



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Markus Hölzl also informs about the 3 new ICAR Partnerships / Sponsors:

- Breeze-Eastern LLC.
- Exposure Lights / Ultimate Sports Engineering Ltd.
- ORTOVOX Sportartikel GmbH.

5.2. Auditor's report 2016

Auditors Report 2016


20170529-ICAR Fiscal Year 2016


The auditors have checked the correctness of the accounting for the fiscal year 2016 with the following findings:

- The fiscal year 2016 closed with a profit of EUR 13'306.85
- Assets have increased from EUR 109'048.15 to EUR 121'158.71 compared to the previous year.
- The positive financial development is based on continues increase of new member organization acquisition and additional partnerships (sponsors), which is the correct and reasonable direction to pursue.
- Bookkeeping and accounting were executed conscientiously and precisely by the ICAR Treasurer Rosaria Heeb until October 2016, followed by the new ICAR Treasurer Markus Hölzl from then on.
- All financial transactions are continuously monitored and approved by the 4 eye principle.
- Open questions in the technical area were clarified in detail.
- Receipts were audited at random and the respective, correct entries identified.

We petition the Assembly of Delegates to approve the fiscal year 2016 accounting and to discharge the treasurer as well as the entire executive committee. A thank you is to be given to the treasurers Rosaria Heeb and Markus Hölzl for her work and service.

Zurich-Airport / May 27th, 2017


Arthur Rohregger
ICAR Auditor


Jürgen Negele
ICAR Auditor

5.3. Acceptance of annual accounts 2016 and relieving the treasury

The annual accounts and discharges of the ICAR Treasurer and the ICAR Executive Board are unanimously approved.

5.4. Membership payments 2017

Two Member Organizations have not paid their annual fees 2017:

- BMRS Bulgarian Mountain Rescue Service > Type A
- PSBIH Planinarski savez Bosne i Hercegovine > Type A

6. Admission of new Members (> type)

On behalf of the ICAR Membership Applications Work Group Dr John Ellerton explains:

We have received 8 applications for membership. All candidate organisations have been assessed by the ICAR Executive Board and comply with our regulations. No same country objections have been received. The ICAR Executive Board has approved 2 new C members. These do not require a vote by the ICAR Assembly of Delegates.

6.1. DAF-JKCMOX – Dutch Armed Forces / Joint Centre of Competence for Military Operation > C (Info)

The ICAR Executive Board informs the ICAR Assembly of Delegates about its approval for C-type membership. The DAF-JKCMOX Delegation (Capt. Appie BOONSTRAA & Stefan BUIS) was present during the congress (see picture in the presentation), however they had to leave early before this assembly.

6.2. ISMM – International Society for Mountain Medicine > C (Info)

The ICAR Executive Board informs the ICAR Assembly of Delegates about its approval for C-type membership. The ISMM Delegation (Steve ROY) briefly presents its organization.

6.3. LDMRSDA – Lake District Mountain Rescue Search Dog Association > B

The LDMRSDA Delegation (Andy PEACOCK) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves B-type membership unanimously.

6.4. CMH – Centre Médical Hélicoptéré > B

The CMH Delegation (Dr Didier MOENS) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves B-type membership unanimously. CMH becomes ICAR's 100th Member Organization!

6.5. GERA – Grupo Especial de Rescate en Altura / Cuerpo de Bomberos de la Comunidad de Madrid > B

The GERA Delegation (Antón JAIME GAITEIRO) briefly presents its organization and a short video-clip (see <https://photos.app.goo.gl/dxNoXzTWYQCJsDj1>). The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves B-type membership unanimously.

6.6. UIM-PGME – Unitat Intervenció en Muntanya / Policia de la Generalitat Mossos d'Esquadra > B

The UIM-PGME Delegation (Sgt. Ramon Josep ARQUÉ PADRÓS) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves B-type membership unanimously.

6.7. UNM-IMMC – University of New Mexico / International Mountain Medicine Center > B

The UNM-IMMC Delegation (Jason D. WILLIAMS) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves B-type membership unanimously.

6.8. Nomination of Dr Ken Zafren as ICAR Honorary Member > D

Alison Sheets (MRA) outlines the MRA nomination of Ken Zafren MD, FAAEM, FACEP, FAWM as ICAR Honorary Member:

- Medical Advisor, Alaska Mountain Rescue Group
- Vice-President ICAR International Commission for Mountain Emergency Medicine
- Clinical Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford CA, USA
- Staff Emergency Physician, Alaska Native Medical Center, Anchorage AK, USA

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves ICAR Honorary Membership (D-type) unanimously.

7. Expulsion of Members

None.

8. ICAR Convention 2018 in Chamonix, France

Venue and dates have already been approved at the last ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2016 in Bulgaria. ANENA, ENSA, FFME and GSM (all FR) have jointly applied to organize the ICAR Convention 2018 in Chamonix, France.

Dates (no collision with ISSW in Innsbruck AT, October 7-12, 2018):

- Tue 16 Oct 18 > Arrival
- Wed **17 Oct 18 > Congress**
- Thu **18 Oct 18 > Congress**
- Fri **19 Oct 18 > Practical Day**
- Sat **20 Oct 18 > Congress** (incl. ICAR AoD)
- Sun 21 Oct 18 > Departure

Claude Jacot explains the planned **different program structure (extended stay!)** and its expected cost still within the defined ICAR upper limit. Registration is planned to open in April 2018. The Local Organizing Committee presents a short promotional destination video (see <http://youtu.be/ib92v3Hjh8c>).

9. General topic 2018

Proposal: Influence of Climate Change to Mountain Rescue Operations.
The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves the proposed general topic for 2018 unanimously.

10. ICAR Convention 2019 in Zakopane, Poland

The place has already been approved at the last ICAR Assembly of Delegates in Bulgaria. A Delegation of the ICAR Executive Board has visited the location and has found ideal infrastructure and a very motivated Local Organizing Committee of TOPR (see presentation). More details will follow upon next year's ICAR Assembly of Delegates.

Proposed Dates:

- Tue 08 Oct 19 > Arrival
- Wed **09 Oct 19 > Congress**
- Thu **10 Oct 19 > Congress**
- Fri **11 Oct 19 > Practical Day**
- Sat **12 Oct 19 > Congress (incl. ICAR AoD)**
- Sun 13 Oct 19 > Departure

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves the proposed dates unanimously.

11. Venue 2021: Reichenau an der Rax, Austria

ÖBRD (AT) has applied to organize the ICAR Convention 2021 in Reichenau an der Rax, Austria. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves the proposed venue in October 2021.



20170522_ÖBRD_Application_ICAR_2021_

12. Elections

12.1. President of the ICAR Alpine Emergency Medicine Commission

Dr Fidel Elsensohn (retiring) speaks about his time as President of the ICAR Alpine Emergency Medicine Commission. ICAR-MED proposes Dr John Ellerton to succeed Dr Fidel Elsensohn as President of the ICAR Alpine Emergency Medicine Commission.

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates elects Dr John Ellerton unanimously.

12.2. Assessor in the ICAR Executive Board

Replacing Dr John Ellerton as Assessor in the ICAR Executive Board, DRK Germany nominates Prof Dr Volker Lischke.



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Gerd Windhausen (DRK) presents the candidate:

- Responsible physician in the Board of German Mountain Rescue
- Member of ICAR-MED
- High international reputation in the field of alpine emergency medicine
- Well networked in all areas of alpine rescue

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates elects Prof Dr Volker Lischke with 1 abstention.

13. ICAR Membership Categories

13.1. Results of the ICAR Membership Categories Survey

Dan F. Hourihan presents the results of the 2017 ICAR Membership Survey:

- Operational mountain rescue mission and experience is the primary ICAR voting membership criteria.
- National or nationally significant organizations should have increased voting privileges.
- It is about 50/50 regarding voting privileges for those who provide support services only, for example “training”
- It is about 50/50 regarding voting privileges for Alpine/Mountaineering Clubs and academic institutions.
- It is about 50/50 regarding less voting privileges for those mountain rescue organizations that are not four season or operate in less than all commissions .
- The ICAR membership is strongly against voting rights for equipment vendors.
- The ICAR membership strongly against voting rights on matters involving financial gain for the voting entity.
- The ICAR membership strongly supports equipment vendor Congress and Practical Day involvement.
- It is clear from the “Comments” that the ICAR membership wants direct mountain rescue involvement to remain the focus of ICAR. However, membership by those entities providing support or insight is both welcomed and necessary. The question, it seems, is not membership, but voting rights.



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13.2. Proposed new ICAR Membership Category Structure

- **Type A:** Rescue organizations of a Nation or national importance* who cover all the aspects of mountain rescue and fulfil recommendations set out by the ICAR Assembly of Delegates. Type A member organizations have 4 delegate votes at the ICAR Assembly of Delegates. The annual membership fee is € 1'000.
- **Type B1:** Rescue organizations of regional importance including alpine associations** and organizations who cover part of the aspects of organized mountain rescue. They should fulfil recommendations set out by the ICAR Assembly of Delegates. Type B1 member organizations have 2 delegate votes at the ICAR Assembly of Delegates. The annual membership fee is € 500.
- **Type B2:** Subject specific organizations who cover part of the aspects of mountain rescue. Their rescue activities should fulfil recommendations set out by the ICAR Assembly of Delegates. Type B2 member organizations have 1 delegate vote at the ICAR Assembly of Delegates. The annual membership fee is € 400.
- **Type C:** Organizations within the field of mountain rescue who are not directly active in the ICAR and organizations that aspire to be members who cannot currently meet the guidelines for A or B membership. Their rescue activities should fulfil recommendations set out by the ICAR Assembly of Delegates. Type C member organizations do not have any voting right at the ICAR Assembly of Delegates. The annual membership fee is € 200. A waiver of this fee for a limited amount of time in specific and justified cases is at the discretion of the ICAR Executive Board.
- **Type D:** A person of special merit with regard to ICAR may be appointed as Honorary Member or Honorary President by the ICAR Assembly of Delegates, following the nomination by an ICAR Member Organization. Type D members do not have any voting right at the ICAR Assembly of Delegates. There is no annual fee for this membership type.
- **Type E:** Organizations, with no organized mountain rescue mission, who support ICAR goals. Type E members do not have any voting right at the ICAR Assembly of Delegates. There is no annual fee for this membership type.

* National importance is determined by a relationship with the national government which states the organization will be called upon in national need.

** An alpine association that maintains an organized mountain rescue component within their membership.



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20171021-BOA-REC0004_Requirements



20171021-BOA-REC0005_Minimum_Requirements



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13.3. Vote on the new ICAR Membership Category Structure

The ICAR President emphasizes that for an approval of revised ICAR Statutes a 2/3 majority is required. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves the proposed new membership structure (including the proposed revision of the ICAR Statutes, BOA-REC0004, BOA-REC0005 and the Member Organizations Re-allocation List) with 2 abstentions and no votes against.

14. Budget 2018

The ICAR Treasurer Markus Hölzl presents the Budget 2018:



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Budget 2018 (with new membership categories)

EXPENSES		
Bank interest an expenses	400,00 €	
Office and administration	53.000,00 €	
Representation (Internet, Marketing, media work)	13.000,00 €	
Board expenses	25.000,00 €	
Commissions	12.000,00 €	
Expenses Sponsors Convention	16.000,00 €	
INCOME		
Member fees		62.900,00 €
Sponsors (Main Sponsors, contributing sponsors, internet links)		52.450,00 €
Office Sponsor		25.000,00 €
Capital income		180,00 €
Total	119.400,00 €	140.530,00 €
Net profit	21.130,00 €	
Total	140.530,00 €	140.530,00 €

Blaichach, 25.09.2017
Markus Hölzl, Treasurer



The ICAR Assembly of Delegates accepts the Budget 2018 unanimously.

15. ICAR Recommendations

15.1. Vote on Revised TER-REC0001 Using Connector/Carabiner in Mountain Rescue Organizations



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001_Using_Connecto

Gebhard explains last minute changes to the draft.

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves the revised TER-REC0001 unanimously.

15.2. Vote on Revised TER-REC0004 Static Rope Knots for Rope Extension or Rope Connections for Rope Extension



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Gebhard explains last minute changes to the draft. The title is changed to “Rope Connections for Kernmantle Rope Extension”.

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves the revised TER-REC0004 unanimously.

15.3. Vote on Revised TER-REC0005 Redundancy for Lowering or Raising People with Fiber Ropes



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Gebhard explains last minute changes to the draft.

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves the revised TER-REC0005 unanimously.

15.4. Vote on new MED-REC0034 Canyoning Guidelines (Abstract)



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The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves MED-REC0034 (Abstract, awaiting publication in medical journals) unanimously.

15.5. Vote on new MED-REC0035 First Aid Kit (Abstract)



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The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves MED-REC0035 (Abstract, awaiting publication in medical journals) unanimously.

15.6. Vote on new MED-REC0036 Suspension Trauma (Abstract)



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The ICAR-MED-REC0036 Suspension Trauma is still in the development phase and will be presented for voting next year (withdrawn from voting this year).

16. Mountain Safety Knowledge Base

Franz informs the ICAR Assembly of Delegates about the “MSKB-MSI Memorandum of Understanding DRAFT” received for joint signature by UIAA, IFMGA, ENSA, SLF & ICAR.

The ICAR Executive Board has studied/discussed the paper and came to the decision that it may be signed, as it develops the basics to which we can agree.



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17. Miscellaneous

Dominique Létang (ICAR-AVA) reminds the assembly of the next ISSW in Innsbruck Austria, October 7-12, 2018. Further he informs the assembly that his Vice-President has left and that the Avalanche Rescue Commission is now looking for a new solution.

Felix Meier proposes ICAR Honorary Membership for Dr Fidel Elsensohn. Since this topic is not on the agenda and was not brought forward at the beginning of the assembly, the ICAR President asks the Delegates for admission of that topic now. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates agrees to that. Hermann Brugger (EURAC) outlines the merits of Dr Fidel Elsensohn.

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves ICAR Honorary Membership (D-type) unanimously.

18. Closing remarks of the President

The ICAR President Franz Stämpfli thanks the Local Organizing Committee of DEPEIS-GRM Bombers d'Andorra / Grup de Rescat de Muntanya and all the Volunteers for the organization of ICAR 2017 in Soldeu, Andorra. He further acknowledges the much appreciated support of ICAR Partnerships, Local Sponsors and Exhibitors; plus all the valuable efforts of the Hotel and its Staff, the Interpreters, the Technicians and all the ICAR Trainers, Board-Members, Office Staff. He closes the 69th ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2017 at 18:20.


These minutes and all mentioned documentation are available online from our website:

<http://www.alpine-rescue.org/xCMS5/WebObjects/nexus5.woa/wa/icar?menuid=1047&rubricid=257&articleid=14417>

Soldeu, Andorra / October 21st, 2017

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Franz Stämpfli
ICAR President

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Markus Hölzl
ICAR Treasurer

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Tom Spycher
Secretary, ICAR Office