

TER Commission Annual Report

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Dear Friends!

Since our last Assembly of Delegate 2017 in Soldeu/Andorra one workgroup was working on a new text for our Recommendation "TER-REC 0007 – Static Rope Differentiation". Two big problems could be found in the old text. The UIAA Label 107 refers only to EU-Standard and many producers of ropes did not comply with this label. So we try to change the recommendation in a way to differ this different type of ropes. The draft was sent out to the ICAR members in September. The last discussion will be held at our meeting in Chamonix. Many thanks to the workgroup members Chris England, Kirk Mauthner, Alistair Read, Herbert Streibel and Tom Wood.

In another workgroup we discussed the topic „Incident command systems“ together with Dan Hourihan, Hoydal Kjetil, Kristinsson Asgeir, Kirk Mauthner and Serkezi Matjaz. The discussion did not go well and Asgeir will prepare a presentation about this topic at our meeting in Chamonix. I hope that we can restart this project one more time to develop results which can be helpful for everybody in the terrestrial commission.

During the last 12 month we had two board meetings where we discussed different topics. We work now in a new structure. The presidents of the 4 commissions and of the dog-handlers sub-commission work in a team as technical committee and discuss there all the topics concerning their commissions. The other board members are working in the executive committee. In an additional session every committee bring in their results of their discussions.

In May I did a visit at the workweek of the Mountain Safety Knowledgebase at Franz Senn Hut in Stubai. They did a lot of work there for to define the best practices and I could have some discussions with other founding members from ENSA, IFMGA and SLF. The name of the project has now changed into MountainSafety.Info and Manuel presented the first draft for bylaws there. The other board members and I, we think there is a lot of work outstanding to find a good and sustainable draft for the bylaws where all the founding members can agree.

Also in May I could participate at the UIAA SAFECOM meeting in Porto. This should be a start of a good partnership and working together with the UIAA. I was invited to a workgroup to find topics for new UIAA labels and for to have a look for special needs for mountain rescue related UIAA Labels.

These were our main tasks within the last months. Detailed Information will be given during the meetings of the Terrestrial Commission in Chamonix, /France.

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