

TER Commission Annual Report

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Dear Friends!

Since our last Assembly of Delegate 2018 in Chamonix/France we were working on the following important tasks:

Workgroup Incident Command System (ICS Workgroup)

This working group was working a lot on Incident Command Systems. Now they can present a first draft for a new recommendation. Asgeir Kristinson from Iceland took the lead of this working group and coordinated all the tasks. Many thanks to the workgroup members Asgeir Kristinson, Dan Hourihan, Hoydal Kjetil, Read Alistair, Serkezi Matjaz, Peter Zimmer.

During the last 12 months we had two board meetings. In our discussions we included some work on the results from Chamonix of which the major topic was the preparation for Zakopane and also the planning by the Terrestrial Commission for the practical day on Wednesday.

I had also the opportunity to attend the UIAA Safecom Meeting in Malta. There I informed the members of the UIAA Safety Commission of our concern with the lack of identification between dynamic and static ropes. In this meeting, new working groups were set up: ICAR TERCOM participation at the working group for "Rigging Plates" and "Static Ropes".

There are also some other UIAA working groups:

- Avalanche Probes
- Belay Device consistent terminology (proposals for improving the terminology by eventually introducing a third category "geometry assisted")
- Bending test on type K connector (Proposals for type K test improvement: Salewa and Aludesign)
- Bolts corrosion (Chemical of rocks study, General corrosion tests done, SCC corrosion tests started, Google map on environmental degradation known areas, Failure analyses)
- EAS via-ferrata test method
- Helmets (Tests done at CRITT and Newton labs. Proposal for an optional UIAA side test)
- Ice tool attachment (proposal for new wording for the attachment points and remove the requirement about hole diameter)
- New standard on trekking poles
- Prussik (to propose requirements for a new standard for prussik loops/slings)
- Snow shovels (Revision of the existing recommendation)

If you have any questions or input to any of these topics, please contact us.

I have not received any further information about MSI (Mountain Safety Info) since our last congress in Chamonix.

Kirk will also make contact with the other commissions as our contact to the working group "Rescuer Fatalities Report Form" from MEDCOM.

These were our main tasks within the last few months. Detailed Information will be given during the meetings of the Terrestrial Commissions in Zakopane/Poland.

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