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Dear ICAR Board,  
based on the proposal of the below mentioned members of the avalanche commission we hereby nominate Lukas Ruetz to be elected for the position of the next avalanche commission president.

The involved organizations strongly believe that Lukas Ruetz will bring valuable assets into the avalanche commission and trust that he is able to fully comply with the conditions set fourth in the ICAR Organization Rules i.e.

- be responsible for the management of the commission in accordance with the rules;
- implement the board decisions within their commissions;
- inform the president about their intentions, goals and activities;
- manage the commission work and foster the contact among commission members throughout the year.

In addition to the leadership skills and the superior technical know-how we do see a serious strength of Lukas Ruetz in his social competence and dynamic. This goes in line with simultaneous appreciation of the avalanche commission existing expertise and strength of the individual commission members and currently acting persons.



Best Regards

On behalf of the Organizations

Stefan Hochstaffl  
President Austrian Mountain Rescue Service

Martin Gurdet  
MD Austrian Mountain Rescue Service

Attachment: CV of Lukas Ruetz

mit Unterstützung von:



# CV - Lukas Ruetz

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Date of birth 18 January 1993

Nationality Austria



## Profession

**Self-employed** Family-runned hotel with 15 rooms, restaurant and a small dairy farm next to the winter sports resort Kühtai in Tyrol

Since 01/2020 Lead of snowpack investigation courses, Austrian Alpine Club

07/2019 – 11/2019 Project team member “Infra-Alps”, Innsbruck Tourism Board, digitalisation of alpine infrastructure

Since 2018 Avalanche educator, Mountain Rescue Service Tyrol

10/2018 Five papers at International Snow Science Workshop (ISSW), Innsbruck, Austria:

- The “Essential Distinctions” - rethinking avalanche education and communication habits
- Avalanche education in Austria - about the current status and a new concept
- How to assess and communicate persistent weak layers: a forecaster’s perspective
- Important skills for modern avalanche forecasters - social media, photography, videography, blogging
- Persistent weak layers across the alps: Correlation with shift in tree species frequency and the underrated influence of absolute humidity

11/2017 – 10/2018 Full year internship Avalanche Warning Service Tyrol. Part of organizing committee ISSW 2018, Innsbruck, Austria

Since 2017 Numerous lectures on avalanche education for German and Austrian mountaineering clubs

Since 2016 Weekly column on snow and avalanche education at Powderguide.com (German)

Since 2014 Observer for Avalanche Warning Service Tyrol, 500+ snowpits so far

Since 2013	Athlete for Fischer Skis, been working together on several touring boot and ski projects
Since 2011	Mountaineering blog "lukasruetz.at" (German), focused on climate, weather, glaciers, glacier-retreat, rock glaciers, geomorphology of Stubaier Alpen mountain range as well as personal touring activities like steep skiing and long single-day ski-traverses. Additionally, the regularly published "SnowReport Kühtai-Sellraintal" with analysis and forecast of snow-quality and persistent weak layers, both allocated to altitude and aspect.

## Engagement

2018	Founding member of the Austrian Association for Snow and Avalanches
Since 2014	Alpine Medic, Mountain Rescue Service Tyrol
Since 2010	Mountain Rescuer, Mountain Rescue Service Tyrol – Ortsstelle Sellraintal

## Education

2011 – 2017	Studies on teaching profession for Geography & Biology, University of Innsbruck
2003 – 2011	Gymnasium (High School), main focus on natural sciences

## Skills

Languages	German – native, English – fluent, French – basic knowledge
Computer	Wordpress, Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite

## Activities

- Mountaineering in most of its facets
- Skiing 10+ months every year in the Alps
- > 1200 skitouring days so far
- Photography, videography

## References

Patrick Nairz, Avalanche Warning Service Tyrol, patrick.nairz@tirol.gv.at :

"Lukas Ruetz has exceptional skills for his age, not only in terms of snow and avalanches! As the youngest observer of the Avalanche Warning Service Tyrol, to which he was committed before his internship, he was able to work as a full-fledged employee in the office as well as in field works immediately after the start of his internship. Due to his extreme commitment, his farsightedness and his comprehensive knowledge, he not only contributed numerous ideas for the further development of the

avalanche warning service, but also actively worked on their implementation. The European-wide supremacy of the Avalanche Warning Service Tyrol in the field of social media can be traced back to the work of Lukas. Lukas was also instrumental in the organization of the International Snow Science Workshop (ISSW), which took place in Innsbruck in early October 2018. Much more can be said about the exceptional talent of Lukas Ruetz. It is significant that we would hire Lukas Ruetz as a full member of the Avalanche Warning Service Tyrol at any time.”

Kristian Rath, Observer Avalanche Warning Service Bavaria, kristian.rath@gmx.de:

“I can emphasize Lukas' expertise and his practical experience in snow and avalanche awareness. What is almost even more important: He manages to explain this topic in a way that is understandable to the general public. The contributions on his homepage and his lectures are an extremely valuable enrichment for anyone interested in this topic.”