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To whom it may concern

With this letter I would like to recommend to the board of ICAR a dear friend of mine as an assessor for the upcoming election.

Peter Zimmer, Group Support Officer of Land Search & Rescue in New Zealand, would be very motivated to follow Claude Jacot as an assessor of the ICAR board. He has been a search and rescue volunteer since 1995 with the Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organization team in NZ. He has been working for LandSAR as group support officer since 2009. The focus of that role is supporting search and rescue volunteers with training, equipment and administration. This includes alpine teams, canyon teams, cave teams, bush teams and swift water teams.

Prior to that Peter worked as an outdoor instructor / guide teaching mountaineering, avalanche awareness, outdoor first aid and bush skills. He used to be a senior grade 5 raft guide

Peter first attended ICAR in 2012 in Krynica, then again in 2018 in Chamonix and 2019 in Zakopane.

Over the years he has stayed in touch with a number of ICAR colleagues via electronic means

Over the years he lobbied hard for LandSAR to stay involved and send an annual delegate. Which wasn't an easy job. Peter is currently involved in the ICAR Incident Command Systems workgroup. With LandSAR he has been working on a psycho social health and well-being support initiative for LandSAR volunteers.

LandSAR wants to be a productive contributor to the global knowledge exchange and network platform that ICAR represents.

Covid has shown us that committees can function effectively and efficiently via virtual platforms. Hence if successful Peter can contribute to the work of ICAR from a distance and at a manageable cost for the organization. He wouldn't expect to be flown to board meetings during the year and he understand that for the annual congress all board members have to attend with ICAR covering the cost.

Peter Zimmer is fluent in English and German and he understand the European culture and mentality, the Anglo Saxon, American and South Pacific world views and the challenges of SAR on the other side of the world in a low population density country with a challenging geography & topography.



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