

Terrestrial Rescue Commission Report for 2020 and 2021

Dear Delegates!

Since we did not have an Assembly of Delegates last year, the following is the combined 2020 and 2021 Terrestrial Commission report.

The most important topics over the past two years were:

Drone Workgroup:

An interdisciplinary drone workgroup has been set up with representative members from all commissions.

Terrestrial Rescue representatives are:

Filip Biocic Croatian Mountain Rescue Service
Jörgen Nordquist, Swedish Police

Drones can be an asset, but they can also be a hazard during rescue operations. The initial draft goals of the ICAR Drone Workgroup are:

1. To serve as the main point of contact for ICAR drone issues, with each Technical Commission to identify the scope and breadth of the topics.
2. To provide all Technical Commissions with safety guidelines concerning mixed operations of drones and helicopters.
3. To identify types of drone applications in SAR, and subject matter experts and specialists in these applications (including such applications as reconnaissance flights, radio relays, and water rescues).
4. Other possible goals under consideration include:
 - a. Working with the UAS industry on research and design
 - b. Education on how to establish a program
 - c. Mission examples
 - d. Interfacing with drone regulators

If you have questions or input for this workgroup, please contact our representatives there or contact me by mail or phone.

Recommendation „Incident command system“

Our TERCOM working group on the “Incident command system” developed a recommendation. This draft was sent out to all delegates earlier this year for your feedback. It is now ready to be a topic at our Assembly of Delegates for voting; we ask all delegates to become informed on the details and consider the contents.

Many thanks to Asgeir Kristinson for his leadership in this working group, along with Alistair Read, Matjaz Serkezi, Dan Hourihan, Kjetil Hoidal, Peter Zimmer and Kirk Mauthner for their input and working together in this working group.

Virtual Conference (VC) 2020 und 2021

Due to the worldwide Covid 19 pandemic, it was not possible to meet in person at our usual congresses. Instead, to adapt to this situation we organized a virtual congress in 2020 and will again do this for 2021. In the 2020 VC there was high participation from all commissions along with very positive and encouraging feedback. It was a considerable amount of hard work and learning involved to conduct this VC but we were successful and happy that we did it. The minutes from our virtual congress 2020 can be found here:

<https://www.alpine-rescue.org/xCMS5/WebObjects/nexus5.woa/wa/icar?menuid=1069&rubricid=257&articleid=18013>

The minutes from our upcoming virtual congress 2021 will be published soon afterwards.

ICAR STRATEGIC PLANNING

The ICAR Technical Commission Presidents and Vice Presidents met virtually in mid-April to discuss a number of important topics, including developing an in-depth Strategic Plan for the future of ICAR. The ICAR Executive Board will update ICAR members on its strategic planning thoughts during the upcoming ICAR Online Virtual Congress October 21-23.

ICAR Homepage

We are working on a new version of our homepage which should give you more support in finding information there and also for a better interchange

of information between the Board, the Commission and their delegates. We hope, that this new version is online by mid-2022.

UIAA Workgroups

Since the last UIAA General Assembly, ICAR is now a member of UIAA. Gebhard Barbisch is now the ICAR delegate in the Safety Commission where they work on new standards and mountain safety related topics.

Gebhard is on a workgroup which is developing a new standard for static ropes. He also participated in a workgroup for "Load sharing devices" and "Avalanche Probes". This has led to the publishing of two new standards for these devices, which can be found by here:

<https://www.theuiaa.org/uiia/uiia-releases-standard-157-avalanche-rescue-probes/>

<https://www.theuiaa.org/home/uiia-releases-load-sharing-devices-standard/>

Development of a mountain rescue system in Kyrgyzstan

Our friends from Kyrgyzstan are trying to increase their level and capabilities of their mountain rescue program so that it is more able to respond to the needs of a modern mountain related tourism industry. ICAR, with their international knowledge and experience, will try to help them.

A lot of smaller tasks and meetings (including board meetings and technical committee meetings) were done over the past two years. Most of them were done by Video Conference and we have learned that a mix of both – video and personal meetings - will be the best to bring our ideas and jobs forward.

Some information about the elections this year:

As known, the ICAR Assembly of Delegates (AoD) is scheduled to take place October 23, 2021 directly after the ICAR Congress. Information from the ICAR Office on the election process will be forthcoming directly to our members. During the AoD there will also take place the election of the Commission presidents. As discussed in our last person in conference in Zakopane and agreed by the commission I will be ready for a re-election. Please note, that this will be the last re-election of me and we will have discuss latest next year in Montreux the way for to go forward in 4 years. Kirk will also be our Vice President for the next 4 years. This was only a decision during our commission meeting in Zakopane because Commission Vice Presidents will not be elected by the AoD.



There will be also an election for a new assessor. Details you can find on our homepage:

<https://www.alpine-rescue.org/xCMS5/WebObjects/nexus5.woa/wa/icar?menuid=1047&rubricid=267&articleid=18105>

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A big Thank You to all delegates and members for their support and their working together. Together we are strong and we can increase our effort to help people in our mountains.

We hope to see you all again healthy at our next congress in Montreux 2022.

Gebhard Barbisch
President

Kirk Mauthner
Vice President