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Annual Report Avalanche Rescue Commission 09

In addition to the following, please refer to the agenda of the Avalanche Rescue Commission, to the official program, and to the minutes of the conference held September 26-29, 2009.

Highlights

Search dog workshop in Croatia (June 2009)

Topics: Dog training and area search in difficult terrain
Participants: Approx. 35
Summary: Very instructive and positive

Practical Field Day, Sept. 23, 09, on the Breithorn plateau at 3800 MASL, 23.09.09

10 stations : - 5 stations with new transceivers from all manufacturers
- Cell phone search (Sweden; prototype)
- Extrication of avalanche subjects and initial triage of victims
- ABS-Zip-System and remote triggering
- Snowpulse, skiing, view and mobility with deployed airbag
- Search system Lambda4 (first field trials and search accuracy)
- Crevasse rescue (Jelk Tripod and Kong System)

Participants: Approx. 150, additionally 16 mountain guides/safety personnel as well as 25 workshop personnel

Summary: Optimal conditions, very positive collaboration of all participants

Sept. 24, 09, Annual Conference Zermatt, Avalanche Rescue Commission

Topics: - Winter reports, summary and case studies from 8 member countries (reports online, enclosures to minutes)
Summary: many lessons learned and take home messages (among many other aspects, risk management in avalanche incidents was mentioned time and again)

- Avalanche dog workgroup asking "why does the avalanche dog sometimes have a find and other times not?"

- Recommendation REC L 0007 of the Avalanche Rescue Kommission dated October 10, 2008, on the determination of the search strip width for avalanche transceivers → final version in D, E, F

- Recommendation REC L 0008 of the Avalanche Rescue Kommission dated October 10, 2008, on measures to prevent avalanche accidents and on avalanche rescue → final version in D, E, F

- Recommendation REC L 0009 of the Avalanche Rescue Kommission dated October 10, 2008, on the terminology used to describe the

search phases in transceiver searches → final version in D, E, F.

- Avalanche rescue in urban areas: A. Jonsson → procedures, measures etc.
- samples of preventative measures mandated by law in Italy → discussion
- Miscellaneous according to the agenda and minutes

Sept. 25, 09, Annual Conference Zermatt, joint meeting of the Avalanche Rescue and Terrestrial Rescue Commissions

Topics: According to the conference program
Topic summary: - Collaboration across borders
- Coordinated training of different organizations
- Different emergency systems
- 3 D representations
- Risk management on rescue missions
Summary: - Very interesting and instructive presentations (see minutes for details)

Demonstration by the hosts

Topic: Live demonstration of aerial tram rescue with helicopters
Summary: Very quick and precise operation convincingly demonstrated by Air Zermatt und Air Glaciers.

Sept. 26, 09, Annual Conference Zermatt, , joint meeting of all commissions

Topics: According to the conference program
Summary: Overview of ongoing projects in all the commissions
→ information exchange

Delegate assembly: According to the agenda
Decisions, elections, and awards according to the minutes

Main topic for the Avalanche rescue Commission for 2010:

Training and certification of avalanche rescuers. Required certifications?

Derived from RECL 0008:

4. Personen, die sich berufsmässig mit Lawinen beschäftigen, verfügen über eine spezifische Ausbildung, über Zeugnisse und über die allenfalls notwendigen Zulassungen.
4. Avalanche professionals require specialized training / credentials / possible certifications
4. Les professionnels des avalanches requièrent un entraînement spécialisé / des références / des éventuelles certifications

Annual report, Sept. 29, 2009
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