



Report from avalanche commission – Lake Tahoe Oct. 9

Practical day :

6 workshops – Around 180 attendees. Very good collaboration with the Icar Med Com.

- Avalanche Triage Strategy and the Use of the ICAR Medical Check List
- Probing
- Recco
- Hypothermia
- Management of multiple casualties (organization and communication)
- Commercial

Commission :

Minute of silence

Minutes of Bol : approved

Six avalanches data from : France, Italy, Switzerland, Norway, Scotland, Canada

Presentation of new Icar members :

- Swedish Center of Mountain Welfare + Swedish Mountain Guide
- OCVS
- Service Avalanche Italien
- Guardia Finanziaria Mountain rescue
- Swedish Mountain Rescue Organisation
- SAR New Zealand + Snow and Avalanche Commission NZ

Report from Marcel Meier – Dog-handler sub-commission regarding the dog-handler gathering that be held by Marcel last winter.

Report from Per.O Wiberg about working prevention group. The entire report will be give at the end of our assembly.

Since the last congress in Bol, we worked hard in order to establish a recommendation called « be searchable » to raise the chance to find people buried as soon as possible and to protect the rescuers against sur –avalanche. The recommendation is ready right now.

Information :

In collaboration with SFL Davos we did, last june, terrain tests regarding the new approach in probing strategy, called « Slalom probing ». You saw the results during the practical day.

I gone 10 days ago at the International Snow Science Workshop in Banff (Canada). As project manager of the last ISSW congress that was organized in Grenoble (France), I have been invited by the steering committee. I participated in the vote regarding the future of ISSW. The steering committee decided of the entrance of Europe in the rotation. Now, we will have one time in USA (the next congress will be held in Breckenridge - 2016), one time in Europe (Innsbruck – 2018) and one time in Canada (in 2020)This is a very important decision for european people interested by snow and avalanches.

In France, we are making a pedagogic moovie about snow and avalanches. Double DVD, four hours, 32 chapters, six languages (english, italian, german, spanish, catalan end french).

A lot of experts : Juerg Schweizer, Werner Munter, Manuel Genswein, Valerio Segor, Dale Atkins, Bruce Tremper, Bolognesi, Ian Maccammon ...

Coming out this fall. 36000 view in two days for the teaser we posted on our facebook !

Four oral presentations from :

A History of US Avalanche Accidents and Rescues

Dale Atkins, Alpine Rescue Team, Evergreen, Colorado, USA

In the Path of an Avalanche

John Bufferey, Parks Canada / CAA

The Whiterisk Avalanche Prevention Plattform

Lukas Dürr, SLF/WSL

Consumer Electronics and Avalanche Transceivers

Erwin Meister, Adaxys
Ilari Dammert, Mammut

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