**ICAR congress**

**7 -10th October 2025**

**Jackson Hole, U.S.A**

Dear MedCom Delegates

Registration for the ICAR practical day, meetings of the commissions and Congress is open. Go to <https://www.icar2025jacksonhole.org> as soon as possible and register. If you require an invitation link as an invited expert, please contact me by email (mountain.medicine@alpine-rescue.org) and I will inform the organisers.

### MedCom Practical Day: 8th October 2025

**If you would like to run a workshop please email me on** mountain.medicine@alpine-rescue.org

The practical day’s programme from the other commissions will be published at the end of August and at that stage you will have to identify which workshops you would like to attend whether as a delegate or a teacher. Of course, during Congress registration you must have indicated that you are attending the practical day and have paid the extra. Not registered - not getting on the bus applies as usual!

### MedCom meeting: Thursday & Friday 9 - 10th October

**If you would like to give a presentation to the MedCom**, please let me know by the 31st of July and I will construct a programme for Thursday and Friday. Any research/paper published in the last year would be brilliant.

The draft content looks like this:

* President’s report and review (1 hr)
* ICAR recommendation development sessions - some of the following; not all! (6 hr):
	+ Splinting and dislocations in Mountain Rescue (Seth)
	+ POCUS (Niels, Didier, Andrea, Manu, Natalie and Peter)
	+ Airway-Management in Mountain Rescue (Matthias, Natalie, Les)
	+ Occupational Medical Examinations of mountain rescue team members (Volker, Manu, Gregor)
	+ Medical management a VHA casualty (Kyle, Will Smith, Steve Roy)
	+ Management of Multi Casualty Incidents in Mountain Rescue (François)
	+ MCI tools - Triage (Mike Innis)
	+ Management of Moderate and Severe Pain in Mountain Rescue (Marc)
	+ Rescuer first aid competence document (Kaz, Mike and Mario)

**Please can the lead author inform me by the 31st July** if they would like some development time (and how much they think would be helpful)

* Presentations (6 hr)
	+ Gege - Historical talk (30 min)
	+ Etc.
* Elections and Future plans (1 hr)

**Yes, we have elections;**

* For President of the MedCom on the Friday. Natalie, as President Elect, has prepared over the last two years and is willing to step up.
* It has been the custom in MedCom for the President to appoint 2 Vice-Presidents and for them to be ratified at the next year’s October meeting. This gives the President time to think and discuss what is important to them and MedCom. (Our Spring meeting favoured continuing this practise but that has to agreed at the October meeting)
* MedCom Scientific lead (currently Peter Paal)
* MedCom Educational lead (currently Jason Williams)
* DiMM Administration Group (President and 2 others, with an extra person for the rescue specialty courses - currently Jason, (John as president), Bruce and Inigo, Oli for rescue specialty)
* Should we formally have a UIAA/WMS lead? (Currently the President has been the UIAA lead.)

Any suggestions and opinions would be gratefully received before the Friday afternoon. As is MedCom’s practice, we will not distinguish ICAR member organisation’s single official delegate from others unless a contested vote is going to be taken on Friday.

### ICAR Congress & General Assembly: Saturday, 11th October

The main topic for this year’s Congress is:

**Increasing the safety of our trainings and rescue operations.**

Please send me your presentation proposals with the attached abstract form by July 31st at the latest! We will review the submitted proposals for presentations and select the most suitable ones. I will inform the selected speakers by the beginning of September.

**Proposed ICAR recommendations (for AOD 2025)**

Prophylaxis for rescuers at VHA

Helicopter Rescue at VHA

**Please can one of the authors of these papers** liaise with me to produce the rescuers’ summary for the Assembly of Delegates.

I am really looking forward to the Congress. Let’s make it fun and productive.

Best wishes

John Ellerton

President, ICAR MedCom

Proposed Presentation at Jackson Hole for ICAR MedCom / ICAR Congress:

Abstract and Copyright Transfer form

Please complete this form and send it to the Med Com President at mountain.medicine@alpine-rescue.org

The deadline for sending a proposal is the 31st July 2025

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| **Audience:** | ***Is it for ICAR MedCom or the ICAR congress (Saturday)*** |
| **Name of Presenter:** |  |
| **Affiliation of Presenter:** |  |
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| **Description of Presentation (150 words maximum):** |
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| **Length of Presentation:** |
| Presentations are usually 30 minutes but please indicate your suggested time slot |
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