

Internal Administration Meeting Terrestrial Rescue Commission

Minutes

Place: Jackson, Wyoming
Date: 09. Oktober 2025
Time: 08.00 Uhr
Present: Delegates from the Commission of Terrestrial Rescue
Chair: Gebhard Barisch
Minutes: Fabienne Jelk

1. Welcome

Gebhard Barisch welcomes all participants to the delegates' meeting.

2. Distribution of Voting Cards

The voting cards are distributed. Representatives of the organizations are asked to come forward and collect the ballots. A members receive 4 voting cards, B1 members receive 2 voting cards, and B2 members receive 1 voting card.

3. Activities with other Organizations: Forum instead of a List

Organizations that carried out activities in another country during the previous year are requested to enter this information in the internal forum at www.alpine-rescue.org/forum/. Any delegate may request access to the forum. The forum will be renewed over the next three months.

4. List of Delegates

The list is sorted by organization name and then by first and last name. The list is available at the front of the hall.

Delegates are asked to check the following:

- Are the name and contact details complete and correct?
- Are all TERCOM delegates from the organization to which they belong on the list?

- Is anyone on the list who is no longer a TERCOM delegate? These names should be crossed out.
- If your name is not on the list, there are blank lines at the end of the list where you can enter your name and contact details.

5. Minute of Silence for Colleagues who have passed away

A minute's silence is held for the colleagues who have died in accidents. Anyone who wishes to say a few words about a deceased colleague may do so. There are no requests to speak.

6. Minutes from Thessaloniki

There are no comments. The minutes are approved. They are available on the website.

7. Information from ICAR-Board and the technical Committee

Information from the Executive Board:

Since Dobbiaco, there have been several Executive Board meetings, both virtual and in person. The following topics were discussed:

- Review of Thessaloniki.
- AoD 2023: Continuation
- Planning for the next congress in Jackson Hole in 2025.
- The development of our conference.
- The development of the IKAR strategy survey. Feedback from delegates is needed. There will be a member survey and ideas will be collected about the future of IKAR. There are various ideas about how IKAR should be structured in the future.
- www.alpine-rescue.org website. Every member can get access and a login. To do this, send an email to the webmaster. An email address is required for access.

Information from the Technical Commission:

- A meeting was held every quarter to prepare the work in the commissions and the cooperation.
- Work was carried out in working groups.
- Development of the program for the conference in Jackson Hole.
- Preparation of the practical day in Jackson Hole.

8. Information from UIAA Safecom

Cooperation with the UIAA has been established. We have a permanent delegate in UIAA Safecom.

Several meetings took place in Chamonix, France, both virtually and in person. The minutes of the meetings are published on the website.

<https://www.alpine-rescue.org/articles/1550--uiaa-safecom-meeting-in-chamonix>

There are working groups in the following areas:

- Static ropes. IKAR is a member of this working group. The results are ready.
- Avalanche transceiver standard. Work is still ongoing. There are still various points that need to be discussed.
- Anchor Welding WG (welding of anchors). The problem here is corrosion. There is discussion about whether a standard should be developed for the materials to be used.
- Helmets. There are still various open issues here.
- Canyoning harnesses (Alexis Mallon is the leader of this working group). The harnesses are exposed to high loads, which means they are damaged within a short time.
- Sharp edges, tests. The problem of ropes being cut by sharp edges is being addressed.
- Cable Wire 104 rewording. This concerns the 104 UIAA label. This needs to be rewritten correctly.
- 130 LDS – update.
- Headlamps. A UIAA standard is needed. Headlamps can cause interference with avalanche transceivers.
- EU standard for avalanche airbags.
- UIAA standard for avalanche transceivers. This has been postponed.
- Rescues at high altitudes (UIAA and ICAR). TERCOM is also a member of this working group.

New members – short presentation if here

The following organizations will be admitted at the Aod this year:

- Canadian Association of Wilderness Medicine – CAWM
- Rescue International Humberto Hinestrosa
- University of Vermont Woödermess Medicine Section
- Kosovo Mountain Search and Rescue Services

- Two Bear Air Rescue Foundation
- Air Zermatt
- Responder Alliance
- Redog
- Association Nationale des Médecins et Sauveteurs en Montagne

9. ICAR Recommendations - Review (Terrestrial Rescue)

Delegates are requested to submit any comments and remarks on the recommendations.

All recommendations can be found on the homepage. Delegates are requested to read them and prepare themselves so that any input can be provided in good time via the forum or internal area.

TERCOM Recommendation No. 1

Using Connectors/Carabiners in Mountain Rescue Organizations

Last revision – 2017 in Soldeu (AND)

Input from Stefan Blochum: Many delegates approached him and asked why steel carabiners are used in (air) rescue. The reason is that there was an accident in Switzerland in which an aluminum carabiner broke. That is why steel carabiners are used and the reason for this recommendation.

A working group consisting of members from all commissions will be formed. Anyone who would like to participate can contact Fabienne with their email address and organization.

TERCOM Recommendation No. 2

Rescues on ski slopes and loipes

Issued – 1998 in Obergurgl (A)

Comment by Stefan Blochum: This recommendation needs to be revised.

A working group will be formed. It will deal with Recommendations No. 2 and No. 8. Anyone who would like to participate can contact Fabienne with their name, email address, and organization.



TERCOM Recommendation No. 3

Canyoning – Training for commercial Guides

Issued – 1999 in Sonthofen (Germany)

Today, it is standard practice for anyone offering canyoning to have proven training. If anyone believes that the recommendation is still needed, they should make themselves known.

TERCOM Recommendation No. 4

Rope Connections for Kernmantel Rope Extension

Last Revision – 2017 in Soldeu (AND)

No comments.

TERCOM Recommendation No. 5

Redundancy for Lowering or Raising People with Fiber Ropes

New Version – Shared Tension Rope Systems

This recommendation is being renewed. Kirk Mauthner presented the system yesterday during the practical day.

TERCOM Recommendation No. 6

Static Rope Brakes

Last Revision – 2014 in Lake Tahoe (USA)

No comments.

TERCOM Recommendation No. 7

Rope Differentiation: Static / Low Stretch / Dynamic Ropes

Last Revision – 2018 Chamonix (F)

No comments.



TERCOM Recommendation No. 8

Winter Rescue Equipment

Last Revision – 2014 in Lake Tahoe (USA)

This recommendation needs to be revised. A working group will be formed, together with Recommendation No. 2.

TERCOM Recommendation No. 9

Systems in Mountain Rescue

Last revision – 2014 in Lake Tahoe (USA)

No comments.

TERCOM Recommendation No. 10

Incident Command Systems (ICS)

Issued - 2021 Virtual Conference Bern

No comments.

TERCOM Recommendation No. 11

Wildfire - New Recommendation

This recommendation is new.

10. Short report from our Workgroups

- Bolts – Pitons and Anchor Systems. Die Arbeitsgruppe wird geleitet durch Stefan Blochum.
- Light Weight Rope Rescue Systems and Winches.
- PLB and Emergency Call Apps.
- Wildfire.



11. Elections in the AoD – Commission President

The current Vice President Stefan Blochum from the Bavarian Mountain Rescue Service is proposed as the new Commission President of TERCOM. There are no votes against this proposal.

12. Petitions to the Commission and the Board

None. You can also contact Stefan, Gebhard, or Fabienne directly.

13. Goals 2026

Delegates are requested to submit proposals in the forum or to Fabienne.

14. Miscellaneous

There are no further comments. The meeting is adjourned.

End of meeting: 9:00 a.m.

The President

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Stefan Blochum