

## Internal Administration Meeting TERCOM Minutes

Place: Toblach, Südtirol  
Date: 19. Oktober 2023  
Time: 08.00 Uhr  
Present: Delegates of the Commission for Terrestrial Rescue  
Chair: Gebhard Barbisch  
Minutes: Fabienne Jelk

### 1. Welcome

Gebhard Barbisch welcomes all participants to the delegates' meeting of the Ground Rescue Commission.

### 2. Distribution of Voting Cards

The voting cards were distributed. The representatives of the organizations are asked to come forward and take the voting cards. The A-members receive 4 voting cards, the B1-members 2 voting cards, the B2-members 1 voting card.

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

Previously, organizations that carried out an activity in another country or with members of another country in the previous year were asked to enter this in the form. Now this is entered in a forum at [www.alpine-rescue.org/forum/](http://www.alpine-rescue.org/forum/).

#### **4. List of Delegates**

The list will be circulated in the hall. Delegates are asked to check the following::

- Ist he name and the contact details complete and correct?
- Are all TERCOM delegates from your organization on the list?
- Is there 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 empty pages 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**

The following friends passed away last year:

- App. Elia Meta Della Corna, SAGF Entrèves, died in an avalanche in Rhemes Valley on 13. April 2023;
- App. Michele Pellegrino, SAGF Cuneo, died on duty during a patrol in the Liguria Region on 15. June 2023;
- Fin. Lorenzo Paroni, SAGF Tarvisio, died on duty during training in the mountains at Piccolo Mangrat on 16. August 2023;
- Fin. Giulio Alberto Pacchione, SAGF Tarvisio, died on duty during training in the mountains at Piccolo Mangrat on 16. August 2023.

A minute's silence is held for the deceased friends.

#### **6. Minutes from Montreux and the virtual Conference in May 2023**

There were no requests to speak. The minutes are adopted.

## 7. Information from ICAR-Board

Several Board meetings have been held since Montreux, both virtually and in person. The following topics were discussed:

- Review Montreux and virtuelle conference from May.
- AoD 2022.
- Planning of the next conference in Toblach, South Tyrol.
- Cooperation IKAR and UIAA. The cooperation is going on and is very good.
- The development of our conference. The number of members is growing steadily. This must be kept in mind.
- Internal regulations of the commissions.
- Homepage [www.alpine-rescue.org](http://www.alpine-rescue.org).

Information from the Technical Committee:

Several virtual conferences were held:

- A quarterly meeting was held to prepare the work in the commissions and cooperation.
- Development of a strategic concept.
- Preparation of the program for the conference in Dobbiaco.
- Preparation for the practical day.

## 8. Information from UIAA Safecom

The cooperation with the UIAA has been realized. We have a permanent delegate in UIAA Safecom.

Several meetings were held in Leeds/England, both virtually and in person.

<https://www.alpine-rescue.org/articles/1027--uiaa-safecom-spring-meeting-report>

There are working groups in the following areas:

- Static Ropes (ICAR participate)
- Anchor Welding
- Via ferrata sets.
- Helmets
- Canyoning Harness (Alexis Mallon the leader of this Working Group).
- Sharp Edge Test (Addresses the problem of ropes being cut on sharp edges)
- Cable Wire 104 rewording
- 130 LDS – Update.
- Headlamps  
Headlamps can produce interferences with your avalanche transceiver
- Top Anchor Carabiner
- Glued Anchors
- WG EU standard for avalanche airbags (these can cause interference with avalanche transceivers, the problem must be solved by the airbag manufacturers (ICAR participate)
- WG UIAA Norm for Avalanche Transceivers (ICAR participate)
- WG Rescue in high Altitude (UIAA and ICAR), TERCOM also participate

If anyone has any questions about cooperation with the UIAA, they can get in touch. There are no requests to speak.

## 9. New members – short presentation if here

If someone is here now and wants to introduce his organization, they can do so now.

The following organizations were accepted last year:

- NUMR - National Union for Mountain Rescue North Macedonia - A
- WMS - Wilderness Medical Society - B2
- AIUT Aiut Alpin Dolomites – B2
- DRF – Deutsche Rettungsflugwacht - B2
- La Chamoniarde - B1
- New Zealand Society for Mountain Medicine - C
- Ropelab Ausgtralia - E
- IHR - International Hypothermia Registry - E

## 10. ICAR Recommendations - Review (Terrestrial Rescue)

- TERCOM Recommendation Nr. 1  
Using Connector/Carabiner in Mountain Rescue Organizations  
Last revision – 2017 in Soldeu (AND)
- TERCOM Recommendation Nr. 2  
Rescues on ski slopes and loipes  
Issued – 1998 in Obergurgl (A)
- TERCOM Recommendation Nr. 3  
Canyoning – Training for commercial Guides  
Issued – 1999 in Sonthofen (Germany)
- TERCOM Recommendation Nr. 4  
Rope Connections for Kernmantel Rope Extension  
Last Revision – 2017 in Soldeu (AND)

- TERCOM Recommendation Nr. 5  
Redundancy for Lowering or Raising People with Fiber Ropes  
Last Revision – 2017 in Soldeu (AND)
  
- TERCOM Recommendation Nr. 6  
Static Rope Brakes  
Last Revision – 2014 in Lake Tahoe (USA)
  
- TERCOM Recommendation Nr. 7  
Rope Differentiation: Static / Low Stretch / Dynamic Ropes  
Last Revision – 2018 Chamonix (F)
  
- TERCOM Recommendation Nr. 8  
Winter Rescue Equipment  
Last Revision – 2014 in Lake Tahoe (USA)
  
- TERCOM Recommendation Nr. 9  
Systems in Mountain Rescue  
Last Revision – 2014 in Lake Tahoe (USA)
  
- TERCOM Recommendation Nr. 10  
Incident Command Systems (ICS)  
Issued - 2021 Virtual Conference Bern

There are no requests to speak on questions or changes. If someone has input later, they can enter it in the forum or contact us during the conference.

## 11. Election of a 2nd Vice President

Why do we need a second Vice President?

- Increasing workload (EU regulations, UIAA...)
- Better opportunities for representation.

The following proposal was made by the organizations BWB, ÖBRD, BRD-AVS and ARS: Stefan Blochum from Bergwacht Bayern.

The 2nd Vice President can be elected by the delegates of TERCOM. Stefan Blochum is not present today. He is ill. He is briefly introduced by a colleague. Stefan Blochum has been a professional rescuer for over 30 years and is also responsible for training rescuers.

The Assembly of Delegates is asked whether there is another candidate. There are no requests to speak.

Stefan Blochum is elected unanimously.

## 12. Petitions to the Commission

None. Motions and proposals can also be entered in the forum or sent by e-mail to Gebhard Barbisch. Delegates are asked to be active during the year and not just at the congress.

## 13. Petitions to the Board

None.

## 14. Main Topic / Goals 2024

Suggestions can be entered in the forum ([www.alpine-rescue.org/forum](http://www.alpine-rescue.org/forum)).

Gebhard Barbisch proposes the following:

"Education and Training of our Rescuers?"

## 15. Verschiedenes / Miscellaneous

ICAR is a working conference and not a consuming conference, and that is where we are now. It is important that delegates participate and contribute their ideas.

There are many inactive members. If members only pay their membership fee and do not attend, they need to be asked why.

It needs to be clarified what the expectations of the conference are.

The main aim of ICAR is to pass on information to its own rescuers.

Closing of this meeting: 09.00

President

Gebhard Barbisch

Vicepresident

Kirk Mauthner

Stefan Blochum - second Vicepresident was ill and not present on this meeting