

UIAA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Seoul, South Korea

1. Minutes for GA 23rd October 2015 (08:30 – 17:30)

Members present or represented by proxy (Bold= full voting rights,)

	Country	Abbr	Federation	Delegate
	Andorra	FAM	Federacio Andorrana de Muntanyism	Absent
	Argentina	FASA	Federacion Argentina de Ski y Andinismo	Excused
	Armenia	ARMAC	Armenian Alpine Club (Observer)	Absent
	Austria	VAVOE	Verband Alpiner Vereine österreichs	Excused
1	Azerbaijan	FAIREX	Azerbaijan and extreme Sports Federation	Emin Garabaghli, Aliyev Firdovsi, Arzu Mustafay, Orkhan, Sarvan Rasulov
2	Azerbaijan	AAF	Azerbaijan Mountaineering Federation	Israfil Ashurly
	Bangladesh	BMF	Bangladesh Mountaineering Federation	Excused
3	Belgium	CMBEL	Climbing & Mountaineering Belgium	Pierre Humblet
4	Bosnia - Herzegovina	PSBH	Mountaineering Union of Bosnia - Herzegovina	Isakovic Zehrudin
5	Brazil	CBME	Confederação Brasileira de Montanhismo e Escalada	Proxy Jordi Pons
	Bulgaria	BCMF	Bulgarian Climbing and Mountaineering Federation	Absent
6	Canada	ACC	Alpine Club of Canada	Peter Muir
	Canada	ENEQ	Ecole Nationale d'Escalade du Québec	Absent
	Canada	FQME	Fédération Québécoise de la Montagne et de l'Escalade	Absent
7	China	CMA	Chinese Mountaineering Association	Yongfeng Wang, Haojie Li
	Chile	FEACH	Federacion de Andinismo de Chile	Absent
8	Chinese Taipei	CTAA	Chinese Taipei Alpine Association	Wei-chi Huang, Mr Chung Da Ho

9	Chinese Taipei	CTMA	Chinese Taipei Mountaineering Association	Hank Hwang
	Costa Rica	FECODEM	Federación Costarricense de Deportes de Montaña	Absent
10	Croatia	HPS	Mountaineering Association of Croatia	Darko Berjlak
	Czech Republic	CMLA	Czech Mountain Leader Association	Absent
11	Czech Republic	CMF	Czech Mountaineering Federation	Peter Farkas (PROXY)
	Cyprus	KOMOOA	Cyprus Federation for Mountaineering and Climbing	Sent excuse
	Denmark	DB	Dansk Bjergklub / Danish Mountain Club	Sent excuse
	Denmark	DCF	Danish Climbing Federation	Absent
	Finland	FCA	Finnish Climbing Association	Absent
12	France	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpains et de Montagne	Georges Elziere, Claude Eckhardt, Hélène Denis
	Georgia	MCAG	Mountaineering and Climbing Association of Georgia	Absent
	Germany	DAV	Deutscher Alpenverein	Sent excuse
13	Great Britain	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	Anne Arran, David Hillebrandt, Steve Long
14	<i>Great Britain</i>	<i>AC</i>	<i>The Alpine Club</i>	<i>Stephan Goodwin</i>
	Greece	EOOA	Hellenic Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing	Absent
15	Hong Kong, China	CHKMCU	Hong Kong Mountaineering Union	YU Ka-chi Frederick, SO Wai-ting Shirman, HUEN Chee-kin, Henry YU Wai-ming
16	Hungary	MHSSz	Magyar Hegy- és Sportmászó Szövetség / Hungarian Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Association	Peter Farkas
	Hungary	MSTSZ	Magyar Sportturisztikai Szövetség	Absent
17	India	IMF	Indian Mountaineering Foundation	Col. Chauhan
	India	HMI	Himalayan Mountaineering Institute	Absent
	India	NIM	Nehru Institute of Mountaineering	Absent
	Indonesia	FPTI	Indonesia Sport Climbing and Mountaineering Federation	Nominated for Membership. Sent excuse

18	Iran	I.R.IMSCF	I.R. Iran Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation	Reza Zarei toudeshki, Mahmoud Hashemisougheh, Mirnourilangeroudi Seyed Mahmoud
	Ireland	MI	Mountaineering Council of Ireland	Sent excuse
	Israel	ILCC	The Israeli Climbing Club	Absent
19	Italy	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	Umberto Martini, Pier Giorgio Oliveti, Lucia Foppoli
20	Italy	ISF	International Skyrunning Federation (UNIT MEMBER)	Silvio Calvi
	Italy	AVS	Alpenverein Südtirol	Sent excuse
21	Japan	JMA	Japan Mountaineering Association	Hitoshi Onodera, Tamotsu Nakamura, Tadao Kanzaki, Kuniaki Yagihara, Shizuo Kunisawa
22	Korea	CAC	Corean Alpine Club	Shin Dongseok, Kim Yoonchong, Chang Sungpil, Sangsea Lee
23	Korea	KAF	Korean Alpine Federation	Christine Pae, Injung LEE, Younghoon OH, Sunwoo NAM
	Kosovo	KMAF	Kosovo Mountaineering and Alpinism Federation	Sent excuse
24	Liechtenstein	LAV	Liechtensteiner Alpenverein	Francoise Jaquet SAC (PROXY)
	Lithuania	LMA	Lithuanian Mountaineering Association	Absent
	Luxembourg	FLERA	Fédération Luxembourgeoise d'Escalade, de Randonnée Sportive et d'Alpinisme	Absent
25	Macedonia	MMSF	Macedonian Mountain Sports Federation	Bojan Rotovnik PZS (PROXY)
26	Malaysia	NAA	National Adventure Association of Malaysia (Observer)	Abu Samah, Ahmad Fakhri
	Monaco	CAM	Club Alpin Monégasque	Absent
27	Mongolia	MNMF	Mongolian National Mountaineering Federation	Banzragch Zoljargal
28	Nepal	NMA	Nepal Mountaineering Association	Ang Tshering Sherpa, Pemba DorjeSherpa, Santa Bir Tamang Lama, Ram Prasad Sapkota, Suresh Man Shresha
29	Netherlands	NKBV	Royal Dutch Mountaineering and Climbing Club	Joachim Driessen e/v Pauwels, Robin Baks, Frits Vrijlandt
30	New Zealand	NZAC	New Zealand Alpine Club	Stuart Gray

	Norway	NTK	Norsk Tindeklub / Norwegian Alpine Club	Absent
	Norway	NKF	Norges Katreforbund / The Norwegian Climbing Federation	Absent
31	Pakistan	ACP	Alpine Club of Pakistan	Mr. Muhammad Nasir Awan
32	Poland	PZA	Polish Mountaineering Association	Janusz Adam Majer
33	Portugal	CNM	Clube Nacional de Montanhismo S.R. Norte	PROXY to Georges Elzière
34	<i>Portugal</i>	<i>FCMP</i>	<i>Federação de Campismo e Montanhismo de Portugal / Federation of Camping and Mountaineering of Portugal</i>	<i>Pedro Cuiça</i>
	<i>Portugal</i>	<i>FPME</i>	<i>Federação Portuguesa de Montanhismo e Escalada</i>	<i>Sent excuse</i>
	<i>Portugal</i>	<i>CAAL</i>	<i>Clube de Actividades de Ar Livre</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	Romania	CAR	Clubul Alpin Roman	Absent
35	Russia	RMF	Russian Mountaineering Federation	Roman Bryk
36	Serbia	PSS	Mountaineering Association of Serbia - Planinarski savez Srbije	Nenad Dikic
	Slovakia	JAMES	Slovak Mountaineering Union JAMES	Absent
37	Slovenia	PZS	Alpine Association of Slovenia	Bojan Rotovnik
38	South Africa	MCSA	The Mountain Club of South Africa	Petro Grobler
39	Spain	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	Joan Garrigos y Toro, Juan J Ibáñez Martin, Lluís Lopez I Leiro, Jordi Pons I Sanjines
	<i>Spain</i>	<i>FEEC</i>	<i>Federació d'Entitats Excursionistes de Catalunya</i>	<i>Sent excuse</i>
	Spain	CEC	Centre Excursionista de Catalunya	<i>Absent</i>
	Spain	EMF	Euskal Mendizale Federazioa / Basque Mountaineering Federation	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Sri Lanka</i>	<i>MNMCA</i>	<i>National Mountaineering & Climbing Association Sri Lanka</i>	<i>Sent excuse</i>
	Sweden	SKF	Svenska Klätterförbundet / Swedish Climbing Association	Sent excuse
40	Switzerland	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	Françoise Jaquet, Frank Urs Müller, Thomas Kähr, Urs Stöcker

	Switzerland	VAACS	Vereinigung der Akademischen Alpen-Clubs der Schweiz	Absent
41	Switzerland	IFMGA/UIAG M	International Federation of Mountain Guides Associations	Hanno Doenz
	Turkey	TDF	Turkiye Dacgilik Federasyonu	Absent
42	<i>Turkey</i>	ZMC	<i>Zirve Dacgilik</i>	<i>Nejat Akinci</i>
	Ukraine	UMF	Ukrainian Mountaineering Federation	<i>Absent</i>
43	USA	AAC	American Alpine Club	Linda Mcmillan, Marc Beverly
	USA	ALAC	Alaskan Alpine Club	Absent

Management Committee members and candidates (including Executive Board Members)

Frits Vrijlandt	Exec Board	President	
Peter Farkas	Exec Board	Vice-President	
Pier Giorgio Oliveti	Exec Board	Treasurer	
Hélène Denis	Exec Board	General Secretary	
Thomas Kaehr	Exec Board	Marketing	
Marc Beverly	Exec Board		
Frank-Urs Müller	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	Switzerland
Georges Elziere	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpains et de Montagne	France
Anne Arran	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	U.K.
Peter Muir	ACC	Alpine Club of Canada	Canada
Christine Pae	KAF	Korean Alpine Federation	Korea
Stuart Anthony Gray	NZAC	New Zealand Alpine Club	New Zealand
Lucia Foppoli	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	Italy
Tadao Kanzaki	JMA	Japan Mountaineering Association	Japan
Joan Garrigos Toro	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	Spain
Col HS Chauhan	IMF	Indian Mountaineering Foundation	India
Nejat Akinci	ZMC	Zirve Mountaineering Club	Turkey
Petronella Grobler	MCSA	The Mountain Club of South Africa	South Africa
Excused			
Joseph Klenner	DAV	Deutscher Alpenverein	Germany

Commission Presidents

Juan J. Ibáñez Martin	FEDME	Access Commission	Spain
David Hillebrandt	BMC	Medical Commission	Great Britain
Pierre Humblet	CMBEL	Mountaineering Commission	Belgium
Linda McMillan	AAC	Mountain Protection Commission	USA
Israfil Ashurly	AAF	Youth Commission	Azerbaijan
Nenad Dikic	PSS	Anti-Doping Commission	Serbia
Stephen Long	BMC	Training Standards	Great Britain

Urs Stoecker	SAC	Ice Climbing Competitions	Switzerland
Excused			
Dave Custer	AAC	Safety	USA
UIAA Office Bern – Staff			
Sophie Gérard		Office Manager	
Stephanie Stettbacher		Office Coordinator	
Valérie Thöni		Project Coordinator	

Honorary members and Guests			
Claude Eckhardt	FFCAM	Honorary Member (Past UIAA General Secretary)	France
Ang Tshering Sherpa	NMA	Honorary Member	Nepal
Tamotsu Nakamura	JMA	Honorary Member	Japan
Stephane Lozach'meur	Petzl	Project Manager	France
Hanno Dönz	UIAGM	International mountain guides association	Austria

MINUTES

1. Call to order and Welcome by the President

- 1.1 *Welcome Opening of General Assembly Speech by the president of the Korean Alpine Association Mr. Ineong Lee followed by the intervention of Mr. Kihak Sung President The North Face Korea and Mr. Kim Jung Haeng, President Korean Olympic Committee.*

Welcome: by Frits Vrijlandt

1.2 ***Apologies for absence***

Please refer to the participants list

1.3 ***Information***

Voting cards information shared and explained based on colour code by Peter Farkas and Hélène Denis.

Frits Vrijlandt informed about the sad disparition of Honorary member Bill Putnam, and asked for a minute of silence for Bill Putnam, for the victims of the earthquake in Nepal and for all who died in the mountains.

1.4 ***Quorum and majority***

Scrutineers: Robin Baks, Stephanie Stettbacher

Federation Present or represented	Members present with full right of vote	Votes present in general issues	Votes present in financial matters
43	34	33.	150
Absolute majority		18	76

1.5 **Approval of the Agenda**

Information about changes: On point 9.2, on the unit membership. The MC recommended not to change the Articles of Association on Unit Membership, therefore the point 9.2 is deleted and no vote will be organized on this point.

Point 12 on Commission reports: Safety commission report will be presented first as president Dave Custer is in the US and will be connected through at the beginning of the afternoon.

0 Against; 0 abstentions – Approved unanimously

▶ The Agenda was approved unanimously.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly held on 18th October 2014 in Flagstaff, USA**

No comments were received.

0 Against; 0 abstentions – Approved unanimously

▶ The Minutes of the General Assembly held on 18th Oct 2014 in Flagstaff, USA were approved unanimously.

3. **Report by the President**

Frits V. said that he had sent out the president's report previously. No questions were presented.

0 Against; 0 abstentions – Approved unanimously

▶ The President's Report was unanimously approved.

4. **Report by the Office (Sophie Gérard)**

(see report for more information)

Sophie Gérard presented the changes in the staff during 2015. The office has now 6 people. We have a new Communication Manager since 1 October, Peter Bourne, who has past experience with international organisations. Stephanie works for the member federations, the administration and is responsible of the Safety Label. Valérie Thöni is working on the sustainability, she is running the Mountain Protection Award and will be responsible for Respect the Mountains project. Etienne Grillot is working on Ice climbing and rock climbing. Agnès Semelet is our accountant.

There were no comments on the Office report.

Sophie further mentioned the willingness of the UIAA to support the members in their action and develop the collaboration with United Nations. Video about the NMA WFP project following the earthquake in Nepal

(<https://youtu.be/nCaZEvX1T58>). Sophie called the federations to support this project. Ang Tshering Sherpa will present the project tonight. There is a donation page on the UIAA website (<https://give.wfp.org/5698/?step=country>) and any questions can be addressed to Stephanie or Sophie from the Office.

5. Marketing and Communication (presented by Thomas Kaehr and Sophie)

(see report for more information)

In 2015, there were great achievements and tough times as it is difficult to get more sponsors on board. The UIAA consolidated its relations with its current sponsors: North Face for Ice Climbing and Western University and Golden Rock for Mountain Protection. Sponsoring amounts to 30% of UIAA income, which is a stable income in regard to the current economic situation but we would like to increase this percentage toward 40-50% income.

In the sustainability field, the UIAA took over the activities of the Dutch association Respect the Mountains as a new project, to be followed by the Mountain Protection commission. Respect the Mountains is to organise clean up events in the world. Any federation interested to organise this type of event is welcome to contact Sophie or Valérie. The UIAA signed an agreement for one year with KEEN for this project in 2016.

Thomas mentioned that this kind of project can attract more easily funds, as sponsors can clearly see the concrete impact of their donations. General sponsors are difficult to find.

The UIAA signed also a media agreement with Korean TV provider Mountain TV, Mountain TV will be our exclusive distributor of communication content for all Ice Climbing events in Asia and Russia during competitions and world cups in 2016. The profits will be shared.

Thomas thanks especially Danny Park from Mountain TV for his support in the negotiations. Mountain TV can work also as producer partner for us. Video to be later shown.

Marketing action for the COP 21: The UIAA will be present also during the international Conference on Climate Change in Paris next 30th November (COP 21), during which we will share a booth presenting Climate Change impacts on mountains with other associations. The aim is to encourage governments to take into consideration the mountain regions in their decisions.

Goals 2016: more sponsors on board for stable finances to increase our presence. Extend our partnership in Asia in Europe and America. Network of efficient platform to promote and extend ice climbing events.

Communication: the UIAA wants to increase its communication and presence, in online channels especially. The improvement of the UIAA website is ongoing, as well as social media. We have seen an increase of 25% in comparison with 2014 regarding social media. More video productions were done. The statistics regarding the website are: 165'000 visitors, average 2 minutes' sessions, and 330'000 visited pages. There is room for improvement:

- Establish a communication concept with clear focus;
- Communicate more and involve more members in UIAA community;
- Improve the media contact database.

Goals 2016 in communications are to establish a new concept and clear focus in order to better allocate our resources; increase the dialogue with member associations and share members' news and stories. Another goal is to get more emotion on the net with web TV and improve the video base.

An international communication team will be set up by Peter Bourne and he will contact in the next month federations with specific request. Peter Bourne will work also on new communication concept and guidelines.

6 Membership Issues

6.1 *Azerbaijan: review of Membership*

The MC in Zaragoza reviewed carefully all information and the situation and recommended that FAIREX be the active member and AAF the associate.

0 Against; 0 abstentions – Approved unanimously

- ▶ **FAIREX stays UIAA active Member and AAF becomes associate member from 23.10.2015.**

6.2 *Admission of New Members*

6.2.a *Federasi Panjat Tembing of Indonesia FPTI – Indonesia sport climbing and Mountaineering federation - as an Active Member*

Founded in 1998

Approx. 3,000 - 4,000

Recognized by NOC

President: Mr Dhohir FARISI

Votes in favour: unanimous

- ▶ **Federasi Panjat Tembing of Indonesia FPTI is admitted as an Active Member to the UIAA from 1.01.2016.**

6.3 *Non-payment by members*

Membership fees pending 2014 and 2015:

Georgia MCAG (2'600 CHF)

Hungary MSTSZ (2'600 CHF)

India NIM (2'600 CHF)

FV – These federations face exclusion at the end of this year. MC will do everything for them to pay.

Non-payment of members 2015:

ANDORRA FAM 1'902

BANGLADESH BMF 1'300 (announce that they cannot pay)

CHILI FEACH

CYPRUS KOMOA 1'300 (is paying)

INDIA HMI 1'300

KOSOVO KMAF 2'220 (is paying)

PORTUGAL FPME 1'300

TURKEY TDF 6'000

UKRAINE UMCF 1'791 (no information)

Non-payments by Observers in 2015:

Fecodem (500 CHF)

Upame (500 CHF)

Sri Lanka (500 CHF)

FV - Federations present should vote about the exclusion of the three members above if they have not paid their fees by 31st December 2015.

0 Against; 0 abstentions – Approved unanimously

- ▶ **Federations agreed about the exclusion of the listed countries on 31st December 2015, if no payment is received.**

6.4 The solidarity fund was used for Cyprus and MC agreed that it was a one-time donation. If there are temporary problems the UIAA can help.

7. CAI request concerning approval of Declaration on Climate Change (Presented by H el ene Denis)

Video on COP 21 (<http://theuiaa.org/news-290-COP-21-Time-to-take-action-.html>)

H el ene Denis - This summer the UIAA worked with other partners to submit an international declaration on Mountain and Climate Change for COP 21 endorsed by several federations and organisations, whose purpose is to have the word "mountain" mentioned in the future Agreement about Climate change which will be adopted during next conference on the Climate Change (COP 21). The involvement of the UIAA is important, as our knowledge allows us to be influential and that collaboration with other international organisation is important.

This document was written in a diplomatic jargon in order to be distributed during the negotiations in the framework of the COP 21.

At the internal level, member federation, CAI prepared, with the support of the Nepal Mountaineering Association, a Declaration on Climate Change concerning more particularly the alpine associations. It is updating the UIAA Declaration of Banff, Canada, adopted in 2006.

Lucia Foppoli (CAI delegate) - presents the declaration and asks that this document is adopted as a UIAA statement to call all COP 21 participants to adopt the document for future policies in line with the document.

Ang Tshering Sherpa - the impact of climate change and global warming are now clearly visible and this declaration, in collaboration with CAI, was to call COP 21 participants to adopt future policies in line with this call.

- ▶ The UIAA members are asked to vote on the adoption of this CAI-NMA declaration

0 Against; 0 abstentions – Approved unanimously

- ▶ **The joint CAI-NMA declaration is adopted by the UIAA.**

8. Strategic Plan (Presented by Peter Farkas – Vice President)

8.1 Update of 2012-2016 Strategic Plan

The first SP of the UIAA comes to an end next year and we will need to evaluate it and to conduct a survey (more specific than the first one) to all federations. Based on the assessment and survey, a draft for a new SP will be presented to the MC in spring and then presented next October 2016 to the GA.

8.2 Preparation of the new Strategic Plan: 2017-2020 process

Goals defined should be SMART and especially realistic, priorities should be defined, success criteria to be defined and measured, as well as progress. Resource management has to be taken into account. Very important is to redefine the overall mission of the UIAA, in order to have clearer directions. A SWOT analysis is recommended. A working group with committed people will be set up. Further questions to be addressed to peter.farkas@theuiaa.org .

9 Amendments of UIAA Article of Association (Frits Vrijlandt)

9.1 AoA – Changes approved by MC 2015 in Zaragoza and Seoul (VOTE, qualified majority)

The MC proposes some additional changes based on proposals of German and Austrian Alpine Club. See corresponding meeting documents.

0 Against; 0 abstentions – Approved unanimously

▶ **The proposed changes are accepted by the UIAA.**

President of the NKBV: the Germans and Austrian are very important members and it is unfortunate that they could not come here to explain their motivations for their proposed changes. NKBV agrees on these changes. There is also a concern about the role and responsibility of the UIAA with regard to sport climbing competitions. There is already an existing separate international federation, the IFSC, and it is important not to organise any UIAA sport climbing competitions. It is important that the two federations work together in the future.

FV - communication with IFSC is ongoing and goes well, collaboration is already part of our current SP. Sport climbing competition is not included in UIAA competitions and not mentioned in our AoA. Concerning the importance of the German and Austrian Alpine Clubs I agree and shall attend the German general assembly in 3 weeks

9.2 ▶ **Item deleted. (see point 1.5)**

10 Finance (Pier Giorgio Oliveti, Treasurer)

10.1 ***Report of the Auditors and Recommendations by the Management Committee to approve the accounts 2014***

Auditors' Report and discharge to the Board. In 2014, the final profit was of CHF 13'150.52 (increase of 2.16% in comparison with the 2014 budget) with a membership fee income of CHF 296'391.21. The MC recommends the GA to accept the accounts for 2014.

0 Against; 0 abstentions – Approved unanimously

▶ **The Annual Accounts 2014 and discharge of the Executive Board are unanimously approved.**

10.2 ***Current financial position and forecast for 2015***

(See meeting documents for full information)

We will only have the final numbers end of December 2015. Big impact of financial situation on the amounts (due to the Euro discrepancy). Total profit is positive but low with CHF 669'000 total income and CHF 668'340 total expenses, hence with profit of 1'560 CHF. More details can be seen in report. Membership fees 290'000 CHF.

Expenses should remain stable on the whole.

10.3 ***Presentation of the Budget 2016***

We project a total income of about CHF 679'800 with more income from the membership fees (300'000 CHF). The situation could be better for sponsors. More detailed figures in report. Expenses distribution is overall the same as in 2015 (664'300 CHF), new projects and new sponsors. Optimisation of administration costs. Meeting and operating expenses are on the rise (new Board member). Communication is improving. The 2016 expected result is a profit of CHF 10'700.

FV – This is a very conservative budget and we are cautious about our forecast. There are still negotiations with some sponsors, which are not included for the moment in the budget. Thank you to Pier Giorgio and for Agnes Semelet's work.

▶ *The MC recommends the GA to Accept the budget for 2016*

0 Against; 0 abstentions – Approved unanimously

▶ **The Budget for 2016 is approved unanimously.**

10.4 **Admission of Unit Member**

International Sky running Federation (ISF)

Video.

Silvio Calvi – The ISF created in 2008 is already an observer member of the UIAA and would like to become a unit member. In 2008, the UIAA approved the idea to have a sport activity under the umbrella of the UIAA, as a unit member. This new type of activity reflects the attractiveness of mountain sports for youth. The ISF hopes its candidacy is approved.

Claude Eckhardt – In the UIAA-ISF agreement, referring to art.4.2 the ISF delegates some rights to certain commissions, there is no mention of the mountain protection commission. The concern is to impact as less as possible the environment. Claude hopes that the environment protection will be taken into account.

FV – The concern about environment is part of the ISF goals and the UIAA is confident that ISF will take environment issues into consideration in its future activities.

▶ *The MC recommends the GA to accept ISF as Unit member*

0 Against; 0 abstentions – Approved unanimously

▶ **ISF becomes UIAA Unit Member as of January 1st 2016.**

Anne Arran – welcomes the ISF. In the AoA, the fees are to be fixed by the General Assembly.

FV – The fee amounting to EUR 3'000 is mentioned in the agreement with ISF and UIAA.

Peter Muir (Canadian Alpine Club) – Point of the article, this body has to approve

the fee.

FV - The agreement was part of the admittance of ISF. When voting, the assembly accepted also the agreement and the fee mentioned in the agreement.

11 UIAGM Presentation (Hanno Dönz, president)

Video. (Full information in GA ppt documents)

IFMGA – UIAGM – IVBV represents 6'000 mountain guides. Its members are the national mountain guides associations. It offers a common platform for guides' education at the international level, a common code of professional conduct and to provide reciprocity rights between members, so that guides can work everywhere.

The aims of the organization in the future:

Guarantee highest quality level in education and certification of new guides

- Force current professional development programs for certified guides
- Help interested countries to develop their autonomous programs in training and certifying guides and joining then the IFMGA
- Assist national guides associations in legal standing in their countries, regarding recognition of their certifications, access to work in the mountains (ex. national parks...) and giving reciprocal rights to other IFMGA guides
- Assist all associations in developing sustainable practices in guides' education and everyday working.

The IFMGA is a long-time observer in the UIAA. The IFMGA offers guide formation for professional and commercial mountain guides which the UIAA does not offer.

In 2016, the IFMGA would like to develop a new project, targeting the individuals especially from countries where there are no guides associations. This would be organized and controlled directly by the technical commission of the IFMGA, following the platform and regulations of the IFMGA, with trainers of the IFMGA expert team, coming from different IFMGA member associations with long experience in guides training. The training and certification would cover different areas, what possible nearby the home countries of the candidates, in English language.

Costs will be subsidized by EU, home countries of the candidates or sponsors.

Initial formation will be in the original country, then the final formation will be in Switzerland; France or other IFMGA country.

The plan is to inform the federations about this new program, so that they can advertise in their network. Next autumn, if there are enough candidates, the education training will start.

Lunch Break and announcements

FV – Sustainable Summits Conference New Zealand 2016 presented by Stuart Grey. All information on <http://www.theuiaa.org/events-189-Sustainable-Summits-Conference-Aoraki-Mount-Cook-National-Park-New-Zealand-New-Zealand-2016.html>. The conference will review concrete solutions and actions to tackle environment issues and current challenges linked to mountain sport activities. 120 participants can be accommodated.

12 UIAA Commission Reports

Please see reports for more information.

12.5 Safety (Dave Custer on skype)

Safety Commission and standards provide climbers with a baseline for assessment and management of risk. The commission continued to develop climbing equipment standards and testing for standards development. At the June meeting in Chamonix, new standards were approved for snow pickets and crash/bouldering pads. Requirements for snow pickets are an amalgam of existing standards, including ice axe shafts, dead-men snow anchors, and pitons. The bouldering pad standard is more nuanced as its methodology measurement does not address the injury of extremities. The commission will work on this.

Work continues on standards for belay lanyards, avalanche shovels, avalanche probes (collaboration with ICAR), and bolt corrosion. A new working group has been formed to determine whether the helmet standard should be modified to include rim impact tests.

Some larger issues: inclusion of a QC component to all UIAA Standards and a reasonable method of monitoring UIAA certified laboratories outside Europe.

Safety Commission delegates who also serve on the CEN committees are keeping the Safety Commission informed on a number of CEN standards of interest to the climbing community, including standards for avalanche airbags and via-ferrate construction. Further CEN/UIAA collaboration continues to fast track a solution to the problems that have come to light regarding via-ferrate energy absorbing systems.

Pending issues for which the commission awaits feedback from Office and MC:

- Control of web presence: The Commission's education mission has been hampered by the absence of our ability to change elements of the Safety Commission's web presence.
- Clarification to copyright of material produced by volunteers: There are a number of places where the copyright of work done by volunteers for the Safety commission is an issue. I encourage the UIAA to include a copyright and attribution for every photo on the web that is not taken by someone paid by the

UIAA.

- Funding to run the annual Commission meeting: The sum earmarked is insufficient. Need to find a solution.
- Automatic demotion of delegates to corresponding status when not attending meetings/quorum.
- Providing brand look/feel for UIAA publications: If the UIAA has thoughts on the look and feel of UIAA publications— beyond use of UIAA blue and Arial font — the Safety Commission would like to know.
- Waiving anchor label fees for initial years of corrosion resistance standard: it would benefit the climbing community if there were some manufacturers who could be induced to manufacture corrosion resistant bolts.
- Rethinking the interim standard fee structure for labs: I recommend that the interim fee be waived for snow pickets, and perhaps eliminated entirely.
- Removal of increased numbers of standards, label holders, & labs from the new strategic plan: The measure of the Safety Commission is not the number of standards, label holders, or test laboratories. A general idea of which standards are coming along in the pipeline is important.
- Increasing the number of UIAA certified laboratories places an undue burden on the Commission.

The Safety Commission looks forward to working closely with the Management Committee, other UIAA Commissions, and the General Assembly to better support the UIAA and its member federations.

12.1 Access and Expeditions (Juan Jesus Ibanez Martin)

In last annual meeting in Krakow, Poland on June 13th and 14th the commission discussed about the next UIAA Strategic Plan (review Mission and Goals to be more realistic); and a possible collaboration with the Mountain Protection Commission.

In regard to activities, the commission is responsible for the update on the UIAA website of the access information in the database. This year the commission asked five great Federations and Alpine Magazines to define information to be provided.

The plan also is to support Irish European Access survey; the commission would like to share it to all European Federations. Results will be available soon.

Access information reports were received from Czech Republic, Germany, Slovakia and South Africa Mountain Federations.

Argentina's federation FASA has also contacted the commission for help as new regulations about access to some summits are developing. More information shall be available soon.

As to the Expeditions Working Group, Access members have decided to suggest the Board that Mountaineering Commission integrates this working group, due their

close commitments.

Next meeting will be in May 2016, at the same time with the Mountain Protection Commission, so that there can be a common afternoon session. The place is to be confirmed (most probably in Baku, Azerbaijan).

12.2 Medical (David Hillebrandt)

The commission goes on very successfully with its Advice and Education activities. We have this year 24 advice papers in 8 languages on website, dealing with preventative care. Joint work with Medex (www.medex.org.uk) has resulted in more translations of the free booklet on basic mountain medicine and this is welcomed in countries such as Taiwan with its increasing awareness of the mountains for recreation.

Attention should be paid to charity, commercial and gap year treks, which often lack medical information and proper medical training of their leaders. To answer this, the commission would like to employ a part time research student to spend two hours each day for a year increasing the profile the advice sheets on social media under search words relevant to the specific mountain rather than by medical heading.

About the Diploma of Mountain Medicine (UIAA-IKAR Medcom - International society of Mountain Medicine ISMM): In order to cope with the increasing demand of organisations and universities and to maintain consistency, new regulations will be implemented for the countries participating in this international qualification. All holders of the diploma will be listed on a national database open to the public. All courses will have an independent observer from another country to verify the standard (and for mutual exchange of ideas). All courses are expected to encourage ongoing personal professional development. There will be an international bank of assessment exam questions to bring some comparable uniformity to assessment.

About the publication on Drug use and Misuse in the mountains: the final technical draft for Professionals is being finalised. The question is to publish it (the commission would need funding). There is in the future the project to publish a paper about the Management of Diabetes in mountains.

Peter Farkas – the tremendous work done by the Medical Commission is a very good example about the services the UIAA can offer to its member federations and to the mountaineering and climbing community in general. Other commissions are encouraged to follow this example.

Ang Tshering – we express our sincere appreciation of the work done, especially in Nepal.

12.3 *Mountaineering Commission (Pierre Humblet)*

Two meetings since the last GA, in Turkey and Japan. One of the main issues was about ethics and the freedom of mountaineering. There is a trend to refrain mountaineering activities due to risk and social costs. It is time to develop a positive aspect of mountaineering and to underline the benefits of this activity. The commission prepared a draft of plan. The targets are the member federations to make them aware about this, the media and the lawmakers at the international and national levels. The final outputs should be crisis management and capitalization to develop positive aspects. Need to provide positive stories.

With regard to the statistics (improve the technical knowledge and facilitate access of data), the commission signed an agreement for exchange of existing data between 3 Japanese associations JMA, JWAF, JRO and the UIAA. The commission encourages extending this collaboration with federations who have already data or will to create their database. Mountain rescue in Wales is interested in participating in this project.

About the Legal Expert Working Group: A new secretary has been designated in Turkey, Mrs. Klara Havlickova, from Czech federation CZIML. She uploaded on the UIAA website nearly all the work done and papers exchanged within the LEWG during about the last 15 years, to make it easier available.

There are some papers about the Status of voluntary leaders working abroad from:

- Basque Country, Spain,
- Belgium (North and South parts),
- Czech Republic,
- New Zealand.

The commission welcomes other contributions from any other countries.

12.3 *Training Standards (Steve Long)*

Video on Training Standards.

The training standard project is a service for member organisations to help them train leaders and teachers who can then train their members. The UIAA accredits qualifications based on appropriate pre-requirements; syllabus, training and assessment process and quality assurance system. This year the panel sent an observer to evaluate the Indian Climathon. There is a lot of progress, we had one inspection and it did not pass, which means that it is a proper transparent and accountable process. Some federations need to revalidate. Collaboration is really important. For example in UK, professional guides recognize instructors and trekking leaders and collaborate on publications and magazines. The Panel has been involved in training projects: in Jordan (Jordan Tourism Board), in Nepal (trekking leader training). New standard being developed is canyoning. There are

other many possibilities, working together with UIAGM and others.

The Handbook has been translated in English, a Turkish version is ready; there may be an Iranian and Korean translation next year. Federations are encouraged to order the book at the office or to contact to ask for translation permission.

Project of individual qualification for mountaineers: you need to get training course, further experience, examination, instructor program. This education program needs to be practical, documented and appropriate to work in every country. It should also include continuing development.

2 proposals: Rebrand the Training Standard to Qualification Label at an international level in order to have more clarity and the possibility also to develop individual basic skills courses. These courses would be similar to PADI for diving, i.e. pure skills not leadership.

Ang Tshering Sherpa - thank you to Pierre Humblet, Petzl Foundation and Steve Long for formation of 300 leaders and 16 instructors in Nepal in 6 years.

Hanno Dönz – It is important to coordinate activities together; there is a dangerous path between mountaineering, climbing and recreational, and commercial guiding activities, different standards or qualifications.

Petzl Foundation (Stephane Lozach'meur)

One of the main objectives of the Foundation is to work on the accidents' prevention in the vertical world and risk management training. A better knowledge of mountain accidents is key to better training. Petzl Foundation funded research reports on mountain sport accidents worldwide (<http://www.petzl.com/fondation/fondation-petzl?language=en#.Vk3aGPkrlhc>). The analysis of "near miss" accidents is essential to improve safety. From an industrial survey, 600 "near-miss" accidents lead to one serious injury. Petzl Foundation with Camp to Camp is developing a near-miss survey to be online in April 2016. The UIAA federations are welcome to participate, proposal to be made at next mountaineering commission in Spain.

The Handbook version in Turkish has been made and Petzl would like to thank Zirve team for its great work. Translation in Norwegian and in Korean are foreseen for next year.

12.4 Mountain Protection (Linda Mc Millan)

During the MP meeting in May, several important items were reviewed among which:

- Mission and strategy of the commission for 2016
- Future cooperation with the Access Commission: The commission issued and agreed on a Statement, which was communicated to the Board following

the meeting.

The Mountain Protection Platform and Award (MPA): the team reviewed and agreed on the selection criteria and assessment process to be accepted on our platform and eligible to the Award selection.

MPA communication has been enhanced since October 2014: several articles and messages were published and posted in the UIAA network (including social media), the Mountain Partnership newsletter (Peak to Peak), and ICIMOD website (International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development). A marketing flyer presenting the Award was also produced and distributed through these canals. This year the MPA attracted 29 very interesting new mountain protection projects, more than a 200% increase from last year. Two were not accepted on the platform and 22 were eligible for competition.

The list of our new Mountain Protection Award Initiatives for 2015 shows how diverse and impressive the projects of the candidates are. We have in 2015 more projects from America (one from USA, 5 from South America), one from Australia; the majority still coming from Asia (12 projects). The projects covered the following areas: 12 in Culture and Education, 6 in Waste management, 7 in Biodiversity conservation, two in Alternative Energy Resources and 0 in Mitigation of Climate Change effects.

All this MPA project was possible thanks to the very generous support from the Sponsors of the Mountain Protection Award – Western University and Golden Rock Travel of Baku, Azerbaijan.

2015 was marked by the growing visibility of the UIAA with regard to mountain protection and engagement for a balanced approach between sport and environment issues. Since last October 2014, the commission and UIAA staff developed contacts and collaborations with IUCN, FAO Mountain Partnership and other organisations.

The UIAA collaborated with other experts to prepare the Declaration on Mountains for the 21st Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21/CMP11). A joint booth will take place on the Generations Climate space from 30 November to 11 December. Several organizations like UIAGM, WWF-EALP, CIPRA France, Pro-Montblanc, IUCN France Mountain Group and Mountain Coordination will help animating the booth.

The UIAA proposed this summer to take over the activities of Respect the Mountains, whose vision is also to create awareness about mountain areas and goals are to promote sustainable mountain sport activities. Clean Up events will be organized next year. Keen is our new sponsor on this project.

FV – these events take place in Europe but we strongly encourage the federations to organise such events in the rest of the world.

FV – please fill out your latest contacts details to give back to the Office.

12.6 Youth (Israfil Ashurly)

New nominations this year come from Korean Alpine Federation with nomination of Mr. Kim Youngsik as a full member; FEEC (Catalonia, Spain) with nomination of Mr. Jordi Magriñà Güell as a full member; Mohammed Hashemi from Iran re-nominated as a full member.

During 1,5 years the commission has been planning to standardize the educational process of route-setters on the natural surface. Alexander Klenov – YC technical expert, was involved in this project. The idea of it was to define the methods of development of ice-climbing regions, criteria of preparing sport routes and defining thread-climbing zones. Unfortunately, the commission has suspended the work at this project, because we didn't manage to hold route-setters' seminar with the following certification.

7 Global Youth Summits events were organized this summer.

In 2016, the commission has to review its strategic objectives in line with UIAA strategic plan and ARISF grant application. The commission will collaborate with the office.

In 2015, the following events were supported by ARISF:

- Balkan Youth leader training seminar for different age of groups from Balkan countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey). Place: Skopje, FYROM.
- Winter program – one-week International ice-climbing and mountaineering meeting held in Guillestre, the Alps (16-22 years old).
- Summer program – one-week International rock-climbing and mountaineering coaching in Ariege, French Pyrenees (from 10+ for local to 12+ for foreigners).

International rock-climbing route-setting course for youth leaders and International Youth Rock climbing Festival was organized finally by the Executive Board and FAIREX with the support of ARISF. Location: Laza, Gusar region Azerbaijan, from 16 to 22 August 2015.

Overall, the total quantity of participants in all events is 369 coming from 33 countries, a real increase from last years. On September 5th, the commission members held the meeting in Tehran under IMSF support. The commission is very grateful to Iran Federation for this.

In 2016, the commission has already proposals and negotiates with local

organisers about standards and requirements: 2 winter events (in Italy and France) are planned. We encourage federations to send participants to practice ice-climbing. Other events planned: festival in Fontainebleau with FFCAM, one leadership seminar in Mongolia (July), youth festival in Serbia, expedition event in Iran. Calendar will be published in mid-December.

Encourages for more participation in the Global Youth Summits events. Federations can organise an event and send also participants to the other events. Thanks to all event organisers for their wonderful job and the Management Committee for supporting the commission.

Colonel Chauhan – would an event in India in 2016 be possible?

Israfil Ashurly – IMF can send the commission a proposal, we are ready.

12.7 Ice Climbing (Urs Stöcker)

Video for IC season 2016.

Past: In 2015, the strategic plan was adapted to less ambitious objectives. Results: 6 World Cups; 1 World Championship (Lead: Rabenstein / Speed: Kirov); 1 World Youth Championships (Lead & Speed: SaaS Fee); 1 Challenger in America at Bozeman (USA is included in the World Cup Tour).

Participants: 175 men (increase of 37.8% in comparison of 2014); 88 women (increase of 10%); 63 youth (increase of 40%); 24 countries (decrease of 11.2%).

Federations are encouraged to send motivated athletes, they have to start somewhere; it is a good occasion to train. The office has a new event manager Etienne Grillot who did a great job by evaluating the events of 2015. There is an increased attention from the public and more positive feedbacks, but there are technical problems like the need for more ice on the future structures, isolation zones for athletes improved and consistency of judges' levels of competences.

For the next season, we hope we can have more events in the US and Canada. There will be a Training Handbook for the ice climbers, federations and organisers (how to organise an event, to train athletes etc...). Ice Climbing will be presented in the culture programme at the Winter Olympic games in Lillehammer, Norway.

Working group projects are starting, regulations about para-climbing are under way.

Objectives of World Tour: 3 Continental Championships; 1 Youth World Championship; Youth Olympic Games; 7 World Cups and 1 Para-climbing World Championship.

We work on a challenger in China.

For 2017, the election for the IC World Championship's place should be made by the General Assembly. There is only one candidate, France.

Video.

George Elzière – Proposed 3 years ago to the French mountain commission to have IC competitions. While nobody considered it an interesting issue, it was accepted nevertheless. Today, it is clear for all that this sport attracts young generations. Suggestion to all federation: send athletes! This is an important issue.

- ▶ *Election of France, Champagny en Vanoise, as location of World Championship 2017.*

0 Against; 0 abstentions – Approved unanimously

- ▶ **France's candidacy is approved unanimously.**

12.8 *Anti-Doping Commission (Nenad Dikic)*

UIAA competitions totally comply with the WADA code (New World Anti-Doping Code enforced since January 1, 2015). The commission has done a lot of controls during the competitions (7% in competition), compared to other sports. Community spirit is nice. As previous years, the commission did 4 doping controls per competition and 4 doping controls out of competition. This year for the first time specific testings were conducted (ESA, GHRF).

At the Sportaccord convention in Sochi the UIAA has presented its anti-doping program Clean Climbing. We have been used by WADA as an example of small International federation with good organized anti-doping program. In Italy also, Anti-doping is presented in a round table, with title „Mountain Freedom vs. Risk – a discussion without peak”.

President of Anti-doping Commission also thanked Silvio Calvi for organization of the event dedicated to the mountaineers with transplant organs.

Anti-doping Commission thanks Sophie for her negotiating talents with IOC people.

Video (Clean Climbing animation to promote anti-doping).

Study about use of drugs by mountaineers, which results are to be published at the end of this year (Paul Robach) showed that from samples from 2 mountain huts in Mont Blanc, 1/3 climbers took something: 20% Diamox, 13% medicaments for sleeping, but no stimulants, no drugs, no amphetamines were taken.

12.9 *Discipline and Appeals Commissions*

FV- I'm happy to report there is nothing to report.

14 *Report by the UIAA Court*

FV- We received an email from the head of the UIAA Court, Bettina Geisseler that she has nothing to report.

15 Elections

15.1 Introduction, presentation of candidates

15.2 Election of Executive Board Members (term 2015 – 2019) (VOTE):

Colonel HS Chauhan (IMF) for EB Asian representative

After discussions among members, a non-secret ballot was conducted, the result being not in favour of Colonel Chauhan, he withdrew his candidacy after explanations by FV.

▶ **Colonel Chauhan withdrew his candidacy.**

15.3

FV – we regret this outcome and thank Colonel Chauhan for his commitment

Election of Management Committee Members: (term 2015 – 2019) (VOTE) And replacement of Mr Kanzaki by Kuniaki Yagihara (until 2016)

Petronella - election should be for 4 years.

Frank-Urs – agrees too. A term is 4 years.

Pierre – agrees to.

▶ **General Assembly to accept Mr Yagihara for 4 years.**

0 Against; 0 abstentions – Approved unanimously

▶ **Kuniaki Yagihara is approved unanimously for 4 years.**

FV – Thanks the lawyers for their support.

No candidate for South America. Next year for the election.

16 General Assembly / Management Committee Guidelines (vote)

0 Against; 0 abstentions – Approved unanimously

▶ **The new version of the GA/MC guidelines is adopted.**

17 Future General Assemblies

17.1 AVS Brixen 2016

Video

17.2 2017 General Assembly (VOTE)

Iran Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation proposes to organise the GA in 2017.

0 Against; 0 abstentions – Approved unanimously

▶ **GA 2017 will take place in Iran.**

18 Any other business

Hanno – invites Frits to the UIAGM 50th anniversary in Zermatt, Switzerland on 4 December.

FV – thanks the UIAGM for this invitation.

Claude Eckhardt: France Ministry of Culture agreed to put Alpinism on the French list of immaterial/intangible groups. This is a first step towards UNESCO list of world heritage. It will be a positive tool for communication.

FV- Thanks the participants for their meeting attendance and congratulates everyone for the successful meeting.

Meeting adjourned

Amendments to min as agreed upon by the GA Brixen 15th October 2016:

- Addition of CTTA member in attendance **Mr Chung Da Ho**
- Pg 11. (Addition to statement in green) Lucia Foppoli (CAI delegate) - presents the declaration and asks that this document is adopted as a UIAA statement **to call all COP 21 participants to adopt the document for future policies in line with the document for the future.**