

## 2025 UIAA-FBNSK MOUNTAIN SPORTS SYMPOSIUM LOGISTICAL SHEET

### DATE

25-26 October 2025

### LOCATION

Peja, Kosovo

### CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Pristina International Airport "Adem Jashari" (PRN), approximately 70 km (around 43 miles) from Peja

Transport to and from the Mountain Sports Symposium must be arranged individually and is at the participant's own expense.

### VENUE

Main venue & theory sessions: Hotel Camp Karagaç, Pn Fehmi Agani, Pejë 30000, Kosovo

Workshop sessions: between Peja and the Rugova Canyon Viewpoint (Coordinates: 42.66065, 20.25537)

Transport from main venue to workshops will be arranged.

### EVENT PAGE

<https://www.theuiaa.org/uiaa-mountain-sports-symposium/>

### LEAD

The Mountain Sports Symposium is led by a team of four people:

- Urs Hefti, President UIAA Medical Commission (co-chair)
- Lionel Kiener, President UIAA Safety Commission (co-chair)
- Arianit Nikçi, President Kosovo Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation
- Deni Hameli, President Kosovo Mountain Search and Rescue Service

### REGISTRATION

Registrations open on 1 August 2025 and must be done via the official registration form:

<https://theuiaa.typeform.com/mss2025>

The number of participants is limited to 70 people, with a first come, first served policy.

## COST

### **EUR 80 for General Assembly delegates.**

- The fee covers participation in 1.5 days of lectures and workshops, dinner on 25 October, lunch on 26 October, coffee & snacks, transportation between lectures and workshops, and the certificate.

### **EUR 100 for members of the Kosovo Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation and other UIAA member federations in the Balkan region.**

- The fee covers participation in all lectures and workshops, two hotel nights from 24-26 October, two dinners on 24 and 25 October, two lunches on 25 and 26 October, coffee & snacks, transportation between lectures and workshops, and the certificate. \*Locals not needing accommodation at hotel will have a reduced rate, minus the hotel sleeping costs.

### **EUR 130 for all other participants, not falling in the above two categories.**

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The registration fee is to be paid prior to arrival. Details will be shared after submitting the registration.

## PROGRAMME

The 2025 edition will run over two days and focus on topics of safety and mountain medicine, led by the respective UIAA Commissions. International experts have been invited to lecture and hold workshop on environmental hazards, high altitude topics such as the prevention of illnesses, as well as rock anchor placement, safe equipment and via ferrata regulations. Participants will spend two mornings in the classroom at Hotel Camp in Peja and the afternoons outdoors at a crag to workshop bolting, water treatment methods, knots and pulleys, stretcher rescue scenarios, and improvised splinting, among other topics.

Engaging panel discussions on the environment and its challenges, and comparing rescue situations and operations across Europe will round the morning sessions of the course.

## CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

A list of confirmed speakers can be found below. Please note that additional presenters will be added to this list:

### **Climbing & Mountaineering Organisations**

Gebhard Barbisch, President Commission for Terrestrial Rescue of ICAR (AUT)

Deni Hameli, President Kosovo Mountain Search and Rescue Service (XKX)

Arianit Nikçi, President Kosovo Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation (XKX)

Mrika Nikçi, Mountaineer, first Albanian and the youngest female in the world to climb the Seven Summits (XKX)

Kyriakos Rossidis, East European Mountain Guide Association Technical Director (CYP)

Andre von Rotz, UIAA CEO (GER)

### **Medicine**

Urs Hefti, MD, UIAA Medical Commission President, Orthopedic Surgeon, Swiss Sportclinic (SUI)

David Hillebrandt, MD, UIAA Medical Commission, General Practitioner (GBR)

Matthias Hilty, MD, UIAA Medical Commission, Senior Physician, Institute of Intensive Care

Medicine University Hospital Zurich (SUI)

Linda E Keyes, MD, UIAA Medical Commission, University of Colorado, Adjunct Associate Professor (USA)

### **Safety**

Per Forsberg, UIAA Safety Commission, Health and Safety Specialist and Rope Access Technician (SWE)

Lionel Kiener, UIAA Safety Commission President, Mechanical Engineer (SUI)

Alexis Mallon, UIAA Safety Commission Vice President, IFMGA Mountain Guide Teacher (FRA)

Géza Toth, UIAA Safety and Training Commissions (BEL)

### **Sustainability**

Paul Kwakkenbos, UIAA Mountain Protection Commission President, Sustainability and ESG reporting practitioner (NED)

Uta Ibrahimi, Mountaineer and Environmental Advocate, Mountain Guide and Founder of Butterfly Outdoor Adventures (XKX)