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**About the UIAA**

**THE GLOBAL MOUNTAIN NETWORK**

The International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation (UIAA) was founded in 1932 and has a global presence on six continents representing 90 member associations and federations in 67 countries.

The UIAA, supported by over 150 volunteers, promotes the growth and protection of mountaineering and climbing worldwide by:

- preserving their spirit and traditions
- advancing safe and ethical mountain practices
- promoting responsible access, culture and environmental protection
- supporting youth participation and the Olympic movement

The UIAA fulfils its Mission Statement mainly through the work of its Commissions, which make recommendations, set policy and advocate on behalf of the international mountaineering community. UIAA Commissions are comprised of experts in their field.

The UIAA operates through the following Commissions:

- Technical (Mountaineering, Climbing, Alpine, Access, and Training)
- Workers in mountain Protection

Further Reading: [About the UIAA](theuiaa.org/about)

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**PLEDGE**

The UIAA is the International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation. As the leading global network, we promote climbing and mountaineering and advocate for access to climbing areas and mountain ranges. While looking to our future, we value our heritage and care for the mountains, fragile ecosystems, vulnerable communities and cultures. We serve the best interests of our member federations and of our worldwide community. For the climbers. For the mountains. For the world.
Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President.

As a new President starts another term after dedicating eight years to the UIAA. We owe great thanks to Frits who took over in a time of controversy. He led with enthusiasm and a ready smile. Frits dedicated good portions of his free time to UIAA business which means something when you consider his young family, his very busy work schedule, and the days he missed in the hills. On your behalf I express my great thanks to Frits and wish him, Rose and their family the very best.

I will not belabour Covid; it has been enough of a test on all of us. I revered every day at the remarkable resilience of all our members in dealing with this challenge so well.

I thought long about what to say to you in this Annual Report because in 2020 many UIAA activities were challenged. But from challenge comes opportunity, and may-be it is best that I turn my attention to the future and where I hope to lead the UIAA over the next four years. You can use our progress on these ideas as a measure of our success.

The UIAA is a strong organisation based on sound principles and our common passion for all things “climbing”. The Articles of Association provide a solid base, but there are some areas where clear interpretation of the Articles’ organisational structure and assigned responsibilities would help the UIAA in meeting member’s needs and expectations.

As I said in my election speech, I don’t think the UIAA needs a lot of change, it just needs some clarification. So I dedicate myself to providing clear and allocated responsibilities to best equip the UIAA to meet its mission and vision and strategic plan.

The central core of UIAA’s existence, the reason that our federations come together in international union, is mountaineering and climbing in all its forms. The UIAA’s primary role is to support our member federations so that they may better support their members’ enjoyment of their mountain activities safely and with respect for the places and people they encounter. And I think that is true for environmental and cultural responsibility, safety, equipment, training and medical advice. Access remains the foundation of UIAA projects to provide direct resources to the needs of our members.

For the foregoing reasons, the Executive Board has organised working groups to focus on these areas for recommendations to the Management Committee, and from it to the General Assembly.

- A governance working group to make UIAA organisation clear and responsible, to enable our willing volunteers to make a full and meaningful contribution with the time and effort they so graciously give us.
- An external relations working group to focus on the members’ and their needs and issues.
- An internal relations working group to improve working relationships and to create meaningful links to potential partners or allies.
- A Commission working group to recommend how best to help our Commissions’ projects advance our strategic plan.
- An income and audit working group to make sure that are are responsibly managing and allocating our financial resources.
- There is work to do over the time frame. I’m looking forward to it. I hope you will join me in whatever way your time allows.
- And always, we will have some fun along the way. Just enjoy what you do.

Mind yourself out there,

Peter Muir
UIAA President
Dear colleagues,

Re: UIAA Management Committee

Central & South America Representative
Martín Lascano González
Bariloche

As confirmed by the UIAA General Assembly (October, 2020)

UIAA Executive Board and Management Committee
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Executive Board

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Canada
Alpine Club of Canada

Zuljorgul RANDRAGCH (Vice President)
Mongolia
Mongolian National Climbing Federation

Lode BECKERS (General Secretary)
Belgium
Belgian Climbing & Mountaineering Federation

Aorz CHOWDHURY
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British Mountaineering Council

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Françoise JAQUET
(Treasurer)
Switzerland
Swiss Alpine Club

Martin LASCANO
Argentina
Federación Argentina de Esquí y Natación

Jose MCZEKA
France
Fédération française des clubs alpins et de montagne

Jochen FLENNER
Germany
Gerns Alpen Club

Simon ALDEN
Abbotsford
Mel's Climbing Club

Jouko DRESSEN
Netherlands
Royal Dutch Mountaineering and Climbing Club

Kul Bahadur GURUNG
Nepal
Nepal Mountaineering Association

Steve LONG
United Kingdom
British Mountaineering Council

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Norway
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The UIAA Executive Review of 2020

January

In the wake of a challenging year, the UIAA Executive Committee reviews the most important events in 2020 throughout the world of climbing.

February

The UIAA published its 2020 Annual General Assembly, the federation’s report, and its recommendations and plans for the future.

March

The first and only UIAA Global Assembly, the federation’s annual meeting, was held online this year.

April

The UIAA created a series of online #ClimbSafe sessions to support its members, and wider climbing community, with important information on Covid-19.

May

For the first time in the UIAA’s nearly 90-year history, its Management Committee held a meeting online.

June

Supporting www.climbing.org, a new UIAA website, and Larry Grantham’s representation of the UIAA at the UN World Summit on Sustainable Development, the UIAA access commission launched its Access Awareness Month.

July

Following May’s UIAA Mountain Protection Commission, the UIAA Foundation launched its first Mountain Protection Award.

August

The UIAA’s Youth Commission launched a series of programmes to support future generations of climbers.

September

The UIAA’s Access Working Group launched its Access Awareness Month, which aims to raise awareness of the importance of climbing.

October

For the first time in its history, the UIAA hosted its General Assembly online. Peter Muir is elected as the federation’s 14th President.

November

The UIAA’s Mountain Safety Commission met to discuss safety issues and enhance the UIAA’s role as the global voice for climbers.

December

The UIAA pays tribute to a legend of climbing and mountaineering, the late Klara Dvorakova, head of the UIAA’s Access Commission.

The UIAA Executive Review of 2020 highlights the most significant moments and achievements in the world of climbing, from the UIAA’s 2019 Annual General Assembly to the first ever online UIAA General Assembly held in October – a testament to the federation’s adaptability and commitment to the climbing community.

The review also pays tribute to the late Klara Dvorakova, head of the UIAA’s Access Commission, and celebrates the achievements of all UIAA members in 2020.
The Covid-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on everybody’s lives. For international organisations like the UIAA, significant changes to the way it operated had to be implemented in the context of an ever-evolving situation. The UIAA’s response to Covid-19 was proactive and has taken on many different aspects. Below is a breakdown of some of the key effects:

OFFICE
From mid-March, staff at the UIAA Office in Bern, Switzerland worked remotely, returning only later in the year when conditions allowed and subject to restrictions such as the number of people who could be in the office at any one time. The UIAA is accustomed to agile working so there was no great change in terms of the working environment. The Office held weekly catch-up meetings to ensure regular communication and the delivery of key projects.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE & EXECUTIVE BOARD
The UIAA Management Committee was due to host its in-person meeting in North Macedonia in May. This was cancelled and replaced, for the first time, by an online meeting. The format proved successful with more delegates attending than otherwise would have made the in-person meeting, particularly those from outside of Europe. There was also a follow-up Management Committee meeting and an online meeting of all Commission Presidents. During the virtual MC meetings, it was decided that the 2020 UIAA General Assembly would be held online. A first for the federation in its near 90-year history. Further details can be found in the dedicated section.

In an effort to ensure the UIAA remained efficient and met its targets, the UIAA held frequent virtual meetings. Indeed, the EB, MC and all UIAA Commissions all used online technology to meet more regularly during the pandemic. This signifies a positive step for the years to come with the UIAA reducing both its carbon footprint and creating a routine where shorter, online meetings leading to fruitful and productive collaboration.

COVID-19 PORTAL
One of the UIAA’s first tasks was to direct all Covid-19 related updates to a dedicated website portal. Like similar bodies, whether in the sports world or NGOs, the UIAA’s initial focus was on the impact of Covid-19 on its operations, projects and members. The portal has proved to be one of the most successful initiatives launched by the UIAA in recent times, bringing significant traffic to the website.

During the early months of the pandemic, the focus of the portal was on supplying updates from individual UIAA members. Covid-19 impacted different parts of the world at different times. Learnings from initial outbreaks in Asia and then in Europe proved crucial for the UIAA and the sport.

By the end of 2020, the UIAA has published over 300 articles from members in over 40 countries. Over half its membership has contributed to the platform. Members were able to use the platform to share learning, experiences from inside and outside of Europe. There was also a follow-up Management Committee meeting and an online meeting of all Commission Presidents. During the virtual MC meetings, it was decided that the 2020 UIAA General Assembly would be held online. A first for the federation in its near 90-year history. Further details can be found in the dedicated section.
At their 7 April e-meeting, members of the UIAA held five online meetings. With the support of experts from different UIAA areas (EB, MC, Commissions and as well as national federations) this group has been able to provide guidance on a number of subjects as the nature of the pandemic evolved. Each meeting addressed the situation and updated the UIAA on related questions and inputs and findings shared on the UIAA portal. Initiatives that came out of the meetings included dedicated UIAA position statements on responsibility, access and implementing social distancing. The impact on UIA projects such as the UIAA for Climbing World Tour, with competitions on three continents and athletes from nearly 30 countries, the Mountain Protection Award and Commission projects which require physical meetings and workshops are safety, key challenges for the year ahead.

The portal also acted as a forum to share information from wider climbing media – including mental and physical health articles and general opinion pieces on the economic impact of Covid-19.

Further Reading

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PETER MUIR, UIAA PRESIDENT

In his brief opening address, Mr. Muir said: “Thank you all for the faith you have expressed in me. I am proud of what we have achieved together and the achievements we have been part of the UIAA family. These have been many highlights including welcoming 68 countries – joined on Zoom and 250 member federation representatives and partners followed on from there. Further, a further 250 member federation representatives and partners followed. For everything related to the UIAA and Covid-19 please click here.

UIAA Covid-19 CCC Taskforce

UIAA General Secretary, Mahmood Hashemi

UIAA Communication Manager, Carol Kahoun

UIAA Executive Board, Lode Beckers, Urs Hefti

UIAA Management Committee, Buddha Basnyat, Nils Glatthard

UIAA Office, Amit Chowdhury

Report by Lea Beckers

UIAA General Secretary, Covid-19 CCC Taskforce

Peter Muir

UIAA Communication Manager, Covid-19 UIAA Taskforce

Other CCC Taskforces

UIAA Board of Directors

UIAA Management Committee

UIAA MedCom

Buddha Basnyat, Nils Glatthard, Mahmood Hashemi, Carol Kahoun, Urs Hefti, Lea Beckers

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Assembly: UIAA Management Committee by the General

The following nominees were elected to the

- Françoise
- Mahmood
- Zoljargal

Muir will lead an Executive Board comprised of:

- Greg
- Arran
- Lascano
- Jaquet
- Chowdhury

(continued)

The UIAA thanks Frits Vrijlandt and outgoing


Full Members

- Moscow Federation of Climbing Industries (FMKI) and Board Members (Russia)
- Swiss Alpine Club (SAC)
- newest member associations during the General Assembly. They are:

MEMBER ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

The UIAA General Assembly elected four new member associations during the General Assembly.

Association Observer

- International Mountain Club of Western Caucasus University, Armenian

Observer Member

- International Commission for Alpine Recreation (ICAR)

Changes of Membership

- Ceylon Federation of Mountains Sports (CFMS) is now elected as a Full Member Observer Society: Observer Member

National Adventure Association of Malaysia (NAAM) is now elected as Full Member Observer Society

and the American Alpine Club and Patons of the British Mountaineering Council.

Doug Scott was delighted with the recognition from the UIA family. “It has been an unprece-
cepted honour which I am very proud to receive. This has been an unex-
pected honour which I am very proud to receive. For the Climbers. For the Mountains. 

The mission will be carried out through strate-

gic communications, the EB, the MC and partners. 

1) Providing guidance on critical and emerging mountaineering issues
2) Setting and maintaining high standards
3) Advising and supporting the advancement of networks of national federations and their members at a global level

Barclay decided for a “ission-based operator-

for the implementation process” from the new President through to member federations. Conclusions, the UIA, the MC, and partners.

In charting the progress of the Strategic Plan 2021-2024, the UIA will communicate regularly with

with various groups over many years and explained that the Strategic Plan 2021-2024 will be a

working process for the coming years.

All will be guided by the profile approved at the UIA GA in 2019.

“The UIA is the International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation and work we protect, sustain and promote, and we advocate for access to climbing areas and mountain ranges. While acknowledging future environmental and associated challenges, we should not lose sight of the fact that we are supporting the world’s climbing communities. Let’s sit down together, reflect on their achievements and identify the world’s climbing communities. Let’s sit down together, reflect on their achievements and identify the world’s largest peaks, as those which have a cause he passionately campaigned. Doug Scott

the country where Doug achieved many of his

projects including writing several memoirs and

Doug has committed himself to a number of

various UIAA Commissions (Mountaineering

values Working Group) was awarded Honorary

- Fédération française de Montagne, (re-election), South Africa,
- National Climbing Federation, Canada, on 29 October 2020
- Malta, (re-election).

Beckers called for a ‘broadly based owner-

was elected as a Full Member,

Member, formerly an Observer Member (FECODEM) is now elected as a Full

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Following a resolution put forward by the British Mountaineering Council (BMC) and presented by their President Lynn Robinson, legendary mountain climber Doug Scott, a former member of the UIA Management Committee (2008-2012) and founding member of the UIA’s World Council (Mountaineering Congress 2011-2023) and the Traditional Values Working Group, was awarded Honorary Membership of the UIA.

A champion for the traditional values of

mountaineering issues

The UIA Annual Report and Financial Statement

An extensive part of the GA was also dedicated to Commemorative Panels and Ceremonies, which are published in the following chapters of this Annual Report.

here

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UAAP Strategy

A key component of the UAAP Executive Board and Management Committee’s work over the coming years is developing the Strategic Plan 2021-2024. The 2020 GA agreement was reached on its guiding principles and three pillar structure (Safety, Sport, Sustainability). A road map is now being developed to define a clearer executive plan while working with Commissions to identify priority projects.

The current Strategic Plan, 2021-2024, can be downloaded here. Some of the key messages are presented in this chapter.

RECENT HISTORY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The first Strategic Plan of the UAAP was presented to the 2011 General Assembly in Kathmandu and covered the period between 2012-2016. The plan was revised in 2016 in order to clarify some goals and to ensure that the objectives were in accordance with the so-called SMART criteria (Specific, Measurable, Assignable, Realistic, Time-bound).

The next Strategic Plan was drawn up, by the Executive Board and Management Committee at a meeting held during the Covid-19 crisis. The Strategic Plan document also outlines the source documents which supported its creation, the UAAP three pillar structure (Safety, Sport, Sustainability) and the goals of each of these pillars.

To prepare the UAAP strategy for the years after 2020, a number of documents were drawn up, developing a new strategy for the UAAP, assessing every aspect of the international federation, its activities and the support provided to its members. Ahead of the 2017 UAAP Management Committee meeting and the General Assembly in Cyprus, a Strategic Working Group (SWG) published their findings and recommendations in a report called ‘The State of the UAAP’.

In the months following the Cyprus GA the UAAP presented to the NEC and to the Commission Presidents an updated formulation of the UAAP’s union objectives and role. Carrying the expertise which went into the preparation of the ‘QUAAP of the 21st Century’ report, the resulting document is a compilation of the input received up to now from the various bodies of the UAAP.

The proposed revised objectives were approved at an Executive Board meeting and for the first time are set out by focusing on three priorities: (1) To provide guidance on critical and emerging mountaineering issues, (2) To set and maintain high standards and (3) To assist, to support and to advocate the interests of national federations and their members at a global level.

The UAAP exists to serve its members. It is to assist national federations, to respond to member inquiries, to defend their interests, to advocate among international and Olympic associations on the cause of responsible and sustainable mountaineering. A pertinent example in this regard is the support and worldwide information currently provided during the Covid-19 crisis.

The Strategic Plan document also outlines the source documents which supported its creation, the UAAP three pillar structure (Safety, Sport, Sustainability) and the goals of each of these pillars.

RESTATED STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR 2020-2024 – A SUMMARY

MISSION

The mission of the UAAP Global Mountain Network is to uphold the values and interests of the climbing and mountaineering community and to provide assistance to member federations, promoting environmentally, responsible, manageable and safe mountaineering. The UAAP advocates for and upholds the interests of climbing and mountaineering federations and their members, and maintains rewarding relationships with local communities and their relevant authorities, international sport sector authorities, international partners and agencies, and with international private sector operators. The mission is carried out by focusing on three priorities:

1. To provide guidance on critical and emerging mountaineering issues

The UAAP aims to contribute to mountain protection and stewardship through responsible behaviour, while providing UAAP members with international guidance on the increasing climbing and mountaineering risks caused by climate change and by emerging challenges to mountain access. The UAAP also seeks to participate in initiatives to understand and alleviate adverse developments in the mountain environment as a result of climate change which may additionally raise new issues.

2. To set and maintain high standards

Through UAAP Commission activities, the UAAP brings the way in a wide range of fields. The UAAP continues to set standards for climbing and mountaineering in areas such as safety, mountaineering protection, training, responsible access, mountaineering skills building, sustainability, etc.

3. To assist, to support and to advocate the interests of national federations and their members at a global level

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This chapter provides details on the UIAA member associations on all six continents, the organisations and associations who partner and support the federation and details on the 2020 financial performance. Information is also provided on the UIAA Office and communication deliverables.

The UIAA closed 2020 with 90 Member Associations, comprising 66 full members, one unit member, 17 associate members and one observer member from 67 different countries, making a total of approximately 3.2 million individual members. Membership changes confirmed at the 2020 online UIAA General Assembly are highlighted in the following tables:

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The intention is to use the positive result of the year to strengthen reserves and satisfy the expectations of the UIA General Assembly regarding the allocation of the result of the year.

Due to Covid-19, Commission and WG activities were reduced, resulting in significantly lower expenses. Minimal travel meant fewer expenses, as a pre-pandemic high travel rate resulted in a massive reduction of the UIAA carbon footprint.

**Finance**

**Income 2020**

1. **Membership Fees**
   - CHF 316,000
   - With few exceptions, UIAA membership fees were paid in full by member federations.

2. **Safety Label Fees**
   - CHF 132,400
   - 4% lower than budget. Some manufacturers have reduced their number of Safety Labels significantly.

3. **Other Fees (IC Service, TS)**
   - CHF 215,200
   - Additional CHF 20,000 service fee from local event organisers due to additional services provided by UIAA; Hide fee CHF 50,000 to 32,000, athletes fee CHF 200 to 100.

4. **Grants**
   - CHF 54,800
   - Includes CHF 20,000 fee from the Danish ski federation.

5. **Partnerships**
   - CHF 198,800
   - Includes CHF 120,000 cash and CHF 80,000 in-kind.

**Expenses 2020**

6. **Staff**
   - CHF 292,000
   - 10,000 better than budget; additional workload due to Covid-19 situation/online meetings; 13,500 compensation received from Swiss Covid-19 programme.

7. **External services**
   - CHF 40,200
   - Includes CHF 6,000 for lawyer, legal fees.

8. **Office, Administration**
   - CHF 30,300
   - Includes CHF 20,000 from local event organisations.

9. **Meetings**
   - CHF 45,700
   - 28,000 better than budget; no in-person meetings.

10. **Commission Operative Expenses**
    - CHF 14,500
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11. **Commissions Projects**
    - CHF 384,400
    - Includes CHF 52,000 for project activities.

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### Balance Sheet

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#### Notes

- **A** Cash and cash equivalents +160’000
  - Due to pandemic: no in-person meetings, no travel and accommodation expenses, reduced/delayed commission activities and projects.

- **B** Receivables -10’000
  - SAC balance in favour of UIAA resulting from SAC services, SAC grant and UIAA payments.

- **C** Prepayments and accrued income -57’000
  - Reduced pre-payments for 2021 Ice Climbing season compared to 2020 due to scaled back competition calendar.

- **D** Accounts payable -1’500
  - Reduced staff overtime and social charges

- **E** Accrued expenses and deferred income +15’500
  - 2021 sponsoring for Ice Climbing and some 2021 Safety Label fees received in advance.

- **F** General provision +/-0
  - Varies depending on the allocation of the result of the year, tbd by the General Assembly.

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**Proposed to the UIAA General Assembly 2021 regarding allocation of the result of the year 2020**

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UIAA Office Report

The UIAA Office is located in Bern. The staff working in Switzerland are responsible for running the daily operations of the UIAA. It is the staff’s duty and commitment to serve UIAA members and to support, coordinate, plan and implement the activities and decisions of the Executive Board, the Management Committee and UIAA Commissions. On an operational level, the UIAA continues to benefit from a close collaboration with the SAC, Swiss Alpine Club.

STEPHANIE STETTBACHER
OFFICE COORDINATOR & SAFETY LABEL ADMINISTRATOR
office@theuiaa.org

- Member services: first and main contact for UIAA member associations, General Assembly organisation, GA agendas and minutes.
- Management Committee services: MC meeting organisation, preparation of agendas and minutes, implementation of MC decisions.
- Commission services: member administration, preparation and coordination of Safety Commission meetings.
- UIAA Safety Label administration: standards, test labs, manufacturers, certificates, invoices.

NILS GLATTHARD
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
nils.glatthard@theuiaa.org

- General management and coordination of the UIAA staff in Bern and abroad.
- Management and implementation of UIAA projects.
- Coordination of internal and external communication.
- Preparation and presentation of budgets and financial reports in collaboration with the UIAA Treasurer.
- Link between staff, volunteers, DB Commission Presidents, Management Committee and member associations.
- Development and presentation of partnership proposals and contracts.
- UIAA representation at events and on international platforms.

DONATE: Financial support for climbing

Support the UIAA, its members and partners in delivering international projects which make a difference.

https://www.theuiaa.org/donate
In 2020, the Office is composed of six paid staff members, including one independent for communication, representing 4.2 full-time jobs in total.
**Communication**

The UIA’s communication services are delivered both to its membership and to the wider climbing and mountaineering community.

**STRATEGY**

- **Core Message:** Providing a voice for climbing and mountaineering
- **Values:** Impact, Innovation, Collaboration
- **Objectives:**
  - Increase awareness of UIA’s mission
  - Support the UIA’s strategic growth
  - Ensure a wide distribution of UIA information

**PUBLICATIONS**

- **UIA Annual Report:** Published annually to include dedicated areas on member associations and projects. The strategy put in place ensures this new model taking in feedback from members and the UIAA Management Committee. A consolidated document library, a ‘one stop shop’ of all communication documents for the GA into one publication.
- **Dates:** The UIAA Annual Report was completely revised in 2019 edition was built around collaboration with all of its Commissions, and seeks to condense as many of the support materials and projects. The strategy put in place ensures this new model taking in feedback from members and the UIAA Management Committee. A consolidated document library, a ‘one stop shop’ of all communication documents for the GA into one publication.

**Website**

- **UIA website:** Was last overhaul in 2016 and has undergone incremental updates since.
- **Throughout 2020:** Small adjustments and improvements were made to most areas. These include a new landing page for all Safety assets, a consolidated About/Organisation page and a reformatted of the home page. Significant work was also conducted to improve site performance. One of the places in 2021 is the creation of a dedicated Covid-19 portal.
- **Covid-19 portal:** Played contributing factors. However, the UIAA’s postponement of the UIAA Mountain Protection Award.
- **This can be largely attributed to Covid-19. The UIAA website figures were down in terms of visits and page views. Compared to 2019, the UIAA website figures exceeded 600,000, total page views of the UIAA website exceeded 10 million. The number of unique users increased by 15%. The number of new users increased by 10%. The number of visits increased by 19%. The number of page views increased by 20%. The average session duration increased by 5%.

**Videos of Interest**

- **UIAA Mountain Protection Award:** Promoting the UIAA’s mountain protection initiatives
- **UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour:** Campaigns and highlights of UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour competitions, guides to Medical advice papers, UIAA Safety Label and the Mountain Protection Award.
- **UIAA Communication Manager:** Peter Bourne

**Communications team:**

- **UIAA Communication Manager:** Peter Bourne
- **UIAA Communication Team:**
  - Peter Bourne
  - News@theuiaa.org

**WHAT WE DO**

- **UIAA:** Provides the climbing and mountaineering community a significant array of global resources, notably:
  - Climber Safety advice
  - Training and skills
  - International calendars
  - Medical advice
  - Member associations directory
  - Declarations and advice papers

**MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS**

- **UIAA Communication team:** is always keen to share information about member associations activities. Please email news@theuiaa.org. Likewise, any material produced by the UIAA is free of restrictions for members to use and share in their own publications and across digital channels. Working together we can provide the climbing and mountaineering world with the information important to them.
In every structured and democratic organisation, there should be three separate powers: legislative, executive, and judicial.

The UIAA Court is this internal and independent judicial body of the UIAA (AoA 23). Its task is to solve, when requested, any possible disputes between the UIAA, UIAA members and UIAA bodies, and between UIAA member organisations. This is a first instance internal Arbitration Court where possible disputes must be brought before any appeal to an external one, in this instance the Court of Arbitration for Sport at Lausanne (AoA 23 3) and (24).

This is not the sole mission assigned to the UIAA Court. It is also the independent judicial body founded to decide upon the alleged violations of the UIAA Code of Ethics (Article 4). Additionally, the UIAA Court is also the Ethics Panel in charge of conflicts of interests, should the Executive Board be unable to reach a decision.

No case of any kind was filed in 2020. This is definitively good news. The main role of the Court over the past twelve months has been to offer advice about AoAs and UIAA regulations.

The UIAA Court is looking to recruit the expertise of more arbitrators. Any federations who have experienced arbitrators, lawyers or managers, are invited to propose candidates to the UIAA Court.

Legal Experts Working Group

The Legal Experts Working Group (LEWG) provides assistance to any UIAA body or working group needs legal advice. In 2020 the WG assisted with UIAA activities related to the prevention of unauthorised use of its trademarks and logos or to the system of UIAA accredited testing laboratories. A Covid disclaimer form to protect the UIAA from any potential litigation has also been reviewed by the WG. Members of the Group regularly exchange information about new case laws related to the mountaineering and climbing. Starting from January 2021 the WG will hold more regular monthly online meetings.

Report by Klara Dvorakova (Chair), Czech Republic (CMLA)

As confirmed by the UIAA Management Committee (October 2020)

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The Bern office and Executive Board are continually exploring new commercial opportunities and means of approaching sponsors as well as increasing the UIAA’s international network through partnerships with likeminded organisations.

Outdoor Research is dedicated to inspiring the journey ahead with innovative technical apparel and accessories designed for outdoor adventures. Outdoor Research is the Title Sponsor of the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour 2019-2023.

The 2020-2021 and 2022 UIAA Mountain Protection Awards will be partnered by Bally, the Swiss luxury fashion brand, founded in 1851, with a pioneering heritage in climbing and mountaineering.
The UIAA fulfils its Mission Statement mainly through the work of its Commissions, which make recommendations, set policy and advocate on behalf of the international mountaineering community. UIAA Commissions are comprised of experts in their field.

The UIAA operates through the following Commissions:
- Ice Climbing
- Medical
- Mountaineering (including Access & Training)
- Mountain Protection
- Safety
- Young Mountaineers

**COMMISSIONS**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The UIAA Mountain Protection Commission (MPC) was founded in 1969 and has worked to guide action and be the voice of the UIAA for advocacy on mountain protection – the mountains being one of the last natural and free spaces of significance on Earth. The MPC’s goal is to ensure that the mountain’s unique environment and cultures will still be there for the benefit of future generations of mountaineers and wider humanity. The MPC also promotes the work of UIAA members and the broader mountaineering community that contribute positively to sustainable mountain development.

Read more: [Fifty years of the UIAA Mountain Protection Commission](#)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF 2020**

Despite considerable challenges as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the MPC continued its work to support the design and implementation for two of the key projects that support the UIAA’s commitment to sustainability as part of its strategic plan - the Mountain Protection Award (MPA) and the Respect the Mountains (RtM) global movement, as well as make progress with its third project - updating the existing UIAA Environmental Objectives and Guidelines. Other key achievements were the confirmed signing of the MoU between the UIAA and the United Nations Environment Programme in February 2020 and the participation and representation of the UIAA by MPC delegates in the UNEP Sports for Climate Action Working Group, among other notable events.

The MPC was also active in a number of initiatives, including the UK Mountaineering Association Schools Conference, the IFMM Gathering and the World Mountain Youth Congress among others.

Read more: [50 years of the UIAA Mountain Protection Commission](#)

**ANNUAL COMMISSION MEETING**

The annual MPC meeting was due to take place on 29-30 May in Woerden, The Netherlands, at the invitation of the Royal Dutch Mountaineering Club (NKBV). The meeting was scheduled as a one-day pre-meeting workshop with key MPC stakeholders and partners - the IFMGA Environmental and Access Commission and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), among other experts, followed by a full-day MPC meeting the next day.

However, due to Covid-19, the session was adapted to a shorter virtual MPC meeting on Friday 29 May.
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UNEP hosted a live Mountains High Virtual Event Advocacy for Climate Action. Carolina Adler was among the panellists. Together with mountaineer Will Gadd, UNEP’s Spots for Climate Action speakers focused on how sports and adventure play a role in climate action. A Highlight of the session can be viewed from the link in the dedicated column on the right.

UIAA President Peter Muir took part in a Mountain Partnership virtual event. Highlighting the work that many Mountain Partnership members, including the UIAA, are doing around the world, the event featured a high-level segment, a session on collaborative actions and programmes and a round table featuring Mountain Partnership Goodwill Ambassadors.

2021: THE YEAR AHEAD

Looking ahead, the MPC looks forward to continuing its full commitment to the MPA, RtM, and UIAA Environmental Objectives and Guidelines as key priorities in its project portfolio, but also given the support provided by Bally and the expected step change in evolving the concepts and their implementation and the hoped-for EOCA support. The MPC will look at the results achieved in the combined 2020-21 edition of the MPA as a basis for further development and improvement of the project concepts and implementation in 2021 and beyond, in addition to relying on the results of the internal review of the MPA and the projects promoted in it.
Early in 2021 the Commission accredited a second round of testing where UV testing will now be second round of testing where UV

The revision focuses on correcting and merging

information that had become outdated, as well as clarifying the upper waterfproofing

field and the need for a reference test. It also includes length measurement as a mandatory

technological procedure instead of an option, the procedure was verified by manufacture-

ers of the working groups.

UIAA 106a: Proposal to define steel cord in standard

The UIAA Ice Climbing Commission and four world mental organisations encourage athletes and

stakeholders to use UIAA certificated equipment. Related to this, the UIAA for Climbing

recommend repeated dialogue with Safety Commission members regarding the

technical safety of the new testing method for the physical properties of steel cords,

allowing testing quickdraws, as well as ropes, with their tools, an attempt to make the
climbing safety outside the intense demands of competition, by the SafeCom, Climbing

Commissions, representatives of UIAA member federations, and competitors

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they may be more prone to failure and should be monitored and used with caution in environ-
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**UIAA Safety Commission Climber Q&A Series**

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The UIAA Safety Label logo is a registered trademark of the UIAA. The UIAA Safety Label on a piece of climbing gear means that samples of the equipment have been tested by an accredited laboratory to the UIAA’s international high level of standards. The Training Panel and the Medical Commission to improve increasing safety levels for climbing and mountaineering activities.

On 27 June, the SafeCom President held an hour-long Zoom meeting with the UIAA Safety Commission experts who work to support the UIAA Safety Commission’s efforts to promote safety, one of the key pillars of UIAA training programmes is spent on certification and recognition of climbing federations. A significant component of UIAA training programmes is spent on ensuring students use equipment that has been properly tested to the UIAA’s international high level of standards. The Training Panel is now proposing to use the UIAA Safety Label logo and will issue certificates as of 2021 with the UIAA trademarked Safety Logo.

**COLLABORATIONS & PUBLICATIONS**

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Initiation of FPFRE – Portuguese Climbing and Mountaineering Federation - and IFM - Mountain Environment Research Center - earlier in December 2019 – Portugal National Delegate, Alexandre Velhinho gave a talk at the University of Évora Monta in Évora, Évora, Portugal, concerning “The role of UIAA on the promotion of safety”; this was part of a national level event to commemorate International Mountain Day. The talk centered on the multiple activities undertaken by the Safety Commission together with the Training Panel and the Medical Commission to improve increasing safety levels for climbing and mountaineering activities.

In ensuring its standards are always relevant, SafeCom monitors regular studies the market and analyses accidents to determine if existing standards should be revised or upgraded. Furthermore, it provides laboratories that test mountaineering and climbing equipment to ensure that the test results are in accordance with UIAA standards.
The mission of the UIAA Medical Commission is to provide the best possible advice through its network of doctor-level mountain medicine experts, advise pages, the International Commission on Mountain Medicine, and the dissemination of papers, translated into over ten languages. All members are doctors and many are active teachers in their respective countries.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF 2020

Achievements

Translations and the updating of Commission recommendations: the Commission has focused on the task of coming up with annual meeting in South Africa. While the aim is to organise a training course alongside the 2022 annual meeting in South Africa. While the aim is to organise a training course alongside the 2022 annual meeting in South Africa, it is looking forward to discussing work and support for UIAA Members

MedCom provides a range of services for both UIAA members and the wider mountain community. By high-altitude advice papers, we are internationally respected and the fruits of years taken from UIAA member associations worldwide. Translated into 13 languages they are a valuable resource which can be shared through membership association communication channels. The experience provides a broad range of mountain users, gap-year travellers, course directors, experienced mountaineers and those with specific medical considerations - with potentially life-saving information. Furthermore, the MedCom International Diploma of Mountain Medicine and the UIAA members are reminded to check out UIAA MedCom with expanded topics they will be covered.

PROJECTS

• International Diploma of Mountain Medicine
• A joint project with the International Diploma Administrative Group, those of the UIAA
• MedCom members work with ICAR (International Commission for Alpine Rescue) MedCom and the International Society of Mountain Medicine (ISMM) to produce the international ISCAM-R/ISCM Diploma of Mountain Medicine
• Library of recommendations
• Continuous updating of recommendation and advice papers
• Translations of papers still in progress
• Educational videos on expedition related topics in progress.

EVENTS ATTENDED IN 2020

UIAA held the fourth virtual meeting with Commission Presidents and the Executive Board, following each of the 2020 online meetings of the UIAA Management Committee. During the UIAA General Assembly, MedCom provided a panelled moderated discussion, designed to provide members, with information on UIAA activities, to share best practices and to deliberate some of the current management questions of the day. MedCom colleagues Budi Dupont attended all CCC Taskforce meetings continuing through the pandemic with a professional creative team, content and style have been defined. The video will be available to UIAA members and on the UIAA website in the coming months. A second working group led by female members of the commission together with external experts, is focusing on the revision of two particular papers, namely Vol.12 Women Going to Altitude and Vol.14 Contraception at Altitude. The first of which will work towards producing an informative video on water treatment methods in the mountains or on an expedition. In collaboration with a professional creative team, content and style have been defined. The video will be available to UIAA members and on the UIAA website in the coming months.

2021 THE YEAR AHEAD - PRIORITIES

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Furthermore, MedCom continues to update and translate its existing recommendation papers.

While the Commission has a close working relationship with the UIAA Office, it is of great importance that the UIAA supports MedCom more closely, both with regard to training and support. The Commission is working on its 2022 strategic priorities with the Executive Board and working group overseeing commissions.
UIAA MEDICAL COMMISSION VIDEO SERIES

From early 2021 the UIAA MedCom will launch a series of short videos to promote advice provided in its high-altitude papers.

To support the production of future videos, a dedicated donation area has been made available.

https://www.theuiaa.org/donate

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Videos of Interest

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzmU0cQ8psA
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OX06NpPIMxQ&t=13s

UIAA Mountain Medicine Advice Papers


Water Disinfection in the Mountains

Mountaineering

MountCom is one of the largest Commissions within the UIAA, and knows the Training Panel, the Legal Experts Working Group and, more recently the Access Working Group, formerly an independent Commission. Most of the Commission's activities are carried out within these three groups.

Since the 2019 General Assembly, held in Novi Sad, Serbia, Commission members expressed their in-

• Mountain Com was also working on a
• Legal Experts Working Group and, recent

• Instagram feed delivering best practices.
• Finalisation of the Accident Statistics project (ASP project).

• The idea is to adapt some of these ethics-based
• The involvement of world-class mountain-
• The training project in Ladakh, Mongolia, Kenya, and structure in several countries - including
• The Mountain Huts directory project shall be

• Regular dialogue and exchange with Safety
• Marketing drive for federation accreditations
• Revalidation of existing accreditations
• Publishing the second edition of English lan-
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• A vigorous induction programme. It is also avail-
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• The Petzl Foundation has continued to
• The field projects has been postponed.
• The Covid-19 pandemic has curtailed this potential
• The leadership training project in Maharashtra

• Only one new project will start, called
• The new online training certification system
• The system will be launched early in 2021.
• The system to safe and inspiring leadership and instruction;
• The leadership training project for its rock

• Implementation of Personal Skills/good
• Marketing/PR work once the database goes live.
• The leadership training project in Maharashtra

• A full report on its progress can
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- Argentina (climbing area of Arenales) - Support for 2019 x Anniversary of PanAm
- Chile, legislative proposal to support mountaineering and climbing
- Argentina (climbing area of Arenales)
- Catamarca (approved)
- San Luis (approved)
- Argentina
- Tatra Mountains, Slovakia, the proposed
- Tatra National Park
- Slovakia, the proposed
- Video conference at the end of May.
- The Access WG had its 33rd annual meeting by
- Annual Commission Meeting
- Peter FARKAS, Hungary (MSSG), President
- Training Panel President
- Steve Long
- Membership
- Thomas SPOTTL, Austria (ISA)
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Ice Climbing

MISSION STATEMENT

• Create a fun and safe, sustainable and specta- clular annual UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour which energises the athletes, fans, partners, and fans - developing each event, every season.

• Build a financial structure that creates a sustainable future for the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour and allows the financing of the development of the sport following the Covid-19 pandemic.

• Develop the sport of ice climbing in the ar- eas of safety, gender equality and accessibility to bridge the gaps between the industries and urban environments across the winter sports nations of the world.

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Ice Climbing World Cup - Overall Champions

2020-2021 season

MARA TOSOLLIENZA

LEAD

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ANTON NEMOV

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SPEED

MARIA TOLOKONINA

RUSSIA

LOUNA LADEVANT

(FRANCE)

ANTON NEMOV

RUSSIA

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THE FUTURE

• The target is a stage to see UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup plans for the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour every year, with the annual World Challenge every year, alongside a full calendar of Continental Cups.

• There is also a focus on developing Continental Cups Asia and North America and the established European Cups encourage- to develop youth events to be as in conjunction with the Continental Cups.

• Further developing training camps and unique events to get back to how established on all three continents on an annual basis, with youth events being run in conjunction with the Continental Cups.

• Further collaboration with on-ice events and active events will continue in development.

• Increase the use of ice on lead structures in order to conform to the Winter Olympic Charter and increase the sport's eligibility. A return to the core structure of the World Cup in the past, will be retaining the technical difficulty development elements such as setting as the target.

• Continued development of the registra- tion, results and regulation and livestream production systems will increase efficiency and maximise athletes and spectator experience.

• Continued to give the worldwide reach of the UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup with increase in online streaming and broadcasting, in global TV distribution through many national television networks.

• Continued to focus on multiple ice pro- cesses and events on the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour to aid up to the per- ception of major games. Ice feedback from athletes and fans through surveys and market research.

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2019/20 UIAA ICE CLIMBING SEASON STATISTICS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 152 World Cup athletes
- 823 Event entries Total
- 24 National federations represented at World Cup level
- High Quality Livestream
- Increased Livestream Distribution
- World Cup winners from Russia, Korea, France + podiums from the above plus Iran and Switzerland

- 1.2 million unique views of all video content
- Average of 201k unique live views per event
- Total reach of nearly 2.3 million people

Dedicated media distribution partners - Extreme Channel, EpicTV, & Swiss-Sport TV.
New distribution to Terrestrial TV networks reaching 690 million homes globally.

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Outdoor Research Ambassador
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COUNTRIES

- 9 Countries
- 3 UAI Ice Climbing World Cups
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- 4 UAI Ice Climbing European Cups
- 1 UAI Ice Climbing Asian Cup

2019/2020

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Live streaming & video statistics

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**Youtube**
- 465,393 unique views up by 47% on 2019
- 7,952 subscribers up by 1,600 from 2019
- Watch time: 45 hours
- Impressions: 4.6 million
- Average watch time: 5-5.2 minutes
- Top audience: USA, Germany, France, Canada, UK
- 86% views from non-subscribers
- 26-30 year largest demographic
- Top viewed playlist: Saas Fee

**Facebook**
- 3,000 new followers gained from 36,000 to 41,000
- Reach for season posts: 3.6 million (including non video content)
- 524,600 total video views
- 194.6 minutes watched

**Instagram**
- 5,861 followers as of the end of March
- 22,000 views of all content
- Followers increased by 100% from the end of last season.

**Twitter**
- 151,165 impressions on UAA Tweets about World Cup Tour

**Flickr**
- 1,916 photos posted
- Combined photo views 546,000

LIVESTREAM & TELEVISION

All World Cup semi-finals and finals in both lead and speed were livestreamed on the UAA Facebook and YouTube, with new graphics and improved on-screen information, by a single production company which permitted the production of many features and interviews.

New for 2020 the UIAA worked with UK based media company Boulder Creek to negotiate license agreements with global TV networks for both live and highlights of all the UIAA Ice Climbing World Cups. This season’s 52-minute highlight shows were produced for all World Cups.

The entire archive of UIAA livestreams and ice climbing features can be viewed on the UIAA YouTube channel [uiaamountainschannel]
**2020 URINE TOTAL IN-COMPETITION URINE SAMPLES**

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**2021: THE YEAR AHEAD**

**Doping Controls**

Owing to Covid-19, nothing is easy to plan. In-competition doping controls will be conducted if there is competition. In light of this and in the future, WADA will request more out of competition doping controls. The UIAA has two athletes in Switzerland who are part of the test pool for out of competition monitoring. These controls are conducted by the Swiss Anti-Doping authority.

**Participation of Russian athletes**

The Commission has kept abreast of the situation concerning Russian athletes. WADA declared the Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) as non-compliant with its code last December. However, Russia’s ban for state-sponsored doping offenders was subsequently halved. Russian athletes will be able to compete as neutrals in international competition – either as individuals and in national teams – so long as they are not banned for doping offences.

**Anti-Doping**

The UIAA promotes Clean Climbing by adopting and implementing the World Anti-Doping Code. The UIAA Anti-Doping Commission (ADC) manages the federation’s anti-doping programme, including in-competition and out-of-competition testing and results management process. In parallel, the UIAA is responsible for ensuring that all of its member associations and athletes respect and comply with all relevant International Standards and all the principles inherent to the World Anti-Doping Code, including education for successful prevention of doping in sport. UIAA contributes to advancing a clean sport through scientific research and outreach initiatives under the name of Clean Climbing.

**SUMMARY OF 2020**

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Doping controls**

Anti-doping statistics for the calendar year 2020 did not change significantly from the previous reports because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In-competition and doping controls were postponed due to Covid, and the only possible activity was out-of-competition controls for athletes in the registered testing pool.

**Education**

The UIAA is one of few international federations who make it mandatory for athletes to pass an anti-doping test as a part of their competition registration. The online anti-doping online education was created by Commission members: Dr Nenad Dikic (former President) and Dr Marija Andjelkovic (current President). More than 200 athletes passed the tests in 2020.

**ADAMS database**

All UIAA doping control forms/tests are entered into ADAMS (world database of all WADA athletes). This action is essential for recognition by WADA/World Anti-Doping Agency and IOC.

**Annual Commission Meeting**

The annual meeting was scheduled to be held as part of the WADA session in Lausanne in March but was cancelled due to Covid-19. The ADC had held regular online meetings in its place.

**WADA Code Compliance**

The new WADA Anti-doping Code will be effective from 1 January 2021. The ADC dedicated several months to adapting and coordinating UIAA anti-doping regulations to WADA requirements. It took several online meetings with the WADA team to clarify the new changes and how they could be best implemented for the UIAA. This process was very thorough and involved a lot of resources and time. The UIAA Anti-Doping Commission is proud to announce that UIAA will be one of the first international federations to become Code compliant.
The UIAA Youth commission coordinates internationally and financially viable youth events. As such it is the body responsible for young people to experience safe and exciting opportunities for their personal performance certifications to be granted. At the February in Guillestre, France, a climbing youth camp did take place in February in Guillestre, France, a climbing youth camp did take place in February, offering great opportunities for young outdoor enthusiasts.

As confirmed by the Management Committee, due to Covid-19 no further international youth events are planned for the foreseeable future. As described above the YC is extending its reach into new federations and hopefully this will pave the way to allow further integration with other federations in the future to really expand the number and geographic development of UIAA youth camps.
International Skyrunning Federation

The ISF is the governing authority of Skyrunning – mountain running above 2,000 m. or technically challenging trails. Three disciplines define the sport and they are not based on distance but also on vertical climb and technical difficulty: Sky, SkyUltra and Vertical. The ISF has been a Unit Member of the UIAA since the General Assembly in 2015.

ISF PRESIDENT’S REPORT

In 2019, ISF activity was consistent with previous years, but 2020 was an all-round disaster: Covid-19 took its toll and prohibited many sport activities. All ISF awards were cancelled by their organizers.

The second part of this report includes the main points discussed in the new ISF Strategic Plan prepared together with the Management Committee.

2019 REPORT REMINISCENCES

ISF EVENTS

The 2019 Continental Championships were a good opportunity to involve new areas like South America (Brazil) and North America (Colorado). In Europe participation in the three disciplines was excellent, while the Asian championships, scheduled for December 2019, were first postponed due to riot in Hong Kong and then cancelled due to the pandemic.

ANODYNING TESTS

In 2019 testing was increased to meet the new antidoping measures imposed by WADA in cooperation with the UIAA medical delegate. The priority was to the more technical trails. Three disciplines, Sky, SkyUltra and Vertical, were tested at the final SWS competition. All antidoping tests in 2019 were negative.

2019 ISF CERTIFIED COURSE LABEL

In order to identify and differentiate skyrunning courses from other sports like trail running and mountain running—both currently under World Athletics, the Certified Course Label project was developed and launched in 2019. It is designed to identify skyrunning courses, like them to the International Skyrunning Federation and create revenue.

In 2019, the first step was the certification of 50 races of which the ISF already had the technical data, but the objective was to apply the certification globally, with the priority to the more technical trails. In 2020 the project was expanded.

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2020 Antidoping Tests

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UIAA Rock Climbing Festival Award

OVERVIEW

In 2020 and owing to Covid-19 the panel decision was taken to postpone the UIAA Rock Climbing Festival Award until 2021 in consultation with Stuart Gray, UIAA Management Committee Oceania representative.

2021 AWARD

Applications for the 2021 Award are open. For further details please click here.

Applications are invited from:

- Australia and New Zealand, islands of the South Pacific, New Guinea, the regions of Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia
- Southeast Asia: Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, East Timor, Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.

The UIAA is underrepresented in these countries, despite there being some climbing/mountain-reeing federations or clubs present and/or world class climbing areas such as in Thailand, Laos or Vietnam.

About the Award

Since 2015 the UIAA has organised the annual UIAA Rock Climbing Festival Award. The Award is open to climbing festival organisers in recognition for meeting the criteria of the UIAA Rock Climbing Working Group. Each year the focus of the Award switches to a different continent, to ensure the impact of the UIAA's commitment to rock climbing is truly global.

During the assessment process for the Award, methods are reviewed, and a shortlist is drawn up of those which meet UIAA criteria and support the development of climbing in a particular region. It is an opportunity for the UIAA to lend support in the development of climbing and offer advice to organisers in terms of safety, sustainability and sport. It is also an opportunity to showcase diverse climbing styles and the points of the UIAA Climbers' Manifesto.

As part of the application process, the following criteria applies:

- Development of rock climbing in their country and/or continent.
- UIAA Safety label certified equipment must be used in any workshop held.
- Prominent climbers from that country or region must participate.
- The host events are published and promoted on the UIAA website at least two months in advance.

PAST WINNERS

2019 - Boulders of the Himalayas (Nepal)
2018 - Festival de Boulder de Mar del Plata (Argentina)
2017 - International Climbers' Festival (United States)
2016 - Kalymnos Climbing Festival (Greece)
2015 - Suru Boulder Fest (India)

The UIAA Rock Climbing Festival Award team is looking for new recruits to support its work and future projects. Any rock climbing specialists working with UIAA member federations interested in supporting this global project are invited to contact Rob Adie, rob.adie@theuiaa.org.

GLOBAL STATE OF THE MOUNTAINS

The UIAA’s Continental Representatives undertake valuable work in representing the federations in their respective regions at a Management Committee level. The various continental bodies recognised by the UIAA serve as networks helping to address issues, projects and interests at a regional level. Together these reports offer an insight into the global state of the mountains. Each one of the Continental Reports introduces projects, tackles global issues and comment trended and rising points.

UIAA Rock Climbing Festival Award Panel
Africa

As noted in the 2019 Annual Report, Africa is the smallest continental body in terms of membership but may be considered to have considerable potential to develop further as it holds almost 17% of the world’s population and some of the most iconic mountains in the world are located on the continent.

MISSION FOR AFRICA

As a mission setting, it is considered valuable to look back in the objectives of the Confederation of African Mountain Clubs (“CAMC”).

• Encourage and promote safety and good practice in all aspects of mountaineering and wilderness management.
• Promote the provision of search and rescue services.
• Promote the study of mountains and their environments and the dissemination of such knowledge.
• Encourage and promote amongst African mountain clubs and associations.

As noted in the 2019 Annual Report, Africa has taken the lead in the CAMC and it is hoped that this will bear fruit in the years to come. Currently the MCSA, with over 5,000 members is going from strength to strength and is extremely active within South Africa with 16 counties worldwide. A particular focus is the outreach programmes which are aimed at encouraging participation in mountaineering activities by disadvantaged youth. It is hoped that this will be a way to start understanding the benefits of conservation and the need for conservation management in the disfavoured areas of the country. This is a long-term project but needs to succeed.

African continent can continue.

The Union of Asian Alpine Associations (UAAA), founded in 1994, which deals with mountain climbing and climbing organisations in Asia, stands for friendship, development and promotion of responsible mountaineering activities throughout Asia.

FEATURED FEDERATION

Chinese Mountaineering Association

The Chinese Mountaineering Association (CMA) organised the 1st Chinese Climbing & Mountaineering Summit in cooperation with the International Mountain Museum as a centre of mountain culture worldwide.

EVENTS 2020

In common with the rest of the world, the Covid-19 pandemic has severely curtailed mountaineering activities in Africa. A particular casualty has been what has been developing into an annual event – a ‘Africa meet’ on a different mountain of the continent each year. The hope is that this will resume in 2021.

PARTNERSHIPS

It is hoped that the UAAA will maintain a close relationship with the UIAA. Currently the membership structure of the UAAA’s member clubs is very different from the UIAA and new member clubs from African mountain clubs and associations currently need to achieve these standards. The popularity of Africa’s high mountains with climbers from other continents is marked and this is a good opportunity cooperation during such visits. Visiting climbers will undoubtedly stimulate local climbers if there is good cooperation during such visits. Visiting climbers are strong and are well respected by local clubs when visiting the countries concerned.

THE YEAR AHEAD – 2021

In common with the rest of the world, the hope is that the pandemic will be under control and that the development of mountaineering on the African continent can continue.

FEATURED FEDERATION

Mountain Club Of South Africa

As the largest mountain club on the African continent, the Mountain Club of South Africa, UAMA Management Committee

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Together this work has been held between members and the annual activity report of the UAMM’s members is posted to its website.
Central and South America

Although Latin America is made up of 24 countries, only federations in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, and Guatemala were members of the UIAA in 2020. Mountaineering is practiced in all countries and almost all have their national associations and mountain and climbing clubs.

These national federations, despite being very small, are very active, and they are working on their own internal and external development. The focus is on the growth of the sport, its greater visibility thanks to the interest and the massive use of social networks, and the modernisation of Latin American mountaineering, especially in terms of its public perception.

There is also a strong increase in mountain tourism and mountaineering activities.

At the same time, this increased connectivity and interaction among the different countries in Latin America and with other continents has led to the creation of new climbing and mountaineering clubs.

Despite the pandemic, efforts have continued to achieve growth in Latin American mountaineering. Although Latin America has been affected by COVID-19 as in the rest of the world, the efforts of the different federations to open borders and establish significant internal solidarity within the continent’s countries have been crucial.

The mountaineering areas of interest or protected areas, which have been closed to the public, likewise, these same mountaineering areas have been visited by governmental authorities and mountaineers have followed these rules without a certain date for reopening.

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FEATURED FEDERATION

Federación Argentina de Ski y Andinismo

FASA organises mountaineering sports climbing, mountain skiing, alpine skiing and snowboarding, as the activity is very diverse and its sports are closely related to the SI-Secretariat for Mountain Risk Management. To this end, it is the minimum authority of the mountaineering and climbing in the country.

Access and Conservation issues

Two Andean provinces of Argentina have enacted resolutions to promote access to the mountain and climbing sectors.

Argentina mountaineers with modern techniques and the traditional values of mountaineering have been the pioneers of the movement, for they see it as a way to value the environment, always seeking sporting excellence and the quality of the experience over the success of the summit itself. In the face of the pandemic, the start of the season and school activities has been postponed.

FASA celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2021.

PERU (FENAMPER)

Confederación Andina de Montañismo y Estilo de Gualda

The Brazilian confederation brings together 30 national mountaineering federations, and it is one of the most active countries in terms of national and international mountaineering initiatives. The activities were redefined below to take place between October 2019 and February 2021. With the onset of COVID-19, all UIAA mountaineering federations were suspended or postponed.

Education

The national federation together with the Peruvian mountaineering community “Respect the Mountain” programme was carried out.

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Meetings

The CBME hosts the National Cup and the National High Mountain Games. The federation is active in the Chamber of Deputies and awaits its final sanction and the “Promotion Law” which today is approved by the Chamber of Senators.

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The main focus in 2020 were:

**Executive Summary of 2020**

European-based member federations have continued to work on the UIABEV 2019-2022 project, which is set to run from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2022. The project has set 10 key objectives to be achieved in this period.

- Platforms and initiatives surrounding Climbing in Europe have improved, with the mountaineering from European bodies and climbing on UIAA-headed projects.
- The report of the Balkan Mountaineering Union shows that there has been a renewed interest in supporting continued interest in climbing activity, particularly for mountain huts, the uncomfortable economies of mount and road areas.

**Achievements and Projects**

**EUROPE 2020**

New UIAA projects are made in 2021, such as Mountaineering from European bodies and the European Week of Sport. The achievements of this period include:

- Setting up European ethic codes, recommendations, examples of good practice and information on the organisation.
- The main project objective is to set up and implement the principles for good governance in hiking, mountaineering and climbing sports at an EU level. This will be achieved in the following objectives of the establishment of a UIAA as a credible actor providing good governance in mountaineering, hiking, mountaineering and climbing sport activities and in the EU.

The project will make contributions for implementing good governance principles within the UIAA and the EU and the transfer of these principles to its members.

- Clear definition of objectives and strategic plan for the UIAA.
- Setting up of communication, decision making and implementation structures of the EU.
- Setting up of European-wide codes, recommendations, examples of good practice and standards for selected issues.

**Balkan Mountaineering Union**

The Balkan Mountaineering Union from Europe has continued its efforts to improve the management of protected areas in the EU and through the transfer of good governance principles to its members.

- Training of Female Mountain Guides
- Setting up of a mechanism for dealing with protected areas in the EU and through the transfer of good governance principles to its members.

**Mountaineering Council of Ireland**

Ireland’s main mountain areas, Mountaineering Ireland and Women in Sport are inviting women to contribute to the project. The project will contribute to the project.

**Europe of the UNDP Project**

The UNDP Project aims to set up a mechanism for dealing with protected areas in the EU and through the transfer of good governance principles to its members.

**EUROPE OF THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**

The main tasks were assigned and the Clunies (Scotland) were the key priority in the report. The project was involved with an expert in each working group.
The pandemic wrought its first blow to the American Alpine Club (AAC) when its annual dinner was forced online on 14 March. Since then both the AAC and Alpine Club of Canada (ACC) have hosted virtual gatherings, closed lodging operations and it is still not possible to traverse the border between the two countries.

During the rest of the year, the AAC went through a planned CEO transition. After fifteen years Phil Powers stepped aside and Mitsu Iwasaki took the helm. A long time climber and skier, Mitsu served as the CEO for several other outdoor NGOs before stepping into this role. Among his early actions was the implementation of a new membership scheme to better meet the needs of all climbers. In the fall of 2020 the AAC created “Climb United” to engage the climbing community in the process of reflection, learning, and cultural forces affecting these high places.

Public policy remains central to the AAC. The “Climb the Hill” gathering in Washington D.C. was held virtually in 2021. The Alpine Club of Canada published its second “State of the Mountains” report. The 2011 report was motivated by the ACC’s annual mountain report which highlights the changes in Canada’s alpine environment. The State of the Mountain Report is a summary by the ACC, to provide accessible, current, and accurate information about the forces that affect Canadian mountains, ecosystems, and communities.

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The New Zealand Alpine Club (NZAC) with 4,500 members is the principal mountaineering club in the region, established in 1891 and with geographical sections in both NZ and Australia. There are also many climbing clubs active at a local or regional level.

NZAC operates both high and base huts, offers instruction at all levels, publishes guidebooks and on-line route guides, a quarterly magazine and on-line access to climbing with access and on-line services for a fee. NZAC is a founding member of the UIAA. NZAC has a large online database of climbing events.

SUMMARY OF 2020

Covid-19

As with much of the world, measures to control Covid-19 included closed borders, restrictions on gatherings and domestic travel have severely impacted the activity of Outdoor Industries, get in to the field and on the crag. In March, interstate travel in both New Zealand and Australia was stopped other than for returning nationals and this remained in place for the rest of the year.

The financial impact on the NZAC has been severe. Membership fees have increased significantly, there has been a very significant reduction in revenue from activities such as huts, instruction and established fundraising activities such as hut fees, instruction and established fundraising activities such as hut fees. NZAC has stopped other than for returning nationals and this remained in place for the rest of the year.

The pandemic means much is uncertain and planning for a “reset” in thinking with hopefully a renewed focus on new events.

Access Challenges

Restricted year in number of well known rock climbing areas had closed or were closed in both New Zealand and Australia. There are a variety of reasons but a common thread is traditional owners in both countries increasingly wanting their legal right to manage and control access to these lands, which are often the very places that attract climbers.

These issues are complex, heartfelt and grounded in the colonial histories of both countries. There are significant differences between Australia and New Zealand.

Tourism Impacts on Mountain Environments

Covid-19 has put an end, at least in the short term, to international tourism to New Zealand and Australia, with domestic impacts on the local tourism industry which focus heavily on the spectacular natural environments of both countries. This collapse in activity and associated financial stress does provide an opportunity for a “reset” in thinking in terms of more responsible tourism.

Tourism continues to grow in popularity. Despite the interruption caused by Covid, climbing meets did manage to take place under tight Covid restrictions such as the annual National Championships in 2020.

FEATURED FEDERATION

New Zealand Alpine Club

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Complete List of UIAA Declarations

The UIAA declarations have tackled a number of diverse issues from protection and preservation of the mountain environment to ethical codes aimed at defining values and providing common standards for conduct. Please note a number of these declarations are currently being revised by UIAA Commissions.
At its finest moments climbing allows me to step out of ordinary existence into something extraordinary, stripping me of my sense of self-importance.”

Doug Scott, 1941-2020
UIAA Honorary Member