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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 fulfills 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 fields.

The UIAA operates through the following Commissions: Anti-Doping, Ice Climbing, Medical, Mountaineering (including Access & Training), Mountain Protection, Safety and Youth.

Further Reading: theuiaa.org/about

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, their 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.

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HONORARY MEMBERS

1964 Charles-Egmond d’ARCIS (SAC)
1968 Edward WYSS-DUNANT (SAC)
1970 Hans von BOMHARD (DAV)
1973 Ugo di VALLEPIANA (CAI)
1980 Guido TONELLA (CAI)
1985 Sir Edmund HILLARY (NZAC)
1987 Fritz WIESSNER (AAC)
1990 Jaromir WOLF (CHS)
1992 Dr. Pietro SEGANTINI (SAC)
1995 Walter BONATTI (CAI)
2000 Robbert LEOPOLD (NKBV)
2001 Dr. Carlo SGANZINI (SAC)
2002 Dr. William HOWELLS (UK)
2003 Dr. Fritz MÄRZ (DAV)
2003 Nasser ZABRAN (EOOA)
2007 Jordi PONS SANJINES (FEMME)
2008 Pit SCHUBERT (DAV)
2010 Kazuo SAITO (JMA)
2012 Ang Tshering SHERPA (NMA)
2013 Claude ROMMER (FCCM)
2014 Reinhold MESSNER (AVS)
2016 Injeong LEE (KAF)
2020 Doug SCOTT (BMC)

This Annual Report is best viewed in digital format. To view or download the document please scan the QR code.
Presidents’ messages for Annual Reports are to be about the year past. But what can you say about a year like 2020? It was tough and unfortunately the problems continue into 2021. But climbers are an optimistic bunch. Even our most basic safety protocol, as the leader ties in, ends with the optimistic reply from her belayer of “climb on”. And so we do.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President.

As a new President starts another sets after dedicating eight years to the UIAA. We owe great thanks to Frits for his role 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 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 found every day at the remarkable resilience of all our members in dealing with the 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 members’ 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 defined 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, even environmental and cultural responsibility, safety, equipment, training and medical advice, and access mirror 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 offer us.

• An internal relations working group to focus on the members and their needs and issues.

• An external relations working group to improve existing 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 audit and financial audit working group to make sure that we are responsibly managing and allocating our financial resources.

There is work to do over the next four years. 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.

Mind yourself out there,
Dear colleagues,

I am a candidate for the nomination as the next President of UIAA. I have been a member of UIAA since 2003 and have been President of my country, Argentina, for the last four years. I am also the Central & South America Representative.

While I am proud of the work we have done together, there is still more to be acheived. My new challenge is that we must strengthen UIAA, our federation and its member countries, from this moment onwards. Achieving effective and permanent communication with UIAA and the UIAA itself, in the Safety Commission and the Management Committee. Where I have assumed four years ago, achieving effective and permanent communication with UIAA and the UIAA itself, in the Safety Commission and the Management Committee.

It can also increase its visibility to grassroot members and reassert its position as the foremost world authority on mountaineering values, protection of the mountain environment and development of sport by working in close harmony with partner organisations in both the voluntary and professional sectors.

In this constant change, the UIAA must continue to be the engine to strengthen sports through the growth of the practice of mountaineering and its technology, the media and social networks show us that today there are no limits, mountains and their natural environment are increasingly within reach.

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These values are what have shaped me and respect, above success or the summit itself. I also believe that the UIAA needs to develop more tangible services that climbers and mountaineers will value, and also to continue working on training projects when international travel becomes viable.

I have been the president of my mountain club that taught me to climb, in the Argentine Federation mountaineering. My passion and commitment to mountaineering and its values, protection of the mountain environment and development of sport by working in close harmony with partner organisations in both the voluntary and professional sectors.

I have built up a good network of friends and like-minded people throughout the world who share my values. I am still active in the Mountain Club of South Africa and the International Mountain Guides Association.

I have been President of the MCSA for the last four years and have been on the Management Committee and the UIAA for the last four years and have been active in the management of the UIAA goals and delivery. I believe that as an active mountaineer I have a good understanding and connection with “grassroots” participants and their needs. I would like to take a more active role in the management of the UIAA for a few more years.

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Sincerely,

[Your Name]
UIAA Executive Review of 2020

UIAA: A YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY

In the air of three weeks, the UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup completes with triumphal World Cup action in Long, Sogndal and Jarlsholm. Laura Lindqvist of Sweden, due to the独特的 athlete to make the highest grade on the UIAA World Cup leaderboard, was also in action at the UIAA Youth Championships, while Meirav Bashan of Israel, triumphed in both women’s lead and speed. The UIAA pays tribute to Lloyd Gallager, a legend of the sport, and the British Mountaineering Council (SMC) and the mountain guides body (IFMGA), as well as recognising the efforts of the teams facing the Nepali Government and its non-governmental organisations might help it in its efforts to drive out bad practice and secure the future of mountain tourism in Nepal.

FEBRUARY

In preparation for the 2020 UIAA General Assembly, the federation communicated its availability to extend the deadline for receiving the financial statements of its member associations. The UIAA and the UIAA Environment Programme (PUE) team, Technical represents a huge step forward for the UIAA in its efforts to extend this deadline and broaden reach across the globe on the issue of mountain protection, while also being of paramount importance in tackling important issues such as waste management, environmental protection and addressing concerns on climate change. ui-statement.org.

MARCH

The first, and ultimately only, UIAA Global Youth Summit event of 2020 is support. The next generation is also at the forefront in climbing with the hosting of the annual UIAA Young Climbing Event. Meanwhile, the UIAA publishes details on how to access events online by (please refer to the dedicated chapter of this report).

APRIL

The UIAA creates both an online Covid-19 portal and a dedicated directory to support its members, and wider climbing community, with essential resources between April and June. An online platform is also used to share information with members. One of the first UIAA Commissions to adapt to the shift in global lockdowns was the doping commission during the global lockdown works on developing an online directory, with the UIAA and the UIAA Environment Programme (PUE) team, Technical represents a huge step forward for the UIAA in its efforts to extend this deadline and broaden reach across the globe on the issue of mountain protection, while also being of paramount importance in tackling important issues such as waste management, environmental protection and addressing concerns on climate change. ui-statement.org.

MAY

For the first time in the UIAA’s nearly 90-year history, its Management Committee meeting is virtual, following approval of the virtual format at its Annual Assembly meeting. The UIAA publishes its priorities, which would enable each club to include it in the UIAA’s 2020-2021 Commission operational plan. The UIAA’s attention also focuses on medical issues relating to Covid-19. The UIAA Medical Commission updates the guidelines for mountain autopsies. The UIAA’s Medical Commission also issues a statement on Covid-19. The UIAA’s Medical Commission issues a statement on Covid-19.

JUNE

Following Mays’s, a number of UIAA Commissions begin to discuss adapting plans in the face of Covid-19. The Mountain Protection Commission agrees to focus on developing digital ballots, and discuss a number of UIAA members to consider sign an MoU with Vertical-Life. The UIAA in June is also reviewing its new editions, and the Commission’s role in the expression process, made available on a dedicated website.

JULY

The UIAA, through its High Mountain Working Group, publishes a position statement on the conservation of mountain biodiversity. A new digital Commission is created to focus on the UIAA’s efforts to extend and expand its reach across the globe on the issue of mountain protection. The high mountain working group is established to focus on the UIAA’s efforts to extend and expand its reach across the globe on the issue of mountain protection, including already overburdened medical resources. As part of the UIAA’s commitment to the annual mountain protection award, its management Committee offers to co-fund the presentation of the UIAA’s award. The UIAA’s award is co-funded by Del Duca and the UIAA, with essential safety resources, SafeCom begins to drive out bad practice and secure the future of mountain tourism in Nepal.

AUGUST

SafeCom reports on the virtual world’s mountain environments, including the one of the first UIAA Commissions to adapt to the shift in global lockdowns was the doping commission during the global lockdown works on developing an online directory, with the UIAA and the UIAA Environment Programme (PUE) team. SafeCom also launches a regular Q&A series answering common questions related to the UIAA’s Covid-19 Taskforce.

SEPTEMBER

With October’s General Assembly imminent, the UIAA’s workload is intense. The UIAA Management Committee and Commission Presidents hold their annual meeting online, the UIAA’s Access WG convenes more regularly. The UIAA Access WG convenes more regularly, and the UIAA Access WG convenes more regularly. The UIAA and the UIAA Foundation announce details on new translations in the UIAA’s Mountain Protection Award.

OCTOBER

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UIAA in the time of Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on everybody’s lives. For international organisations like the UIAA, significant changes to the way the federation has communicated and operated have been 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 with all members of the team 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 cost-effective, 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 membership.

The portal has proved to be one of the most successful initiatives launched by the UIAA during the pandemic, bringing significant traffic to the federation’s website and acting as a precious guide and reference point through these troubled times. During the early months of the pandemic, the focus of the portal was on supplying updates from individual UIAA members. Covid-19 has impacted different parts of the world at different times, learnings from initial outbreaks in Asia and then Europe proving crucial for countries yet to be impacted.

By the end of 2020, the UIAA has published over 80 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 learnings, current best practice and ideas in a coordinated campaign of this nature.

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SIGN UP TO THE UIAA NEWSLETTER!SIGN UP TO THE UIAA NEWSLETTER!
At their 7 April e-meeting, members of the UIAA Covid-19 Crisis Consultation (CCC) Taskforce took stock of the impact of the pandemic on the climbing world. The CCC mission was to provide fast responses to queries from mountain clubs, national federations, and individual climbers. With the support of experts from different UIAA areas (EB, MC, Commissions) and in coordination with a number of subjects related to the nature of the pandemic, this group set to work in order to provide guidance online on topics that arose. Each meeting addressed the situation in a different part of the world – through relevant information and discussions, the CCC portal also acted as a forum to share core themes with wider climbing media – including mental and physical health articles and general opinion pieces on the impact Covid-19 has had on climbing.

Further Reading

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Covid-19 on the climbing world.

The impact on UIAA projects such as the UIAA 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, necessary changes for the year ahead.

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The UIAA understood that the current pandemic would have a significant impact on its members, whether in retaining and attracting their own members, on sport competitions, safety and medical programmes, sustainability initiatives, sponsorship and donations, fun and tourism. During this uncertain time, the UIAA will continue to provide close support and relevant information to its membership.

For everything related to the UIAA and Covid-19, visit here.

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Peter Muir from the Alpine Club of Canada (ACC) was elected as the new President of the UIAA. Muir becomes the UIAA’s 189th President (including two Acting Presidents) and the second from Canada.

Upon their election, the UIAA Family proudly supports delivery of the UIAA Family Report by

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The following nominees were elected to the Assembly:

- Simon Arran, United Kingdom, President of the British Mountaineering Council.
- Stuart Long, New Zealand, President of the New Zealand Alpine Club.
- José Braun-Stetter, Switzerland, President of the Swiss Alpine Club.
- Jose Oduber, Costa Rica, President of the National Climbing Federation.
- Lode Beckers, Belgium, President of the Mountaineering Council of Belgium.
- César Lascano, Mexico, President of the Federación Mexicana de Deportes de la Montaña.
- Reza Hashemi, Iran, President of the Mountaineering Federation of the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- Mahmood Moseley, Pakistan, former President of the Mountaineering Association, Pakistan (elected in 2020).
- Hugh Long, Nepal, President of the Nepal Mountaineering Association (elected in 2020), United Kingdom, (re-election), United Kingdom, and the American Alpine Club and Patron of the British Mountaineering Council.

Doug Scott was delighted with the recognition from the UIAA family. “This has been an unexpected and wonderful surprise and I will be representing you, join in a new role for some of you for whom I have the greatest respect.” Doug Scott passed away on 23 October 2020.

FUTURE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

The location of future UIAA GA is dependent on the possibility of international travel and the decisions of national authorities. The GA voted on the locations of the next three meetings:

- 2021: Istanbul, Turkey on 23 October
- 2022: Beijing, China on 29 October
- 2023: Seoul, South Korea

The digital magazine, a Guide to the 2020 UIAA General Assembly, can be found here. For further details please refer to https://youtu.be/2WSl2a5JqnA

For the Climbers. For the Mountains.

ExECUTIVE SUMMARY

The mission will be carried out through strategies of engagement and advocacy, providing guidance on critical and emerging mountaineering issues.

In charting the progress of the Strategic Plan 2021-2024, the UIAA will communicate regularly on the process. For further details please refer to pages 18-19.
UIAA Strategy

A key component of the UIAA’s Executive Board, at 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 UIAA 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 proposed revised objectives were approved at an Executive Board meeting and for the years 2017-2020, it has served as a basis for UIAA Commissions to prepare their own plans and for the UIAA to work towards those goals.

To prepare the UIAA strategy for the years after 2020, a number of documents were drawn up, developing a new strategy for the UIAA, assessing every aspect of the international federation, its activities and the support provided to its members. Ahead of the 2017 UIAA Management Committee meeting and the General Assembly in Cyprus, a Strategic Working Group (SWG) published their findings and recommendations in a report titled ‘The UIAA of the 21st Century’.

In the months following the Cyprus GA the SWG presented to the MC and to Commission Presidents an updated formulation of the UIAA’s vision, objectives and role. Currently the Executive Board works in the expectation that this will lead to the preparation of the ‘UIAA of the 21st Century’ report, the resulting document is a compilation of the input received up to now from the various bodies of the UIAA.

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RESTATED STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR 2020 AND BEYOND - A SUMMARY

MISSION

The mission of the UIAA Global Mountain Network is to uphold the values and interests of the climbing and mountaineering community and to provide resources to member federations, promoting environmentally responsible, enjoyable and safe mountaineering. The UIAA advocates for and upholds the values of climbing and mountaineering federations and its 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. This mission is carried out by focusing on three priorities:

1. To provide guidance on critical and emerging mountaineering issues

The UIAA aims to contribute to mountain protection and stewardship through responsible leadership, while providing UIAA members with international guidance on the increasing climbing and mountaineering risks caused by climate change and by emerging challenges to mountain success. The UIAA 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 caused by less available and increased challenges of safety and cultural sensitivities.

2. To assist and maintain high standards

Through UIAA Commission activities, the UIAA has led the way in a wide range of fields. The UIAA continues to set standards for climbing and mountaineering in areas such as safety, mountaineering protection, training, responsible access, mountaineering skills building, sustainability, rock climbing, alpinism and mountain research.

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

The UIAA exists to serve its members. Its task 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 particular example 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 UIAA three pillar structure (Safety, Sport, Sustainability) and the goals of each of these pillars.
This chapter provides details on the UIAA member associations on all six continents, the organisations and associations who partner and sponsor 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 six observer members 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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<td>Membership fees</td>
<td>305'500</td>
<td>With few exceptions, full membership fees were paid in full by member federations.</td>
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<td>Safety Label fees</td>
<td>117'000</td>
<td>4% lower than budget. Some manufacturers have reduced their number of Safety Labels significantly.</td>
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<td>Service fees, licence fees</td>
<td>112'800</td>
<td>Additional 20'000 service fees from local event organisers due to additional services provided by UIAA - one meeting is paying expenses for local, known fees 3'700 below budget due to lower number of athletes, as only three World Cups were held.</td>
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<td>Grants</td>
<td>55'300</td>
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<td>Partnerships</td>
<td>239'500</td>
<td>Includes USD 120'000 cash and USD 80'000 in-kind.</td>
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### Expenses 2020

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<td>Staff</td>
<td>295'000</td>
<td>10'000 better than budget; additional workload due to Covid-19 situation and online instead of in-person meetings; 13'500 compensation received from Swiss Covid-19 programme.</td>
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<tr>
<td>External services</td>
<td>41'200</td>
<td>UIAA Communication Manager (freelance); lawyers, auditors.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Office, Administration</td>
<td>30'100</td>
<td>19'000 above budget, a.o. due to 16'000 currency discrepancy.</td>
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<td>Meetings</td>
<td>37'000</td>
<td>28'000 better than budget: no in-person meetings; includes online meeting software and support.</td>
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<td>Operating Expenses</td>
<td>19'000</td>
<td>19'000 better than budget due to Covid-19 situation and online instead of in-person meetings.</td>
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<td>Commissions</td>
<td>324'500</td>
<td>6'000 better than budget due to Covid-19/reduced commission activities and postponed commission projects.</td>
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<td>Marketing, Communication</td>
<td>26'000</td>
<td>2'000 above budget (printing/sending of 2019 Annual Report).</td>
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<td>Allocation to reserves</td>
<td>60'000</td>
<td>See proposal to the UIAA General Assembly regarding allocation of the result of the year.</td>
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### Notes

- The intention is to use the positive result of the year to strengthen reserves and equity capital of the UIAA. Further details to page 26 and the proposal to the UIAA 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 meeting expenses. As a result, meeting expenses in 2020 resulted in a massive reduction of the UIAA carbon footprint.
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**CHF**

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<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>427,299</td>
<td>567,945</td>
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<td>Receivables</td>
<td>15,593</td>
<td>5,814</td>
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<td>Prepayments and accrued income</td>
<td>70,042</td>
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<td>Inventory</td>
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<td>Total current assets</td>
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<td>Non-current assets</td>
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<td>Total assets</td>
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#### LIABILITIES & FUNDS

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<td>6,651</td>
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<td>Other short term liabilities</td>
<td>5,192</td>
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<td>Accrued expenses and deferred income</td>
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<td>General provision</td>
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<td>6,384</td>
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#### Equity accounts

- **Capital of the association as per 1 January 2020**: 277,049 CHF
- **Result of the year**: 65,035 CHF
- **Capital of the association as per 31 December 2020**: 342,084 CHF

### Notes

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

**B** Receivables **decrease by 10'000 CHF:** SAC: balance in favour of UIAA resulting from SAC services, SAC grant and UIAA payments.

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

**D** Accounts payable **decrease by 1'500 CHF:** Reduced staff overtime and social charges.

**E** Accrued expenses and deferred income **increase by 15'500 CHF:** 2021 sponsoring for Ice Climbing and some 2021 Safety Label fees received in advance.

**F** General provision **increase by 0 CHF:** Varies depending on the allocation of the result of the year, tbd by the General Assembly.

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**Contingency reserves**: 20'000 CHF

**Solidarity fund**: 30'000 CHF

**General reserve**: 10'000 CHF

**Net result**: 5'035 CHF

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

### Finance & Membership Reports by

- **Peter Mair**
  - UIAA Treasurer (pre GA 2020)
- **Françoise Jaquet**
  - UIAA Treasurer (post GA 2020)
- **Lode Beckers**
  - UIAA General Secretary
- **Nils Glenhard**
  - UIAA Director of Operations
- **Agnes Semelet**
  - UIAA Accountant
- **Stephanie Stettbacher**
  - UIAA Office Staff
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.

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OFFICE COORDINATOR & SAFETY LABEL ADMINISTRATOR
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• 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.

NILS GLATTHARD
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
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• General management and coordination of the UIAA staff in Bern and abroad.
• 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.

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.

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Staff Time Allocation 2020

UIAA Member Federations
UIAA Management Committee
UIAA Executive Board
UIAA Working Groups
UIAA General Assembly
Auditors

UIAA Office
UIA Office
Office/Safety

Accounting

Communication

Safety

Sport

Projects

P Bourne

S Sambhi

K Kade

C Kahoun

UIA Organisational chart

Assistant

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General Assembly - Digital Magazine
To facilitate planning for the 2020 General Assembly (held online for the first time), the UIAA published a digital magazine. The concept created for the 2019 GA served both as a summation update from the publication of the Annual Report and seeks to continue as many of the supporting documents for the GA into one publication. The aim in future years is to allocate readings into a consolidated document.

Website statistics compared to 2019:
- The number of unique users decreased by 9%.
- The number of new users decreased by 10%.
- The number of visits decreased by 16%.
- The number of page views decreased by 20%.
- The average session duration decreased by 4%.

Website properties as of 2020(*):
1) 65,000 followers
2) 12,000 subscribers
3) 9,000 subscribers
4) 7,000 followers
5) One-thousand subscribers
6) 15,000 social media connections
7) 45,000 followers
8) 12,000 subscribers
9) 9,000 subscribers
10) 7,000 followers(*) Excludes home page

Mountain Medicine Advice Papers
International calendars
Climber Safety advice
Medical advice papers, UIAA Safety Label and the Mountain Protection Award.

Core Global Resources
The UIAA offers its members and the wider 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

Further details are provided in the dedicated chapters of this report.

Video Content
Video content, especially when shared through social media, provides the UIAA with a dynamic way of sharing information about its projects, increasing the creation of video material is one of the objectives of the coming year.

Video material, currently available includes streams and highlights of UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour competitions, guides to Medical advice papers, UIAA Safety Label and the Mountain Protection Award.

SERCIES
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ASSOCIATION
MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS
The UIAA Communication team is always keen to share information about member association initiatives (please email communications@theuiaa.org). Likewise, any material produced by the UIAA or the line of actions for members to red chile in their own publications and across digital channels. Working together, we can provide the climbing and mountaineering world with the information important to them.

Reprint by Peter Bourne
UIAA Communication Manager
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 and 3).

This is not the sole mission assigned to the UIAA Court. It is also the independent judicial body bound to decide upon the alleged violations of the UIAA Code of Ethics (Article 4). Additionally, the UIAA Court, when the Ethics Board is charged with conflicts of interests, should be called to make a decision. This was the case of any kind was held in 2020. This is definitely 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.

Further Reading
UIAA Volunteer Series: Pierre Humblet
https://www.theuiaa.org/uiaa/uiaa-volunteer-series-pierre-humblet/

Further Reading
UIAA Volunteer Series: Klara Dvorakova
https://www.theuiaa.org/uiaa/uiaa-volunteer-series-klara-dvorakova/

Legal Experts Working Group
The Legal Experts Working Group (LEWG) provides assistance to any UIAA body or working group requires 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
Pierre Humblet
(CMBEL, Belgium)
President, UIAA Court

Court Members
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Franz STÄMPFLI-GLATTHARD (SAC, Switzerland)
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Further Reading
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©Malta Climbing Club
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:
- Anti-Doping
- Ice Climbing
- Medical
- Mountaineering (including Access & Training)
- Mountain Protection
- Safety
- Youth

**Mountain Protection**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Since it was founded in 1969, the UIAA Mountain Protection Commission (MPC) 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.

**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 of some 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’s Sports for Climate Action Working Group, among other notable events.

The MPC was also active in a number of initiatives organised to coincide with International Mountain Day (see dedicated section).

**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 UNEP, 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.
Connect with Mike Maunsell using one of the following methods: Phone: +353 87 2501171 | Email: mm@irelandmountain.com | LinkedIn: Mike Maunsell

Mike Maunsell, President Irish Mountaineering Club, is pleased to announce his re-election for a second term in the role. The election was conducted in accordance with the IM's rules and procedures, and the result was verified by the Irish Mountaineering Club's (IMC's) Honorary Auditor.

Mike Maunsell was nominated for the position by his former colleagues, who praised his leadership and vision for the club. During his term, Maunsell has focused on improving the club's online presence, expanding its membership, and promoting the benefits of mountaineering.

The second term will allow Maunsell to continue his work in these areas and to further develop the club's programs and initiatives. He is committed to ensuring that the Irish Mountaineering Club remains a vibrant, inclusive, and dynamic organization that continues to promote the sport of mountaineering.

The club's board of directors is expected to meet soon to discuss the upcoming season's events and initiatives. Members are encouraged to stay informed and engaged in the club's activities by following the club's social media channels and attending upcoming events.
UNEP hosted a live Mountains High Virtual Event for Climate Action. Carolina Adler was among the panellists. Together with mountaineer Will Gadd, the UNFCCC Sports for Climate Action speakers focused on how sports and adventure play a role in climate action. An audience 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 advances 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, MRM and UIAA Environmental Objectives and Guidelines as key priorities in its project portfolio, not least given the support provided by Bally and the expected step change in evolving the concepts and their implementation and the hopeful EOCA support. The MPC will look at the results achieved in the combined 2020-21 edition of the MPA as basis for further development and improvement of the projects’ 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.

Bally is a Swiss luxury brand with an alpine heritage and pioneering legacy since 1851. In 2020 and 2021, the Bally Peak Outlook Foundation has proudly partnered with the UIAA and its annual Mountain Protection Award, celebrating and supporting innovation and the desire of climbers to make a positive difference through transformative mountain projects.
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Throughout its history, mountain safety has been at the forefront of the UIAA’s activities. The UIAA Safety Label, and associated safety standards, have been in operation since the 1960s. The UIAA Safety Commission (SafeCom) is formed of experts with engineering backgrounds from different UIAA member federations, as well as international manufacturers with certified UIAA Safety Labels. SafeCom meets annually and is responsible for developing UIAA safety standards, as well as coordinating and funded by the UIAA for the safe and responsible use of climbing and mountaineering equipment.

THE IMPACT OF COVID-19

Early in 2021 the Commission accredited and updated its UIAA 123 Rock Anchors: Corrosion Update. The revision focused on correcting and reorganising information that had become outdated, as well as clarifying the worst-case scenario for stainless steel anchors. It is safest to replace them if 10% of the standard value in a period of three years will be stronger and humidity levels exceed 82%.

Further details here.

FIXED ANCHORS NEEDED FOR TESTING

In an information sent out the old standard was to be replaced by a new standard for testing and testing laboratories. The Plenary agreed to clarify the language in the annex, the procedure was verified by manufacturers and manufacturers certified procedure instead of an annex. The procedure was verified by manufacturer's and manufacturer's testing laboratories.

Fixed Anchors

The lab presented the new tests, which are simulating the worst-case scenario for stainless steel anchors. It is safest to replace them if 10% of the standard value in a period of three years will be stronger and humidity levels exceed 82%.

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Further details here.
The UIAA Safety Label 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, independent third party and shown to satisfy the requirements set forth in the UIAA Standard. However, no lab testing can ever truly reflect the range of situations encountered in practice. Purchasing climbing and mountaineering equipment bearing the UIAA Safety Label supports the UIAA and its global mission to promote safety; one of the key pillars of work preformed by the WG has not yet proved to use the UIAA Safety Label logo and will issue its certificates as of 2021 with the UIAA trademarked Safety Logo.

UIAA Safety Commission Vice President
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The official logo of the UIAA Safety Label.
The mission of the UIAA Medical Commission is to provide the best possible advice through a network of dedicated and knowledgeable medical practitioners, advice pages, the International Diploma in Mountain Medicine, and the dissemination of papers transcended 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 recommendations have been a main focus of the doctors with international experience contributing to the commission. The doctors, in particular, have focused on the task of producing papers on key topics, such as high-altitude medicine, Mountain Medicine, and the dissemination of papers transcended into over ten languages. All members are doctors and many are active teachers in their respective countries.

SUPPORT FOR UIAA MEMBERS

MedCom provides a range of services for both UIAA members and the wider mountaineering community. At high-altitude advice papers are internationally respected, and the fruits of years of experience are translated into UIAA member association communication channels. The expertise and knowledge of these members is available to mountain practitioners and mountain practitioners worldwide. The commission together with external experts, has been working on the revision of two particular papers, namely Vol.12 Women Going to Altitude and Vol.14 Contraception at Altitude. A second working group, led by female members of the commission, focuses on the revision of two particular papers, namely Vol.12 Women Going to Altitude and Vol.14 Contraception at Altitude. In total, there are over 150 medical articles and advice papers, many of which are translated into different languages. The commission continues to update and translate its existing recommendation papers, with a focus on meeting the needs of mountain practitioners and mountain practitioners worldwide.

PROJECTS

• International Diploma of Mountain Medicine
• As part of the General and Administrative Commission, the commission works to bridge the gap between physicians/experts and the general public in terms of sound advice and information on UIAA activities, to share best practice, and to debate some of the topical considerations – with potentially life-saving implications.

EVENTS ATTENDED IN 2020

This year, MedCom attended the four virtual roundtable meetings of the Commission Presidents and the Executive Board, held in March. Since the Commission meets in person, the goal of having in-person meetings was incredibly valuable, as it allowed for specific and targeted discussions around topics.

Three larger MedCom project groups were identified in March, each focusing on different areas.

1. Women's health group, with the aim of improving women’s health and safety in the mountains and during expeditions.
2. Translation of papers still in progress and advice papers, including the translation of the commission's recommendation papers, with the goal of improving the dissemination of information on UIAA activities.
3. Continuous updating of recommendation papers, to ensure that all MedCom members have access to the latest information.

In March, MedCom hosted a moderated panel discussion, featuring medical doctors from around the world, to discuss the challenges of delivering medical care to mountain practitioners. The panel focused on the unique challenges of providing medical care in remote and mountainous areas, as well as the importance of collaboration and communication between medical practitioners in different regions.
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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Report by

Urs Hefti
Medical Commission President
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 activities are carried out within these three groups.

- In 2021, the leadership meeting took place remotely. bearers of the UIAA’s historical declarations to the realities of the present day. Therefore, in the online meeting the Commission decided that:

- The last in-person Commission meeting was held on 5th September 2019 in Hong Kong. The meeting started to believe that the Commission will be able to continue online in the same form.

- The new project will start after, which is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The Commission is also working on a presentation of results.

- A second edition of the French edition has been released and is available worldwide.

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- The WMI (World Mountain Guides Association) and the UIAA (Union International des Unions Mondiales de la Montagne) have already agreed to a joint project on training in mountain rescue skills. The project will be led by Alpine Summer Handbook, with worldwide distribution.

- The Petzl Foundation has continued to support development of new online video training resources.

- Meetings were held with six Indian national clubs to clarify the Club Licensing and Training认证 scheme. The Club Licensing and Training development has been sponsored by The Petzl Foundation. An update on its progress can be found in the MontCom for the 2020: UIAA’s Year in Review available online.

Executive Summary of 2020

- Due to Covid-19, the early training project in Maharashtra, India all other physical meetings and projects were cancelled. The only work has been on the Mountain Huts directory including the Tyrol Declaration/Mountain Code with substantial additions to the Accident statistics, the Online Training Videos, and the Online Licensing module. These are all postponed but their funding remains in place.

- The first in-person Commission meeting will be held in 2021. The leaders are still working on the commission’s post-Covid 19 finances.

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Executive Summary of 2019-2020

- Support for 2019-20 Anniversary of Barrels Access, the organisation that defends free access to climbing and mountaineering areas in South America supporting local communities.
- Activities currently focused in:
  - Argentina (climbing area of Arenales, proposed)
  - Brazil, project to support climbing in the area of Rio
  - Chile, legislative proposal to support San Luis (approved)
  - To defend the interest of responsible mountaineering in:
    - Salta, submitted
  - To provide extensive access regulations
  - Knowledge transfer (from large and experienced member federations to others in need and having less capacity)
  - To raise awareness about issues in your regions.

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Annual Commission Meeting

The Access WG had its 23rd annual meeting by video conference of 25 countries at the end of May.

The WG looked at:

- Restrictions for mountaineering in the time of Covid-19
- Key advice for Access WG:
  - Knowledge transfer (from large and experienced member federations to others in need and having less capacity)
  - To provide extensive access regulation information:
  - Diffrent ranges, different regulations, different actions developed.
  - To defend the interest of responsible access strongly as an interest of federations members.
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    - Acces working group (information about similar problems, web and public support).

Support for Mountain Areas

The Access WG members are experts in managing information about restrictions imposed on mountaineering activities, whether government, environmental or due to land owners.

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Ice Climbing

MISSION STATEMENT

- Grow ice and alpine climbing sustainable and specta-
  - culess annual UIA Ice Climbing World Tour
  - through the achievements of the athletes, fans and the
  - UIA Ice Climbing Commission’s work.
- Build a financial structure that ensures a sustainable future for the sport, allowing the organisation to continue to develop and grow.
- Develop the sport of ice climbing in the arctic, alpine, and urban environments across the world, including the winter sporting nations of the world.
- Focussing on the development of more reliable safety equipment and better coverage of high-quality competitions.
- Develop equipment and offerings that are better suited to the needs of the sport.
- Continue to aim for multiple improvements to the UIA Ice Climbing World Tour, including increased prize money, television networks, and global TV distribution.

2019-2020 season

In the 2019-2020 season the Commission took a review of the positives (high quality of competitions, improvements on previous season) and negatives (issues with cancelled events). The Commission adjusted the 2020-2021 season’s UIA Ice Climbing World Tour calendar and events, UIA Ice Climbing World Youth Championships and a number of continental competitions.

General

- The location of the UIAEC (UIA Ice Climbing World Tour) was decided in one of the continued development and the ambition to continue on-climbing to one day become part of the Olympic Winter Games. The new programme, a working group was set up to organise these developments further.
- Through its Anti-Doping Commission, the UIAEC is working closely on compliance with the new WADA regulations.
- The Commission agreed to hold more frequent online meetings to facilitate communication and improve the speed of decision making.
- New sub-commissions and Commission Corresponding Members were agreed. The Athlete Sub Commission currently two athletes are on expanded.
- A new booking system for the pre-season ice climbing training camps will be launched.
- A Working Group to further improve the speed discipline of the sport will be set up focusing on the development of new reliable timing equipment and better coverage through the UIA Ice Climbing Commission.

2020-2021 season

- The Commission has recently reviewed the positives (high quality of competitions, improvements on previous season) and negatives (issues with cancelled events) of the 2019-2020 season. The Commission released its first 2020-2021 calendar for the season, before confirming a schedule programme towards the end of the year. The key issue that will need to be addressed would be the need to collaborate with the UIA Ice Climbing World Tour on supporting events and regional competitions. Before finalising the final calendar the Commission also provided details on the Covid-19 protocols for all of its events.
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2019/20 UIAA ICE CLIMBING SEASON STATISTICS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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- Trusted by the Experts.

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- 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
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LIVESTREAM & TELEVISION
All World Cup semi-finals and finals in both lead and speed were livestreamed on the UIAA 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.

2019/20 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour Calendar & Social Media Statistics

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- 521.4K impressions on UIAA Tweets about World Cup Tour
- 227K followers as of the end of March
- 3,000 new followers gained (from 38,000 to 41,000)
- Reach for season posts 2.45 million (including non video content)
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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 import because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In-competition and out-of-competition 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 the few international federations who make it mandatory for athletes to pass an anti-doping test as part of their competition registration. The online anti-doping education was created by Commission members - Dr Nenad Dikic (former President) and Dr Marija Andjelkovic (current President). More than 200 athletes passed the test 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 has 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.

2021: THE YEAR AHEAD

Doping Controls

Owing to Covid-19, nothing is easy to plan. In-competition doping controls will be conducted; otherwise, 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 offences 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.

Further Reading

Report by
Dr. Marija Andjelkovic
President, UIAA Anti-Doping Commission

As confirmed by the Management Committee (October 2020)

Members
Marija ANDJELKOVIC (President), Serbia (PSS)
Nenad DIKIC, Serbia (ISF)
Borja Osés GARCIA, Spain (EMF)
Youth

MISSION STATEMENT

The Youth Commission (YC) provides a safe and exciting opportunity for young people to experience the mountains. The Commission manages not only an individual’s technical development in a given discipline but also an awareness for commercial, cultural and ethical aspects of the areas the YC is engaged in. Young people are the future guardians of our wild spaces and it is our mission to respect, foster and understand these places. USA Commission events therefore not only have a technical focus but also an environmental and cultural component.

GLOBAL YOUTH SUMMIT (GYS)

The YUA Youth commissions concentrates international youth events under the UAI’s Global Youth Summit. As such it is the body responsible for supervision of all UIAA youth events. The YC is the UIAA’s lead organisation for events under the Global Youth Summit. As such it is the body responsible for supervision of all UIAA youth events. The YC is the UIAA’s lead organisation for events under the Global Youth Summit.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF 2020

The full programme of UIAA Youth Events was put on hold due to the global Covid-19 crisis. One of the youth climbing camp did take place in Fabriano (Italy) with over 70 young participants. Planning for the camps’ return is ongoing. Due to Covid-19, fly-in international youth events are planned for the foreseeable future. The YC will work towards supporting and reporting on national level events in the coming months.

ANNUAL COMMISSION MEETING

The YC met in person in March in Cyprus before the global lockdown. At the event, the UIAA Management Committee meeting, Pascal Geoghegan succeeded Mark Davison as Commission President. The main objective discussed was the creation of a youth network bridging the YC and the UIAA Training and other Commissions. The new tier system planned is to be discussed at the next UIAA Commission meetings or online gatherings.

FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

More stringent guidelines will be set for the organisation of events whether run by UIAA members or the Commission itself. A greater focus will be placed on the consistency of events, on teaching fee paid by the organiser. Materials related to the event and support teaching (all expenses inc. teaching fee paid by the organiser).

Events must comply with the best principles as detailed in the Youth Commissions Guidelines for planning and hosting an event.

Additional support will be provided by the Commission to the federation organising the events.

All future UIAA Youth events will be organised within the following criteria:

- Assurance of best practices, technical and ethical aspects of the events.
- All UIAA approved youth events are organised in strict accordance with the regulations and rules governing such events.

Support for UIAA events:

- The organisation must be appointed by the UIAA and must contact a member of the Commission (UIAA YC). The event must be granted the UIAA personal certification to be granted and held certificate. A delegate from a minimum of one UIAA commission to the federation organising the event.
- The hosting federation and the YC will take a percentage from the profit of the event. The hosting federation and the YC will allocate 5% of revenues to the UIAA YC and national federation (who in turn is a member of the National Federation).
- Event organisers (UIAA member associations or other approved bodies) to organise international youth events.
- Approving applications from UIAA member federations or other approved bodies to organise international youth events.
- Applications approved to be included in the international youth development within the UIAY Young Plan and being organisational and financially viable.

WORK WITH OTHER COMMISSIONS

The implementation of the two-tier approach will give the YC the opportunity to increase the number of UIAA youth camps around the world. The Commission will be contacting several federations who have never organised a UIAA camp to encourage such an initiative. The YC will work with federations who have been certified by the UIAY Training Plan. Their instructors can provide guidance at UIAA youth camps.

SUPPORT FOR UIAA MEMBERS

As detailed above the YC is extending its reach to work with several new federations in the near future in support to help them to set up and organise their first youth camps, and hopefully that will pave the way for further integration with other federations in the future to really expand the number and global development of UIAA Youth Camps.

2021 THE YEAR AHEAD

Once the Covid-19 situation improves globally the main focus of the YC will be to restart its programmes. This will be achieved with the help of member federations and by re-energising the global youth calendar using the new tier system described in this report with more and exciting events in the coming months offering great opportunities for young outdoor enthusiasts.
International Skyrunning Federation
The ISF is the governing authority of skyrunning - mountain running above 2,000m over extremely technical routes. Three disciplines define the sport and they are not just based on distance but also on vertical climb and technical difficulty: Sky, Skyrace 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 events were cancelled by their organizers.

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

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

ANTIDOPING TESTS
In 2019, ISF started to meet the new requirements imposed by WADA in cooperation with the UIAA medical delegate to the biathlon, as in the past, all tests conducted at the European Championships, some blood tests were carried out at the final Ski World Cup. 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 Project has been developed and launched in 2019. It is designed to identify skyrunning courses, list them in the International Skyrunning Federation and create revenue.

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

2019-20 ISF CURRENT SITUATION
The current situation is complex due to the pandemic, the ISF is focusing on its future to reshape its plans to better adapt to the current global situation. The new Strategic Plan addresses the following areas:

1) Skyrunning Promotion & Member Activities
2) ISF License - Card & Global Ranking
3) ISF Structure & Management to Support All Activities
4) Skyrunning Identity & GAISF
5) Sky Ultra & IDC
6) ISF Certified Course & Procedure
7) ISF Members Position & Statutes
8) ISF Budget - Business Situation & Plan
9) ISF Events - Race Calendar & Format
10) ISF Sport Training & Nutrition
11) ISF Continental Councils, Commissions, Committees
12) ISF Medical & IOC

The personalised information based on biometric data helps to calculate a potential race time, to plan training and nutrition in safety.

2020 ISF EVENTS
Youth Skyrunning World Championships
Many events were cancelled or postponed due to the expansion of the project. Despite that, interest is still growing and in 2020 the Vertical Kilometer® were included.

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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 2020-2021 Award is open. For further details please click here.

Applications are invited from:
- Australia and New Zealand
- Islands of the South Pacific
- New Guinea
- Regions of Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia
- Southeast Asia
- Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, East Timor, Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.

The UIAA is underrepresented in these countries, despite there being some climbing/mountain climbing 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, festivals 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:
- The festival is organised or approved by a national member federation of the UIAA.
- Development festival projects may also be recognised where there is no UIAA member federation present in the country.
- The festival is held in accordance with UIAA values.
- 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 - Lasa Boulder Fest (Italy)
2018 - Festival de Boulder de Mar del Plata (Argentina)
2017 - International Climbers' Festival (United States)
2016 - Kalymnos Climbing Festival (Greece)

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.
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 statement, it is considered valuable to look at the objectives of the Confederation of African Mountain Clubs (“CAMC”).

• Promote the search and rescue services.

• Promote the study of mountains and their environments and the dissemination of such knowledge.

It can be seen that these are entirely congruent with the aims of the UIAA.

EVENTS 2020

In common with the rest of the world, the Covid-19 pandemic has seriously curtailed mountain activities in Africa. A particular casualty has been what had been developing into an annual event: a Fresh Start meeting at a different mountainous location of the African continent each year. It is hoped that this will resume in 2021.

PARTNERSHIPS

It is hoped that the CAMC will enjoy a closer collaboration with the UIAA. Currently, the membership structure of the CAMC’s structural problems and for African mountain clubs and associations future developments may resolve these difficulties.

The popularity of Africa’s high mountains with climbers from other continents is marked and this will undoubtedly stimulate local climbers if there is good cooperation during such visits. Visiting climbers are strongly urged to contact local clubs when visiting the countries concerned.

FEATURED FEDERATION

Mountain Club Of South Africa

As the long-standing UIAA member on the African continent, the Mountain Club of South Africa, (MCSA), has taken the lead in the CAMC and it is hoped Pathle will be full in that year to come.

Currently, the MCSA, with over 5,000 members, is going from strength to strength and is a extremely viable within South Africa with 12 sections country wide. A particular focus is the outreach programme which are aimed at encouraging participation in mountain activities by disadvantaged youth. It is hoped that this will lead to a greater understanding of the benefits of conservation and the concomitant improvement of the disadventaged areas of the country. This is a long-term project but needed to.

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.

Reported by

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Mountain Club of South Africa, MCSA Management Committee

African Mountain Clubs (“CAMC”): to look at the objectives of the Confederation of Mountain Clubs of South Africa

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

The UAAA respects mountains, climbers and culture and aims to raise the profile of the UAAA and as well as to help to promote responsible recreation and conservation in the Asian mountains. It is hoped that this will bear fruit in the years to come.

The Union of Asian Alpine Associations (UAAA) is a body of 19 member associations which are aimed at encouraging participation in mountaineering activities & climbing organisations in Asia, protecting mountain nature and promoting responsible mountaineering in Asia.

FEATURERED FEDERATION

Chinese Mountaineering Association

The Chinese Mountaineering Association (CMA) organized the 80th Anniversary of the First Chinese summiteer from the south side of Qomolangma (Everest) in the north side of Qomolangma (Everest) on 27 May and measured the highest point of the mountain protection work organizing a waste collection project in collaboration with the Tibet autonomous region sports bureau.

Support for UAAA Members

To support the exhibition ‘Let’s talk about mountains’ organised by the Swiss Alpine Museum in November, 2020, the Korean Alpine Federation provided support for UAAA members.

Projects

The UAAA is pursuing a long-term goal of linking mountain museums in Asian countries and building alliances that promote mountain cultural exchange, artificial preservation and mountains education through museums. It is recognized as a UNESCO’s intangible cultural heritage which must express the value. The outbreak of Covid-19 suspended all the past projects of this region, but online alliance is ongoing.

The Year Ahead - 2021

The agenda for the UAAA 2021 meetings which was decided at the GA in 2019 is as follows:

• Council meeting in India by the Indian Mountaineering Foundation in December

• General Assembly in Nepal by the Nepal Mountaineering Association in December

• Asian joint expedition to study the tourism opportunities in Pakistan by the Mountaineering and Sport Department of Pakistan

• Traditional Rock Climbing festival in Kazakhstan

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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 practised in all countries and almost all of them have national associations and or mountain and climbing clubs.

These national federations, despite being very small, operate very efficiently and are aware of their mission and identity.

The fact is a focus on the growth of the sport is greater today, thanks to the Internet and the use of social networks in Latin American mountaineers, especially in countries located in South America.

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At the same time, this increased connectivity of mountaineers has helped to solve the problems in the continent's mountains. Climbing connected from different countries have come together to grow and develop projects for the conservation of the Andean environment and work for better access to the mountain and climbing sectors.

SUMMARY 2020

In the last months of 2019 and the beginning of 2020 there has been an increase in the activities of the national mountaineering federations in Latin America. More than 60% of these national federations have been involved in lobbying activities. On top of this, there is a large-scale movement of mountaineers and climbing in the country.

Central and South America

Argentina

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The main focus in 2020 were:

- European Union of Mountaineering Associations - EUMA
- Edition of the report "Ski mountaineering" in Italian, French and German
- EUMA will become a full member of European Forum of Mountain Organisations (EFMO) in corporate members
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The pandemic wrought its first blow to the American Alpine Club (AAC) where 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. It also agreed to adopt joint recommendations for “Safe Snowshoeing” and that the CAA would finance the extension of the existing online reservation system for hosts, used by the majority of CAA associations, to include an availability check for multi-day tours.

On 29 May 2020 the ELMA General Assembly was held online with 23 member federations represented. TheMotion to merge the CAA, which operates throughout the Alps, with the European Mountaineering Association (EUMA). It was decided that a working group consisting of representatives of both federations should start work by the end of 2020 and examine and prepare this merger by 2023.

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The change in Canadian mountain environments is something that has been observed and have offered their first hand experiences, expecially in the last few years. The contributors in the report have, in one way or another, dedicated their lives to the alpine and have offered their firsthand experiences, opinions and photographs to tell the stories of how change in Canadian mountain environments affect and influence people and nature.

Report

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SUMMARY OF 2020

Covid-19
As with much of the world, measures to control the Coronavirus pandemic have had an impact on all our activities. Gatherings of domes and family events were immediately cancelled. However the NZAC has been working with local authorities to look at how our activities can get back on foot on the crags. In March, internaional travel to both New Zealand and Australia was stopped other than for returning nationals. As reported last year a number of well known rock climbing areas have been closed or threatened with closure in both Australia and New Zealand. In both countries outdoor users are increasing their use of remote and more isolated places an innovative legal framework has been established that give a fair and level playing field for all climbers.

Access Challenges

Access is a hot topic in mountain environments. NZAC has made submissions on a number of occasions and current agreements with local traditional owners who are concerned about the management, protection and climbing. Oceania supports the UIAA in New Zealand noise pollution from heavy use of helicopters and fixed wing aircraft for sightseeing is a matter of much concern in the southern New Zealand glacier region. NZAC made submissions to the National Parks against their prime purpose of being for a “healing” function. In addition, a number of rock climbing areas have been closed either due to Covid or one-time events such as lockdowns and tight restrictions such as the annual Remarkables Ice and Mixed festival. In New Zealand, a number of well known rock climbing areas have been closed due to concern at the behaviour and impact of climbers. Local protocols can function well once established through dialogue and building trust. The NZAC is increasingly being asked to contribute advice and to contribute to these discussions. In New Zealand discussion is often frustrated by the difficulty of finding a management document between Mount and British Columbia, with differing world views of the central spiritual law of land. For instance, the very concept of a legislated “National Park” is now being questioned by some to mean land which is owned by the state. In both countries legal frameworks have been established that give a fair and level playing field for all climbers.

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 dramatic impacts on the local tourism industry which faces heavily on the local tourism industry in both Australia and New Zealand. Many guides have been laid off due to the decreased demand. In New Zealand, a number of well known rock climbing areas have been closed or threatened with closure in both Australia and New Zealand. In both countries outdoor users are increasing their use of remote and more isolated places an innovative legal framework has been established that give a fair and level playing field for all climbers.

Highlights from Individual Members

Despite the interruption caused by Covid, climbing continues to grow in popularity. The financial impact on the NZAC has been significant. The NZAC is regarded as a model for New Zealand climbing clubs and is the preservation and conservation of unique natural environments.

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