

## 1. MINUTES

### UIAA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Pontresina, Switzerland

#### 1.1. 5 October 2013, 08:30 – 18:00

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

Country	Abbr	Federation	Delegate
Argentina	FASA	Federacion Argentina de Ski y Andinismo	Sebastian de la Cruz
Austria	VAVOe	Verband Alpine Vereiene Oesterreich	Dr. Oskar Wörz
Azerbaijan	FAIRE X	Azerbaijan and extreme Sports Federation	Sarvan Rasulov, Emin Garabaghli, Jamal Kashkay, Aydin Mammadov
Azerbaijan	AAF	Azerbaijan Mountaineering Federation	Israfil Ashurly
Belgium	CMBEL	Climbing & Mountaineering Belgium	Lode Beckers, Pierre Humblet
Brazil	CBME	Confederação Brasileira de Montanhismo e Escalada	Jose Basto CNM
Canada	ACC	Alpine Club of Canada	Peter Muir, Mike Mortimer
China	CMA	Chinese Mountaineering Association	Yongfeng Wang
Chinese Taipei	CTAA	Chinese Taipei Alpine Association	Wei-chi Huang
Chinese Taipei	CTMA	Chinese Taipei Mountaineering Association	Hank Hwang
Croatia	HPS	Mountaineering Association of Croatia	Darko Berjlk
Czech Republic	CMF	Czech Mountaineering Federation	Proxi SMU JAMES (Slovak)
Denmark	DB	Dansk Bjergklub / Danish Mountain Club	Jan Bønding
Denmark	DCF	Danish Climbing Federation	Jan Bønding DB
Finland	FCA	Finnish Climbing Association	Pontus AxelsonSKF Sweden

France	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpins et de Montagne	Georges Elziere, Claude Eckhardt
Germany	DAV	Deutscher Alpenverein	Dr Wolfgang Wabel
Great Britain	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	Paul Braithwaite, , Doug Scott, Dr. David Hillebrandt
Great Britain	TAC	The Alpine Club	Stephan Goodwin
Greece	EOOA	Hellenic Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing	Dimitris Georgoulis
Hong Kong, China	CHKM CU	Hong Kong Mountaineering Union	Nim-ho Conway, Wai-ting Shirman
Hungary	MHSSz	Magyar Hegy- és Sportmászó Szövetség / Hungarian Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Association	Peter Farkas
India	IMF	Indian Mountaineering Foundation	Col. Chauhan
Iran	I.R.IMS CF	I.R. Iran Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation	Mahmoud Shoaie, Mohammad Fahimi
Italy	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	Umberto Martini, Andreina Maggiore
Italy	ISF	International Skyrunning Federation	Marino Giacometti, Silvio Calvi
Japan	JMA	Japan Mountaineering Association	Kuniaki Yagihara
Jordan		Jordan Tourism Board (Observer)	Romana Weiss
Korea	CAC	Corean Alpine Club	Albert Young-Jun Lee
Korea	KAF	Korean Alpine Federation	Christine Pae
Kosovo	KMAF	Kosovo Mountaineering and Alpinism Federation	Umberto Martini CAI
	KAC	Kyrgyz Alpine Club	Aiana Nachalova
Liechtenstein	LAV	Liechtensteiner Alpenverein	Heinz Wohlwend
Mongolia	MNMF	Mongolian national Mountaineering Federation	Sanyaa Zaya, Tuul Tsagaan
Nepal	NMA	Nepal Mountaineering Association	Zimba Zangbu Sherpa, Ang Tshering Sherpa, Purna Chandra Bhattarai
Netherlands	NKBV	Royal Dutch Mountaineering and Climbing Club	Frans Demmers, Robin Baks, Rutger Jonker. Nico de Jong
New Zealand	NZAC	New Zealand Alpine Club	Carolina Adler
Pakistan	ACP	Alpine Club of Pakistan	Manzoor Hussain, Karrar Haidri

Poland	PZA	Polish Mountaineering Association	M Wierzbowski
Portugal	CNM	Clube Nacional de Montanhismo S.R. Norte	José A. Basto
Portugal	FCMP	Federação de Campismo e Montanhismo de Portugal / Federation of Camping and Mountaineering of Portugal	Carlos Teixeira, Pedro Cuiça
Portugal	FPME	Federação Portuguesa de Montanhismo e Escalada	Jose Basto CNM
Russia	RMF	Russian Mountaineering Federation	Andrey Volkov, Alexey Ovchinnikov
Serbia	PSS	Mountaineering Association of Serbia - Planinarski savez Srbije	Boris Micic, Nenad Dikic
Slovakia	SMU JAMES	Slovak Alpinist Union	Igo Koller
Slovenia	PZS	Alpine Association of Slovenia	Matej Planto
South Africa	MCSA	The Mountain Club of South Africa	Petro Grobler
Spain	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	Joan Garrigos y Toro, Juan J Ibáñez Martin, Lluís Lopez I Leiro, Jordi Pons I Sanjines
Spain	FEEC	Federació d'Entitats Excursionistes de Catalunya	Jordi Merino i Urbano, Jordi Magriñà
Sweden	SKF	Svenska Klätterförbundet / Swedish Climbing Association	Pontus Axelson
Switzerland	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	Françoise Jaquet, Frank Urs Müller
Turkey	ZMC	Zirve Dagcilik	Nejat Akincl
Ukraine	MCFU	Ukrainian Mountaineering Federation	Margaryta Kadiyeva, Vitaliy Skorik
USA	AAC	American Alpine Club	Linda Mcmillan, William Putman

**Management Committee members and candidates (including Executive Board Members)**

Frits Vrijlandt	Exec Board	President	
Peter Farkas	Exec Board	Vice-President	
Pier Giorgio Oliveti	Exec Board	Treasurer	
Hélène Denis	Exec Board	General Secretary	
Thomas Kaehr	Exec Board	Marketing	
Frank-Urs Müller	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	Switzerland
Georges Elziere	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpins et de Montagne	France
Anne Arran	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	Great Britain
Sebastian de la Cruz	FASA	Federación Argentina de Ski y Andinismo	Argentina
Christine Pae	KAF	Korean Alpine Federation	Korea
Lucia Foppoli	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	Italy
Tadao Kanzaki	JMA	Japan Mountaineering Association	Japan
Joan Garrigos Toro	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	Spain
Col HS Chauhan	IMF	Indian Mountaineering Foundation	India
Nejat Akinci	ZMC	Zirve Mountaineering Club	Turkey
Petronella Grobler	MCSA	The Mountain Club of South Africa	South Africa

**Commission Presidents**

Juan J. Ibáñez Martin	FEDME	Access Commission	Spain
David Hillebrandt	BMC	Medical Commission	Great Britain
Pierre Humblet	CMBEL	Mountaineering Commission	Belgium
Linda McMillan	AAC	Mountain Protection Commission	USA
Israfil Ashurly	AAF	Youth Commission	Azerbaijan
Nenad Dikic	PSS	Anti-Doping Commission	Serbia
Urs Stoecker	SAC	Ice Climbing Competitions	Switzerland

**UIAA Office Bern - Staff**

Florian JeanRichard		Office Manager	
Agnès Semelet		Accountant	
Sophie Gérard		Sponsorships and Project Manager	
Alexandru Paun		Web designer	

**UIAA COURT Members**

Bettina Geisseler		Court Member	
Jordi Pons	FEDME	Honorary Member and Court Member	

**Honorary members and Guests**

Claude Eckhardt	FFCAM	Past UIAA General Secretary	France
-----------------	-------	-----------------------------	--------

Philippe Descamps	Petzl	General Secretary	France
Stephane Lozach'meur	Petzl	Project Manager	France
Klaus-Jürgen Gran	Club Arc Alpin	President CAA	Germany
Wolfgang Wabel	DAV	Deutscher Alpenverein	Germany
Oskar Wörz	VAVö	Verband alpiner Vereine Österreichs	Austria
Christian Tromsdorff	UIAGM	International mountain guides association	

### Member Federations Absent

Country	Abbreviation	Federation
Andorra	FAM	Federacio Andorrana de Muntanyisme
Bosnia - Herzegovina	PSBH	Mountaineering Union of Bosnia - Herzegovina
Bulgaria	BCMF	Bulgarian Climbing and Mountaineering Federation
Canada	FQME	Fédération Québécoise de la Montagne et de l'Escalade
Chile	FEACH	Federacion de Andinismo de Chile
Cyprus	KOMOAA	Cyprus Federation for Mountaineering and Climbing
Georgia	MCAG	Mountaineering and Climbing Association of Georgia
Hungary	MSTSZ	Magyar Sportturisztikai Szövetség
India	HMI	Himalayan Mountaineering Institute
India	NIM	Nehru Institute of Mountaineering
Ireland	MI	Mountaineering Council of Ireland
Israel	ILCC	The Israeli Climbing Club
Italy	AVS	Alpenverein Südtirol
Luxembourg	FLERA	Fédération Luxembourgeoise d'Escalade, de Randonnée Sportive et d'Alpinisme
Macedonia	MMSF	Macedonian Mountain Sports Federation
Monaco	CAM	Club Alpin Monégasque
Norway	NTK	Norsk Tindeklub / Norwegian Alpine Club
Norway	NKF	Norges Katreforbund / The Norwegian Climbing Federation

Peru	CAP	<b>Club Andino Peruano</b>
Romania	CAR	Clubul Alpin Roman
Spain	CEC	Centre Excursionista de Catalunya
Spain	EMF	Euskal Mendizale Federazioa / Basque Mountaineering Federation
Switzerland	VAACS	Vereinigung Akademischer Alpenclubs der Schweiz
Turkey	TDF	Turkiye Dagcilik Federasyonu
USA	ALAC	Alaskan Alpine Club

## MINUTES

### 1 Call to order and Welcome by the President

1.1.	<b>Welcome</b>														
	<p>Welcome: by Frits Vrijlandt</p> <p>A moment of silence was held to commemorate all mountaineers and climbers who have lost their lives in the mountains, and in particular for Zdenek Hruby, the president of the Czech Mountaineering Federation, and the 11 man who were murdered at Nanga Parbat basecamp</p>														
1.2	<b>Apologies for absence</b>														
	<p>Frits V. pointed out that there has been no news from the representative from Chile in the management committee. If 2/3 approves the change on the agenda, we can add this item to declare the seat vacant..</p>														
1.3	<b>Information</b>														
	<p>Voting cards information shared and explained based on colour code by Helene D.</p>														
1.4	<b>Quorum and majority.</b>														
	<p>Scrutineers: Nico De Jong, Alexander Paun, Lawrence White and Robin Baks.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">Federation Present or represented</th> <th style="width: 20%;"><i>Members present with full right of vote</i></th> <th style="width: 20%;"><i>Votes present in general issues</i></th> <th style="width: 30%;"><i>Votes present in financial matters</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">45</td> <td style="text-align: right;">44</td> <td style="text-align: right;">37</td> <td style="text-align: right;">145</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Absolute majority</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>73</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Federation Present or represented	<i>Members present with full right of vote</i>	<i>Votes present in general issues</i>	<i>Votes present in financial matters</i>	45	44	37	145	<b>Absolute majority</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>73</b>
Federation Present or represented	<i>Members present with full right of vote</i>	<i>Votes present in general issues</i>	<i>Votes present in financial matters</i>												
45	44	37	145												
<b>Absolute majority</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>73</b>												
1.5	<b>Changes and approval of the Agenda</b>														
	<p>▶ <i>The Agenda was approved unanimously including addition of point 6.5 related to declaration of vacant seat in MC, and a presentation of the summit conference held the day before by the SAC, to be included after MP commission report.</i></p>														

### 2 Minutes of the General Assembly held on 5 Oct 2013 in Amsterdam

	Changes:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Mistakes raised from the 2012 GA Minutes (Amsterdam) by CNM Portugal.</li> <li>▶ FPME was present by proxy</li> <li>▶ Point 5.5: spelling mistake re: item about Russia: CMF. Word “completion” should be corrected to “competition.”</li> <li>▶ Page 11: Candidates for Presidency: strategic (to be corrected by strategy) Abbreviation error pointed out by Chinese delegate.</li> <li>▶ CHKMCU delegate pointed out spelling mistake in their name</li> </ul>

**3 Report by the President**

	Frits V. said that he had sent out the president’s report previously. No questions except for one comment by Bill P. (American Alpine Club) who praised the president for completing a very successful first year of his presidency without any turmoil.
	▶ <i>The President’s Report was approved by unanimously.</i>

**4 Report by the Office**

	The past year has seen reduced staff because of various changes including the resignation of office manager Gurdeepak A. who has decided to return to his native India to teach yoga. Valerie T. has resigned to follow her husband abroad, but will continue to work remotely on a contractual basis for the Mountain Protection Award. Stephanie Stettbacher has joined the staff as the new coordinator to replace Valerie T., as has Florian J. who will become the new office manager starting 1 November 2013. With these changes, the office is now fully staffed.
	▶ <i>There were no comments on the report.</i>

**5 Marketing and Communication (presented by Thomas Kähr)**

	<p>Thomas K. reviewed marketing and communication efforts and provided an update from the last General Assembly in Amsterdam when member federations agreed about the need to find more sponsorship funds. Existing sponsors include Grivel and the North Face. New sponsors include Bachli, Pieps and a new arrangement with NICAS. Red Fox agreement ended this year. Other sponsors include Western University from Azerbaijan which has agreed to sponsor the new Mountain Protection Award.</p> <p>In total, sponsorship grew by 23,000 CHF, a 78% increase, excluding the North Face agreement. Sponsorship accounts for 30% of UIAA budget and the goal is 50% which UIAA is well on its way to achieving.</p> <p>There are ongoing negotiations with companies which are big global brands interested in field of sustainability and mountaineering projects. Plans are also in place to start new training projects in India and to focus on the Safety Label, especially in Asia and South America.</p> <p>A presentation was also made of the key features of the new UIAA website with plans to go live in early 2014. The three goals of the new website are to improve communication between members and the office, communication between members and commissions and a fresh, new face for the UIAA to tell the stories of its members to the world.</p>
--	--

**6.1 Admission of new member federations**

	As per the UIAA Articles of Association, three new federations applied for membership from 2013:
	<b>1. DAV, <i>Deutscher Alpenverein (German Alpine Club) Germany as an Active</i></b>



	<p><b>(Full) Member</b>                  Representative of DAV (Wolfgang Wabl) read an appreciation note from DAV president Joseph Klenner  <b>Votes in favour: unanimous</b>                  ► <b>DAV is admitted as an Active (Full) Member to the UIAA from 1.01.2014.</b></p> <p>2. <b>VAVÖ, Der Verband alpiner Vereine Österreichs as an Active (Full) Member.</b>                  President Frits V. noted it was a historical day for the UIAA that with the approval of the DAV and VAVÖ as members, <b>the membership of the UIAA had doubled</b>  <b>Votes in favour: unanimous.</b>  <b>VAVÖ is admitted as an Active (Full) Member to the UIAA from 1.01.2014.</b></p> <p>3. <b>BMF, Bangladesh Mountaineering Club as an Active (Full) Member.</b>                  The BMF is a new mountaineering club with 33 members. A question was raised by Pontus Axelsson, and it was explained that it was a small group that had done climbing in Nepal, paid their dues and the hope was it was a club that will grow with the help of the UIAA  <b>Votes in favour: unanimous.</b>  <b>BMF is admitted as an Active (Full) Member to the UIAA from 1.01.2014</b></p> <p>4. <b>Jordan Tourism Board as an Observer Member.</b>  <b>Votes in favour: unanimous.</b>                  ► <b>Jordan Tourism Board is admitted as an Observer Member to the UIAA from 1.01.2014.</b></p>
--	---

**6.2 Non-payment by members**

Frits V. pointed out that non—payment could result in the revoking of membership. Col H.S. Chauhan pointed out that there was an error on the agenda, and that it was the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute that was in arrears and “not” the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF).

Membership fees pending:

NO PAYMENT		Invoice 2012	Invoice 2013	Amount paid	Amount due
CHILE Federación de Andinismo de Chile	<b>FEACH</b>		1,300	0	<b>1,300</b>
CYPRUS Mountaineering and Climbing Federation of Cyprus	<b>KOMOA</b>		1,339	0	<b>1,339</b>
HUNGARY Magyar Sportturisztikai Szövetség	<b>MSTSZ</b>		1,300	0	<b>1,314</b>
INDIA Himalayan Mountaineering Institute	<b>HMI</b>		1,300	0	<b>1,300</b>

	KOSOVO Kosovo Mountaineering and Alpinists Federation	<b>KMAF</b>		2,136	0	<b>2,136</b>
	PERU Club Andino Peruano	<b>CAP</b>		800	0	<b>800</b>
	UPAME Union Panamericana de Montañismo y Escalada (Costa Rica)	<b>Observer</b>		500	0	<b>500</b>
	TURKEY Turkiye Dacilik Federasyonu - Turkish Mountaineering Federation	<b>TDF</b>	6,054	6,054	0	<b>6,054</b>
	IRAN I.R. Iran Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation	<b>I.R.IMSCF</b>		5,914		<b>5,914</b>
	MONGOLIA National Mountaineering Federation	<b>NMF</b>		1,300		<b>1,300</b>
<b>6.3</b>	<b><i>Withdrawal and exclusion of members:</i></b> Climbing Federation of Russia CFR and active member status for Russian Mountaineering Federation RMF					
	Climbing Federation of Russia CFR is no longer a member and the Russian Mountaineering Federation RMF applies as a full active member. <a href="#">Loud applause for active full status of RMF</a> TDF will be suspended if they don't pay their dues by the end of 2013. ▶ The decision is taken with two abstentions.					
<b>6.4</b>	<b><i>Progress of working group to attract &amp; retain small members</i></b>					
	Anne Arran reported on the progress of working group to attract & retain small members. The motion: The Management Committee has decided on a plan of action for retaining small federations within the UIAA and attracting new ones. The action includes using part of the solidarity fund of 11,400 CHF for 1 year before review.					
<b>6.5</b>	<b><i>Other issues</i></b>					
	Azerbaijan: Report by representative of Azerbaijan Air and Extreme Sports Federation (FAIREX) about issues surrounding the request by the government of Azerbaijan about the need for an umbrella body including the Mountaineering Federation of Azerbaijan Republic (AAF-AMF)  Pier Giorgio informs about a meeting held in Trieste (end of August 2013) in view of establishing a new European mountain association which could lead to a regional association as UPAME or AAA.					
<b>7. UIAA Strategic planning 4 year plan 2013 - 2016 (presented by Peter Farkas)</b>						
<b>7.1</b>	<b><i>Description and comments</i></b>					
	Peter F. updated the assembly about the four-year Strategic Plan (2013-2016) which was voted on in 2012 in Amsterdam. It was based on an extensive questionnaire "what					

	<p>members of the UIAA want us to do.” Peter gave an overview of the work of each of the commissions. Issues that need to be tackled include collaboration with the IFSC and ISFM, and it must be driven at the member level as many members present for UIAA GA are also members of those two organizations. The goal on the financial front is to keep the budget positive. He also described the role of the Management Committee in keeping track of various projects, and to see if they line up with the strategic plan and to encourage new ways for the commissions to cooperate. On the communication front, work is underway for a new website, so that we can communicate more effectively. He finally noted there has been an 80 per cent increase in fundraising and sponsorship.</p>
--	--

## 8. Finance Issues (presented by Pier Giorgio Oliveti - Treasurer)

<b>8.1</b>	<b><i>Accounts 2012</i></b>
	<p>Highlights for the year include a surplus of 37,000 CHF and support for Training Standards from Petzl Foundation. Auditor has approved the report and expenses for meetings were reduced with the number of meetings cut in half. Final balance is positive.</p>
<b>8.2</b>	<b><i>Recommendations by the Management Committee</i></b>
	<p>The MC recommends the GA to accept the accounts 2012</p>
<b>8.3</b>	<b><i>Auditors' Report and discharge to the Board</i></b>
	<p>Portuguese Alpine Club asked question about why total liabilities increased from 135,000 CHF (2011) to 271,000 CHF (2012). The answer was that it is so because of liquidity and advanced money from the North Face sponsorship contract.</p>
	<p>Helene D. pointed out that absolute majority in financial matters is 73 votes. Motion to accept the accounts of 2012 and give discharge to the board.</p>
	<p><b>► The Annual Accounts 2012 and discharge of the Board were unanimously approved.</b></p>
<b>8.4</b>	<b><i>Current financial position and forecast for 2013</i></b>
	<p>Pier Georgio O. said the forecast was for a positive balance. All numbers have improved. Highlights include additional expenses for developing commissions and communications. Balance is still positive.</p>
<b>8.5</b>	<b><i>Presentation of the budget of 2013</i></b>
	<p>Budget positive with income of 667,562 CHF. Additional income includes the re-entry of the Austrian and German alpine clubs and the Safety Label. Also increase of sponsorship of the UIAA Mountain Protection Award. New expenses include new office coordinator and office manager, plus travel and accommodation increasing because of planned General Assembly in Chile which will now be reduced because Chile not hosting GA.</p> <p>Budget of the activities for Commissions increased to 256,000 CHF</p> <p>Strategic Communication (42,260 CHF) as new information technology is important.</p>

	<p>Surplus of 5,000</p> <p>British Mountaineering Council: question re: projects.</p> <p>Pier Giorgio O. noted the following:</p> <p>Ice Climbing (166,000 CHF)</p> <p>Safety (20,000 CHF)</p> <p>Youth, (22,000 CHF)</p> <p>Training Standards (12,000 CHF)</p> <p>Mountain Protection (19,000 CHF)</p>
<b>8.6</b>	<b><i>Approval of the Budget for 2013</i></b>
	Approved unanimously

## 9. UIAA Commission President reports

<b>9.1</b>	<b><i>Commissions' reports</i></b>
	<p>Before the commission presidents gave their reports, a number of speakers were given an opportunity to say a few words</p> <p>Linda McMillan (MP commission president) and Dominik Siegrist (King Albert I Memorial Foundation) presented the conclusions of the summit conference hosted the day before in Pontresina for the anniversary festival of the Swiss alpine Club :<b>The future of mountaineering – climate change and free access to the mountains as a challenge.</b></p> <p>They recalled the topics discussed, making clear that each one could learn from the mistakes done in other continents, each region having its own answer. Linda gave a list of seven rules highlighting the best practices as : to show respect for nature and man, keep and protect wild places and enjoy the mountains with humility, staying involved respectfully with stakeholders in the preparation of the "accepted restrictions" to practice our sport, the future of mountaineering being in our hands.</p> <p>Ang Tshering Sherpa was invited to give his remarks to the SAC's 'Summit Conference' held the day before the GA, where he unfortunately was not given the opportunity from the moderator of the event, to express his concerns and respond to the issues presented. He highlighted the challenges faced by underdeveloped countries where mountaineering isn't just a sport but a source of income for many people. He also mentioned, how one incident, (fight on Everest), had unfortunately tarnished the hard-earned reputation of the Sherpa people, and the steps taken to ensure it won't happen again.</p> <p>Ang Tshering and NMA response to rumours and criticisms heard at the, "Summit Conference," -that the Nepalese authorities were going to fix a ladder at the Hillary Step was, "Nepal has not made any such decision."- He said the NMA was reviewing Nepal's mountaineering and mountain tourism rules and knew very well that Everest was an international icon and part of a natural heritage site.</p> <p>Ang Tshering went on: "Please do not float ideas without consulting the authorities... There</p>

	<p>are many suggestions from different mountaineers with different ideas, but the authorities never decided to put a ladder on the Hillary Step.”</p> <p>Col Chauhan (IMF) announced that the peak booking fee for the Indian Himalaya had been cut in half, the UIAA brand and its role in training standards and safety label on equipment in India, and cooperation between Pakistan, India and Nepal UIAA federations on issues relating to the Himalaya.</p> <p>Col Manzoor (PAC) spoke about the Nanga Parbat murders earlier in the year and the aftermath of how it had affected climbing in Pakistan. He offered his condolences and described how the incident had shocked his nation and the steps they had taken to offer help to the climbers affected and also improve security from trekkers and climbers in future.</p>
<p><b>9.1.1</b></p>	<p><b><i>Access by Juan J. Ibáñez Martin (president)</i></b></p>
	<p>Juan J. updated the membership about the continuing efforts being made by the Access commission to develop worldwide access database, and the role of member federations to update it so that key information can be shared. It's being established on the wiki platform.</p>
<p><b>9.1.2</b></p>	<p><b><i>Medical by David Hillebrandt (president)</i></b></p>
	<p>David H. updated the assembly about the work of the commission work including the Diploma in Mountain Medicine which is managed in close cooperation with the International Commission for Alpine Rescue (ICAR) and ISMM. Diplomas becoming more formal and organised to ensure standards are maintained. Advice Papers continue to be updated every four years.</p>
<p><b>9.1.3</b></p>	<p><b><i>Mountaineering by Pierre Humblet (President)</i></b></p>
	<p>Pierre H. began by thanking the Training Standards Panel for the core of the commission's work and especially Steve Long. He updated the assembly on new applications (FEACH) by members and the re-certification of standards for members such as Serbia, Russia and FFCAM. Various other applications are in progress including Croatia etc. He said there is a need to expand the list of experts and hoped that the DAV would send experts to the join the Training Standards Panel.</p> <p>Other work in progress includes training in India, the Aruga project and the work of the traditional values working group led by Doug Scott.</p> <p><b>Pierre H. was followed by Doug Scott</b> who showed a selection of iconic Everest photos and also spoke of the “problems” occurring 60 years on from the first ascent. <i>“Our task now in the in the UIAA is to offer a few suggestions and recommendations to the countries concerned - mostly Nepal... We have to discuss how to protect a sacred mountain, and what is sacred to mountaineering... It is a future world heritage site, it isn't the Matterhorn and it isn't Mont Blanc. This is the roof or the world, the abode of the gods, and Miyolangsangma in particular.”</i></p> <p>Given the numbers now attempting Everest, a limit on permits seemed almost inevitable, he said. There could be checks on the experience of clients and the size of teams limited;</p>

	<p>he suggested that before anyone was allowed to attempt Everest they should have climbed one or two other peaks in Nepal, including perhaps one 8000er.</p> <p>Returning to the rostrum soon after, as chair of the Traditional Values Working Group, Doug reported that the paper on “The Preservation of Natural Rock for Adventure Climbing”, had still not been formally adopted as UIAA policy but he hopes it will be approved by the UIAA General Assembly in October 2014.</p> <p>Philippe Descamps of the Petzl Foundation gave an example of how the document had encouraged Armenian climbers to successfully enforce a ban on bolting a sensitive and protected basalt crag.</p> <p>Col Manzoor raised the question of the growing number of accidents on the high mountains, often caused by over-estimation. He said Pakistan is considering restrictions as it has become a serious issue for host countries like Pakistan whose rescue resources can be stretched.</p> <p>Ang Tshering thanked the UIAA for the Aruga project and Col. H.S. Chauhan said too many restrictions would deter climbing.</p>
<p><b>9.1.4</b></p>	<p><b><i>Mountain Protection by Linda McMillan (President)</i></b></p>
	<p>Linda M. gave the assembly an update on the work of the commission including the progress made with the inaugural UIAA Mountain Protection Award sponsored by Western University.</p>
<p><b>9.1.5</b></p>	<p><b><i>Safety by Peter Farkas for Dave Custer, not present and excused</i></b></p>
	<p>Peter F. spoke about how the UIAA, through the Safety Label, is able to bring together 20 to 30 manufacturers who normally compete. In May, long awaited standards were completed, and now the focus is on bolts that fail in marine environment. Work in progress includes the measure of the energy absorbing ability of a climbing rope during fall, measuring water repellent ropes, plastic chocks, dynamic belay strings. Update on CEN and UIAA standards and collaboration on the via ferrata front, plus a strategic goal of increasing the number of Safety Label clients in South America and Asia.</p>
<p><b>9.1.6</b></p>	<p><b><i>Youth by Israfil Ashurly (President)</i></b></p>
	<p>Israfil A. updated the assembly about the last meeting in Skopje and the work plan for the commission. Work this past year included the development of the youth ice climbing competition with the Ice Climbing Commission, three new videos on rules, regulations, training and route setting (ice climbing). He also gave an update on various GYS events over the past year including an attempt on Lenin peak.</p>
<p><b>9.1.7</b></p>	<p><b><i>Ice Climbing by Urs Stoecker (President)</i></b></p>
	<p>Urs S. discussed the development of ice climbing especially among the youth and progress made in expanding the UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup Tour in the future with</p>

	<p>the UIAA North American Open Championships being held in Bozeman, Montana this year. He also gave an update on presentation of ice climbing as a cultural event at the Sochi Winter Olympics in 2014, although the exact location was not yet clear. UIAA federation members will be allowed to send athletes in two stages to the two-week long event with the majority of them being Russian climbers because the host federation was the RMF. Other updates include the 2014 UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup Tour calendar.</p>
<b>9.1.8</b>	<b><i>Anti-Doping by Nenad Dikic (President)</i></b>
	<p>1. The main task is to adopt changes and update all legal documents of UIAA and members by New revised antidoping Code and International standards in antidoping.</p> <p>2. Keep the level of one control per discipline of Ice climbing on each UIAA competition under the supervision of UIAA AD Com.</p> <p>3. Maintain minimum registered testing pool of UIAA, perform out of competition testing, provide therapeutic use exemption for UIAA athletes and organize athlete outreach program.</p> <p>Those three issues are necessary to be Code compliant and recognized by IOC.</p>
<b>9.1.9</b>	<b><i>Discipline &amp; Appeals Commissions</i></b>
	No report
<b>10. Report by the UIAA Court</b>	
<b>10.1</b>	A presentation was given of the overview of the work of the court by Bettina Geisseler.
<b>11. Elections (term 2013 – 2016)</b>	
<b>11.1</b>	<b><i>Introduction, presentation of candidates</i></b>
	Scrutineers: Nico De Jong, Nico, Alexander Paun, Lawrence White and Robin Baks.
<b>11.2</b>	<b><i>Election of representative of North America</i></b>
	▶ <b>Peter Muir of the Alpine Club of Canada elected.</b>
<b>11.3</b>	<b><i>Election of representative of Africa</i></b>
	▶ <b>Petronella Grobler of the Mountain Club of South Africa elected</b>
<b>11.4</b>	<b><i>Election of representative of Oceania</i></b>
	▶ <b>Stuart Anthony Gray, NZAC elected.</b>
	Carolina Adler read a welcome text from him.
<b>11.5</b>	<b><i>Declaration of vacant seat in the MC:</i></b>

	Representative of Chile, David Munoz, failed to attend two consecutive MC meetings, the GA declares the seat vacant, with two abstentions.
<b>11.6</b>	<b><i>Election of Honorary Member - Claude Eckhardt (FFCAM)</i></b>
	Claude E. gave a brief speech thanking the UIAA for awarding him the privilege of honorary membership. In his speech, Claude E. said: "I hope that the recognition with today's nomination as an Honorary Member means that these views are really still those of the UIAA, and my wish is that they will also remain the basis of the UIAA policy in the future, since they are more and more endangered." See article for more: <a href="http://theuiaa.org/news_471_Claude-Eckhardt-elected-Honorary-Member-of-the-UIAA">http://theuiaa.org/news_471_Claude-Eckhardt-elected-Honorary-Member-of-the-UIAA</a>
	▶ <b>A motion to elect Claude Eckhardt as an Honorary Member of the UIAA was accepted unanimously by applause.</b>
<b>11.7</b>	<b><i>Election of Court members</i></b>
	▶ <b>Renee Hopster elected.</b> Lawyer, Former President Legal Expert Working Group UIAA ▶ <b>Giancarlo Del Zotto elected.</b> Lawyer, Former Legal Expert Working Group UIAA
<b>12. Future General Assemblies</b>	
<b>12.1</b>	<b><i>FEACH Chile 2014</i></b>
	▶ <b>Update on situation. The General Assembly was notified that FEACH had withdrawn its previous offer to host the General Assembly.</b>
<b>12.2</b>	<b><i>General Assembly in 2014 (presented by Bill Putnam)</i></b> In the place of FEACH, Bill Putnam of the American Alpine Club stepped up to say that his organization would host the 2014 General Assembly in Flagstaff, Arizona. He showed a video of the area and said that he looked forward to seeing member federations in the U.S.A. <b><i>General Assembly in 2015 (presentation by Christine Pae of the Korean Alpine Federation)</i></b> Christine Pae announced that her federation would be happy to host the 2015 General Assembly.
	▶ <b>Vote for the venue of the General Assembly 2014: unanimously</b>



### 13. Any other business

<b>Photo Auction</b>	Presentation by Doug Scott of photo auction at General Assembly dinner later in the evening to raise funds for the family of Sona Sherpa who was murdered at Nanga Parbat basecamp.
	At the dinner three unique mountaineering photo's, signed by several famous mountaineers and donated by Doug Scott, were sold for a total sum of 5000 CHF. This amount will be given to the family of Sona Sherpa.

**Meeting adjourned**