

# MINUTES

## UIAA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Amsterdam, Netherlands

13<sup>th</sup> October 2012, 08:30 – 18:00

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

Andorra	FAM	Federacio Andorrana de Muntanyisme	Pere Iscle
Argentina	FASA	Federacion Argentina de Ski y Andinisma	Proxy (FEDME)
Azerbaijan	AAF	Azerbaijan Mountaineering Federation	Israfil Ashurly
Azerbaijan	FAIREX	Azerbaijan and Extreme Sports Federation	Hussein Baghirov
Belgium	CMBEL	Climbing and Mountaineering Belgium	Tuur Ceulers and Pierre Humblet
Bulgaria	BCMF	Bulgarian Climbing and Mountaineering Federation	Proxy (BMC)
Canada	ACC	Alpine Club of Canada	Peter Muir and Lawrence White
Chile	FEACH	Federacion de Andinismo de Chile	David Munóz; Alberto Bechet-Pérez
China	CMA	Chinese Mountaineering Association	Yongfeng Wang
Chinese Taipei	CTMA	Chinese Taipei Mountaineering Association	Hank Hwang
Croatia	HPS	Mountaineering Association of Croatia	Darko Berjlač
Czech Republic	CMF	Czech Mountaineering Federation	Zdének Hruby
Denmark	DB	Dansk Bjergklub / Danish Mountain Club	Jan Bonding
France	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpains et de Montagne	Georges Elzière
Great Britain	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	Doug Scott, Paul Braithwaite
Greece	EOOA	Hellenic Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing	Dimitris Georgoulis, Theodoros
Hong Kong, China	CHKMCU	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union	Huen Chee-Kin
Hungary	MHSSz	Magyar Hegy- és Sportmászó Szövetség / Hungarian Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Association	Peter Farkas
India	IMF	Indian Mountaineering Foundation	Col Chauhan
Iran	IRIMSCF	I.R. Iran Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation	Mahmoud Shoa'ei, Mohammad Fahimi Bandpey

Italy	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	Umberto Martini, Lucia Foppoli , Pier Giorgio Oliveti; Andreina Maggiore
Japan	JMA	Japan Mountaineering Association	Tadao Kanzaki, Hitoshi Onodera, Fumio Tanaka
Korea	CAF	Korean Alpine Club	Albert Lee
Kosovo	KMAF	Kosovo Mountaineering and Alpinist Federation	Arben Lila, Teuta Bihac
Liechtenstein	LAV	Liechtensteiner Alpenverein	Proxy (SAC)
FYR Macedonia	MMSF	Macedonian Mountain Sport Federation	Jovica Ugrinovski
Mongolia	NMF	National Mountaineering Federation of Mongolia	Sanza Zaya
Nepal	NMA	Nepal Mountaineering Association	Zimba Zangbu Sherpa, Ang Tshering Sherpa, Santa Bir Lama, Deebas Bikram Shah
Netherlands	NKBV	Royal Dutch Mountaineering and Climbing Club	Frits Vrijlandt,
New Zealand	NZAC	New Zealand Alpine Club	Carolina Adler
Pakistan	ACP	Alpine Club of Pakistan	Muhamad Nasir Awan, Mr. Shigri and Mr. Khan
Poland	PZA	Polish Mountaineering Association	Marek Wierzbowski
Portugal	CNM	Clube Nacional de Montanhismo S.R. Norte	José A. Basto
Russia	CFR	Climbing Federation of Russia	Yuri Skurlatov
Russia	RMF	Russian Mountaineering Federation	Alexei Ovchinnikov; Pavel Shabalin
Serbia	PSS	Mountaineering Association of Serbia	Boris Micic
Slovakia	SMU	Slovak Mountaineering Union	Proxy to CMF
Slovenia	JAMES		
Slovenia	PZS	Alpine Association of Slovenia	Bojan Rotovnik
South Africa	MCSA	The Mountain Club of South Africa	David Jones
Spain	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	Joan Garrigos Toro, Luis Lopez Leiro, Jordi Pons Sanjines
Spain	FEEC	Federació d'Entitats Excursionistes de Catalunya	Jordi Merino i Urbano, Jordi Magrinà Guell, Mrs de la Gracia and A. Vasquez
Sweden	SKF	Svenska Klätterförbundet / Swedish Climbing Association	Pontus Axelsson
Switzerland	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	Frank-Urs Müller
Switzerland	IFMGA	Vereinigung Akademischer Alpenklubs der Schweiz	Armin Oehri (Observer)
Turkey	TDF	Zirve Dacilik	Nejat Akinci, Nail Sendak
USA	AAC	American Alpine Club	Linda McMillan
Observer	UPAME	Union Panamericana de Asociaciones de Montañismo y Escalada and Candidate	Edgar Usaga
Observer	ISF	FECODEM, Costa Rica International Sky Running	Silvio Calvi

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

Jordi Colomer	Exec Board	Acting President	
Nico de Jong	Exec Board	Secretary General	
Peter Farkas	Exec Board	Treasurer	
Georges Elziere	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpains et de Montagne	France
Frits Vrijlandt	NKBV	Royal Dutch Mountaineering and Climbing Club	Netherlands
David Jones	MCSA	The Mountain Club of South Africa	South Africa
Joan Garrigos Toro	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	Spain
Frank-Urs Müller	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	Switzerland
Doug Scott	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	Great Britain
Fumio Tanaka	JMA	Japan Mountaineering Association	Japan

### Commission Presidents

Clare Bond	BMC	Access Commission	Great Britain
David Hillebrandt	BMC	Medical Commission	Great Britain
Pierre Humblet	CMBEL	Mountaineering Commission	Belgium
Linda McMillan	AAC	Mountain Protection Commission	USA
Anne Arran	BMC	Youth Commission	Great Britain
Nenad Dikic	PSS	Anti-Doping Commission	Serbia
Pavel Shabalín	ICICC	Ice Climbing Competitions	Russia

### UIAA Office Bern - Staff

Valérie Thöni		Coordinator and Safety Label Administrator
Gurdeepak Ahuja		Office Manager
Agnès Semelet		Accountant
Sophie Gérard		Sponsorships and Project Manager
Phinjo Gombu		Web editor
Alexandru Paun		Web designer

### UIAA COURT Members

Bettina Geisseler		Court Member
Robert Leopold	NKBV	Honorary Member and Court Member
Jordi Pons	FEDME	Honorary Member and Court Member

### Honorary members and Guests

Claude Eckhardt	FFCAM	Past UIAA General Secretary	France
Thomas Kaehr	SAC	Candidate Executive Board	Switzerland
Philippe Descamps	Petzl	General Secretary	France
Stephane Lozach'meur	Petzl	Project Manager	France
Klaus-Jürgen Gran	Club Arc Alpin	President CAA	Switzerland

### Member Federations and other members/guests Excused

Martin Wragg	BMC	President Appeals commission
Jean-Franck Charlet	FFCAM	President Safety Commission
John Nankervis	NZAC	New Zealand Alpine Club – MC representative
Mark Richey	AAC	American Alpine Club – MC representative

Christine Pae	KAF	Korean Alpine Federation – MC representative
<b>Bosnia Herzegovina</b>	<b>PSBH</b>	<b>Mountaineering Union of Bosnia-Herzegovina</b>
<b>Brazil</b>	<b>CBME</b>	<b>Confederação Brasileira de Montanhismo e Escalada</b>
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>MCAG</b>	<b>Mountaineering and Climbing Association of Georgia</b>
Great Britain	TAC	The Alpine Club
<b>Israel</b>	<b>ILCC</b>	<b>The Israeli Climbing Club</b>
<b>Norway</b>	<b>NTK</b>	<b>Norsk Tindeklub / Norwegian Alpine Club</b>
Norway	NK	Norges Klaterforbund / The Norwegian Climbing Federation
Portugal	CAAL	Clube Actividades de Ar Livre, Portugal
<b>Romania</b>	<b>CAR</b>	<b>Clubul Alpin Roman</b>
<b>Slovakia</b>	<b>SMU James</b>	<b>Slovak Mountaineering Union</b>
Switzerland	VAACS	Vereinigung Akademischer Alpenclubs der Schweiz
<b>Ukraine</b>	<b>UMF</b>	<b>Ukrainian Mountaineering Federation</b>
<b>USA</b>	<b>AAC</b>	<b>American Alpine Club</b>
<b>USA</b>	<b>ALAC</b>	<b>Alaskan Alpine Club</b>
<b>Member Federations Absent</b>		
Canada	FQME	Fédération Québécoise de la montagne et de l'escalade
Canada	ENEQ	Ecole Nationale de l'escalade du Québec
<b>Chinese Taipei</b>	<b>CTAA</b>	<b>Chinese Taipei Alpine Association</b>
<b>Cyprus</b>	<b>KOMOOA</b>	<b>Mountaineering and Climbing Federation of Cyprus</b>
Denmark	DCF	Dansk Klatreforbund - Danish Climbing Federation
Hungary	MSTSZ	Magyar Sportturisztikai Szövetség
India	HMI	Himalayan Mountaineering Institute
India	NIM	Nehru Institute of Mountaineering
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>MI</b>	<b>Mountaineering Council of Ireland</b>
<b>Israel</b>	<b>ILCC</b>	<b>The Israeli Alpine Club</b>
Italy	AVS	Alpenverein Südtirol
Korea	KAF	Korean Alpine Federation
<b>Luxembourg</b>	<b>FLERA</b>	<b>Fédération Luxembourgeoise d'escalade, de randonnée et d'alpinisme</b>
<b>Macedonia</b>	<b>MMSF</b>	<b>FYR - Macedonian Mountain Sports Federation</b>
<b>Monaco</b>	<b>CAM</b>	<b>Club Alpin Monégasque</b>
Portugal	FPME	Federação Portuguesa de Montanhismo e Escalada
Portugal	FCMP	Federação de Campismo e Montanhismo de Portugal / Federation of Camping and Mountaineering of Portugal
Spain	CEC	Centre Excursionista de Catalunya
Spain	EMF	Euskal Mendizale Federazioa / Basque Mountaineering Federation
<b>Turkey</b>	<b>TDF</b>	<b>Turkiye Dagcilik Federasyonu - Turkish Mountaineering Federation</b>

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<b>1 Call to order and Welcome by the President</b>	
1.1.	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>The deputy mayor of Amsterdam, Eric van der Burg welcomed the UIAA in Amsterdam and wished the assembly success.</p> <p>Jordi Colomer thanked the present members as well as the guests and opened the meeting.</p>
1.2	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>As per list above.</p>
1.3	<p><b>Information</b></p> <p>nothing to mention</p>
1.4	<p><b>Quorum and majority.</b></p> <p>Scrutineers: Claude Eckardt as supervisor, Agnès Semmelet, Phinjo Gombu and Alex Paun</p> <p>Nico de Jong (General Secretary) announced that 46 members are present. The simple majority is 24 votes and a 2/3 majority is 31 votes.</p> <p>For financial issues the number of votes is 159 and the simple majority is 80.</p>
1.5	<p><b>Changes and approval of the Agenda</b></p> <p>No changes proposed.</p> <p>▶ <i>The Agenda was approved unanimously.</i></p>
<b>2 Minutes of the General Assembly held on 8 Oct 2011 in Kathmandu</b>	
	<p>Changes: none proposed.</p> <p>▶ <i>The minutes were approved unanimously.</i></p>
<b>3 Report by the President</b>	
	<p>Jordi highlighted efforts to impose strong controls on expenses, the search for sponsors and the finalisation of the Strategic Plan.</p> <p>▶ <i>The President's Report was approved by unanimously.</i></p>
<b>4 Report by the Office (presented by Gurdeepak Ahuja)</b>	
	<p>For all details see Office report and page web: <a href="http://www.theuiaa.org/office_staff.html">http://www.theuiaa.org/office_staff.html</a></p> <p>During the year, the office focused on three activities: Training Standards, Youth and Mountain Protection. TS involved building an online system to manage the standards, YC included support for the organisation of events and finding sponsors for events while Mountain Protection work ranged from creating a stewardship award system to support ecotourism projects and find sponsors for the best projects.</p> <p>The aim is to find new sponsorship opportunities for the long term.</p>

	A video message from Mr Sung from The North Face thanking the UIAA delegate for their cooperation and future activities was presented.
	▶ <i>There were no comments on the report.</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>Membership issues (presented by Nico de Jong)</b>
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Admission of new member federations</b>
	<p>As per the UIAA Articles of Association, two new federations applied for membership from 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>FECODEM, Federacion Costarricense de Deportes de Montaña, Costa Rica as an Observer Member (art 5d).</b> There was no comment about this application. <b>Votes: in favour: unanimous</b> ▶ <b>FECODEM is admitted as an Observer to the UIAA from 1.01.2013.</b></li> <li>2. <b>CAP, Club Andino Peruano, Peru as an Active (Full) Member.</b> Nico informed the assembly that this Federation had not paid its fees from 1988 to 1993 and that the Board has offered that CAP pays 50 % of unpaid fees + new fee 2013 No reaction received. José Basto, Frank-Urs Müller, Pierre Humblet and Hussein Baghirov proposed to forget the old dues and to accept this Federation. <b>Votes in favour: unanimous.</b> ▶ <b>CAP is admitted as an Active (Full) Member to the UIAA from 1.01.2013.</b></li> </ol>
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Non-payment by members</b>
	<p>Membership fees pending:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Brazil: <i>Confederação Brasileira de Montanhismo e Escalada</i>, CBME</li> <li>2. Georgia: <i>Mountaineering and Climbing Association of Georgia</i>, MCAG</li> <li>3. Hungary: <i>Magyar Sportturisztikai Szövetség</i>, MSTSZ</li> <li>4. Mongolia: <i>National Mountaineering Federation</i>, MNMF</li> <li>5. Portugal : <i>Federação de Campismo e Montanhismo de Portugal</i>, FCMP</li> <li>6. Portugal: <i>Federação Portuguesa de Montanhismo e Escalada</i>, FPME</li> <li>7. Turkey: <i>Turkyie Dagcilik Federasyonu</i>, TDF</li> </ol>
<b>5.3</b>	<b>Exclusion of members: Case of Turkey: Turkyie Dagcilik Federasyonu, TDF</b>
	<p>The Board corresponded regularly with TNF during the whole year. Jordi visited the Federation in April. But the situation is at an impasse. TNF was invited to the GA to explain its position but declined. This case raises concerns about applications of entities which are in fact sections of</p>

	<p>a national federation. A proposal (under point 8) will be proposed to avoid such situations in the future.</p> <p>The board proposes that TNF pays at least its 2011 fees before 31 December 2012 in order not to be excluded.</p> <p><b>Votes: For: 38; Against: 3; Abstentions: 5.</b></p> <p>► <b>A letter asking TNF to pay at least its 2011 fees will be sent, asking them to pay before 31 December 2012 if it does not want to be excluded.</b></p>
<b>5.4</b>	<b><i>Voting rights Portugal</i></b>
	<p>The office and Board received a request from FCMP to change the Statutes article 10.c to give the country representation to the organisation recognised by the Government.</p> <p>The FCMP has still not paid its membership fee.</p> <p>The proposal is not to deal with this motion until payment of membership fee is made.</p> <p>► <b>There was no discussion on the proposal for change as this federation has not paid its fees.</b></p>
<b>5.5</b>	<b><i>Other issues</i></b>
	<p>Azerbaijan: the two federations present, FAIREX and AAF agreed to continue their shared voting on general issues.</p>
	<p>Russia: CMF announced that it will terminate its membership with the UIAA by 31 December as they only deal with completion climbing.</p>
<b>6 UIAA Strategic planning 4 year plan 2013 - 2016 (presented by Frits Vrijlandt)</b>	
<b>6.1 and 6.2</b>	<b><i>Description and comments</i></b>
	<p>In last GA Kathmandu it was agreed to finalize the Strategic Plan (2013-2016). The plan identifies 27 goals. Thanks to the sponsorship of the Ice Climbing World Cup by The North Face, funds raised from membership fees will now be available for mountaineering activities.</p> <p>Dave Jones asked for information on how the funds will be distributed.</p> <p>Frits assured the assembly that the UIAA office and Executive Board will follow the plan and communicate its implementation to member federations.</p>
<b>6.3</b>	<b><i>Vote</i></b>
	<p><b>Votes in favour: unanimous.</b></p> <p>► <b>The UIAA Strategic plan for years 2013-2016 was adopted and will be implemented.</b></p>

**7. Finance Issues (presented by Peter Farkas - Treasurer)**

<b>7.1</b>	<b>Accounts 2011</b>
	<p>In 2012, the actual income reaches CHF 443'229.- and the expenditure amounts to CHF 432'569.-. The total profit for 2011 is CHF 10'660.-. This is a minor profit and this might not be sustainable on the long run.</p> <p>The main changes are that the total income is slightly less than foreseen, due to less membership fees received, despite more safety labels.</p> <p>Efforts were made to cut the administrative expenses. Salaries and social charges were reduced due to the vacancy of executive director position. Operational expenses (cf. less travel costs for MC) were also cut.</p> <p>Savings were made on commissions' expenditures. But one has to be careful not hindering commissions' activities by cutting too much.</p>
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Recommendations by the Management Committee</b>
	The MC recommends the GA to accept the accounts 2011.
<b>7.3</b>	<b>Auditors' Report and discharge to the Board</b>
	The Auditors expressed their satisfaction about the accounting.
	<p>Vote to approve the Annual Accounts and to give discharge to the Board. Against 0; Abstentions 0; For: 159</p> <p>► <b>The Annual Accounts 2011 and discharge of the Board were unanimously approved.</b></p>
<b>7.4</b>	<b>Current financial position and forecast for 2012</b>
	<p>Budget income for 2012 amounts to CHF 453'075.- and expenses to CHF 450'298.-</p> <p>Income comes mainly from membership fees, sponsorships and grants. The safety label income is reduced due to the decision from American retailer REI to accept from this year on certification other than UIAA certified products.</p> <p>Judges for this year's Ice Climbing Competitions will be paid by the UIAA.</p> <p>The year ended with positive financial results but the goal remains to rebuild UIAA reserves to CHF 500'000.-.</p>
<b>7.5</b>	<b>Presentation and approval of the Budget for 2013</b>
	<p>The budget was finalised two days ago. Total forecasted income is CHF 559'800.- and expenses forecast is CHF 542'500.- with a positive result of around CHF 17'300.-</p> <p>The major changes since the 2013 budget was sent out in August include adding income from The North Face sponsorship and the correction of minor errors.</p> <p>As mentioned the CHF 20-25'000.- previously allocated to IC competitions will be re-directed to mountaineering activities.</p>



	José Basto: what will be the expenses and time of the staff for the Ice Climbing?
	Peter Farkas: Extra time of the office related to IC will be covered by the TNF sponsorship.
	Vote on Budget 2013 will be done on point 11.

**COFFEE BREAK**

**FEDERATIONS' PAYMENT => CHANGES IN QUORUM**

**TOTAL VOTES: 47; SIMPLE MAJORITY: 24 AND 2/3: 32;**

**FINANCIAL VOTES: 160 WITH SIMPLE MAJORITY: 81.**

**8. UIAA Articles of Association amendments (presented by Nico de Jong)**

<b>8.1</b>	<b>Art. 5.1.b (criteria Associate Membership)</b>
	<p><b>Motion proposed:</b> To add after “comments”: <i>If the applying organisation is also a member or a section of a current UIAA members association with voting rights (Active member), the approval of the Active member is mandatory for admission as an associate member.</i></p> <p>The MC proposes to re-define the criteria for Associate membership for new Applicants who are already members of an existing UIAA member Federation with the right of vote. The idea is to ask for the authorization of the active national federation.</p> <p>Peter Muir: doesn't understand the logic of this change.</p> <p>Dave Jones: there is confusion with the term “active” in the AoA. We should be cautious about this word. In fact it corresponds to the Full voting Status.</p>
	<p>▶ <b>Votes in favour: unanimous</b></p> <p><b>The motion to change the UIAA Statutes art 5.1.b is accepted with immediate effect.</b></p>
<b>8.2</b>	<b>Art. 9e Honorary membership</b>
	<p><i>Recommended by the MC: change the <b>required majority</b> necessary to elect a person as an Honorary member <b>to 75%</b> instead of it being unanimous.</i></p> <p>José Basto: the former proposal was 90%. The vote for Honorary Membership should remain unanimous.</p> <p>Zdenek Hruby, President from CMF (Czech rep.): cf. Case of Radovan Kuchař, who was proposed as Honorary Member some years ago. His candidacy was not considered. As he died last year, would it be possible that the UIAA has a mention for him?</p> <p>The board replied that the UIAA will consider this proposal.</p> <p>Zimbu Zangbu Sherpa, President from NMA (Nepal): GA should accept this amendment and also accept Ang Tshering Sherpa's candidacy from last year.</p>
	<p><b>Votes: 45 in favour, 1 abstentions, 1 against</b></p> <p>▶ <b>The motion to change the UIAA Statutes art 9.e is accepted with immediate effect.</b></p>

	<b>effect.</b>
<b>8.3</b>	<b>Art. 12g MC members: 3 representatives from the 5 biggest federations</b>
	As it was decided in Kathmandu to postpone the vote on changes on article 12 until the next GA meeting; finally no change will be made on this article.
	▶ <b>no vote on this issue</b>
<b>8.4</b>	<b>Art. 13 and Art. 18 (BMC proposal)</b>
	<p>Proposition to limit the maximum term to 2 times 4 years for President, the Board and Management Committee delegates.</p> <p>Doug Scott explained the position of the BMC to favour turnover of people.</p> <p>Dave Jones supports these amendments and recommends full consistency extended to commissions' delegates.</p> <p>Peter Farkas: to have a full understanding about the organisation's work and procedures takes time, most often more than 8 years. There is furthermore no guaranty that people elected will be good and there is not abundance of candidates to assume Board's tasks.</p> <p>José Basto: the UIAA needs fresh ideas and a new generation.</p> <p>Pierre Humblet: Why shall the UIAA miss the expertise of certain delegates, sometimes essential, because of this limitation? The UIAA cannot afford to loose such delegates.</p> <p>Nico De Jong: we should stick to the proposal of the BMC which does not concern the Commissions' delegates.</p> <p>Franck-Urs Müller recommends not to accept this motion.</p>
	<p><b>Votes: 18 in favour, 6 abstentions and 16 against. Need for 2/3 majority</b></p> <p>▶ <b>The BMC motion is rejected.</b></p>
<b>8.5</b>	<b>Art. 29 (dissolution)</b>
	<p>To specify what will happen with UIAA Assets after dissolution of the UIAA. On instructions by the Swiss tax authorities of Kanton Bern, this addition to the UIAA statutes is proposed by the Executive Board to avoid Tax payment.</p> <p>No comments regarding this proposition</p> <p>▶ <b>The motion to change the UIAA Statutes art 29 is accepted with immediate effect.</b></p>

<p><b>CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENCY</b></p>	<p>Each candidate (Frits and Jordi) presented in 5 minutes his program for the UIAA and replied to questions for 10 minutes.</p>
	<p>Programs of each candidates</p> <p><b>Frits</b> is an active mountaineer. Was mountain leader and instructor. Has been NKBV president for 6 years, maintained a stable administration, 60'000 members and gave the federation a new strategic. Will lead collaborative work between Board and MC on the implementation of the Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Says the UIAA has gone through several upheavals in recent years, lost competitions sports and had 5 presidents in 8 years.</p> <p>His plan is to bridge the gap between the UIAA and its federations, to remain active and dedicated, to develop the mountaineering activities of the UIAA. He will make sure that the UIAA will remain a valuable organisation and will be financially stable.</p> <p>As a former active mountaineer, <b>Jordi</b> also worked also a lot on the Strategic plan. As UIAA Acting President, he put all his strength to control funds and to develop activities with limited resources. He also worked to develop the marketing plan of the UIAA.</p> <p>He will focus on finding solutions for the small federations and give the UIAA visibility. For him, working together is the most important.</p> <p><b>Several Federations expressed the following wishes:</b></p> <p>JMA, Japan: hope for a better cooperation of the UIAA with regional organisations like UAAA.</p> <p>SKF, Sweden: the most effective way to grow the number of member is to stop arguing and start acting</p> <p>BMC, UK: the Board and Management Committee have to be transparent. It is especially the Board's duty to ensure this and to report its activities to the MC. The two entities have to work together. The control of finances is also essential.</p> <p>Pier Giorgio: we need to strengthen the Continental European organisation if there is a need for it.</p> <p>IMF, India: help federations to lobby and facilitate favourable government policies.</p> <p>FAIREX, Azerbaijan: that the UIAA enables small federations to afford for example Training Standards.</p> <p>CMF, Czech Rep.: Transparency and better communication needed, especially regarding the repartition of income.</p> <p>MMSF; FYR Macedonia: Reduce administrative costs.</p>

<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
<b>8.6</b>	<b>Art. 10 (FCMP proposal)</b>
	<p>FCMP would like to change the Statutes to:</p> <p><i>c) or d) by decision taken in the General Assembly, the country representation is given to the association chosen by the government of the country, in accordance with the documents issued by the country competent bodies.</i></p> <p>As mentioned earlier, the Board and MC propose that the GA will not deal with the FCMP proposal as long as FCMP has not paid its fees.</p> <p><b>Votes: For: 45; Against: 0; Abstentions: 2.</b></p> <p>► <b>The proposal of the Board/MC is accepted.</b></p>
<b>9. UIAA Commissions</b>	
<b>9.1</b>	<b>Commissions' reports</b>
	<p><i>(for full details, please refer to Commissions' reports in the meeting documents, <a href="http://www.theuiaa.org/Agenda_GA_2012.html">http://www.theuiaa.org/Agenda_GA_2012.html</a> ).</i></p>
<b>9.1.1</b>	<b>Access by Clare Bond (president)</b>
	<p>The commission now is very representative</p> <p>3 days meeting in Chile: access issues and lobbying strategies were discussed, a seminar day hosted by the University on access, tourism and conservation was organised and a day in the field hosted by the Foundation Sendero de Chile to see the work they have been doing in the Rio de Olivares close to Santiago to build a trail and environmental education centre.</p> <p>An interesting thesis of Anthony Hall, from South Africa on '<i>Negotiated Access to Privately Owned Mountain Areas: A study of the Western Cape Mountains South Africa</i>'. As a support document for countries where private land ownership rights dominate it will be put on the UIAA website.</p> <p>Skype meeting in July including new members: Issues of commercial/mass expeditions to peaks in the greater ranges discussed.</p> <p><u>On-going Projects:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Online Access Worldwide resource (to provide national access information from the federations): wiki page ready since June 2012. The commission will start now filling in the information.</li> <li>2) Online Best Practice resources (sharing management plans)</li> </ol> <p>Next meeting in Sweden on June 2013 where international seminar will be organised (focus on access issues in Scandinavia).</p>

<p><b>9.1.2</b></p>	<p><b><i>Medical by David Hillebrandt (president)</i></b></p>
	<p>News from the two main projects:</p> <p>1) The 20 years old Mountain Medicine diploma: joint UIAA-ICAR Medcom - International Society of Mountain Medicine (ISMM) -Wilderness Medicine Society (WMS)</p> <p>Although it has no academy credibility it is respected in the mountaineering community. 50% of the syllabus includes mountaineering skills.</p> <p>Actually 12 different countries with Japan and Nepal having run their first courses. 4 new courses approved to run in the USA and expected applications from Canada and India.</p> <p>Holders come more and more from all over the world. Vetting system needs to be standardised in order to ensure a uniform core syllabus.</p> <p>2) Advice papers available on the UIAA website: The Cardiac paper has been completed by Enrico Donegani from Italy and the Respiratory and Diabetes papers should be ready for approval in 2013.</p> <p>Other issues: paper on commercial trekking organisations and conditions of local employees. Focus on Kenya.</p> <p>3) A neutral research on the use of drugs in the mountains is being carried out.</p> <p>Other issues: Need for a commission delegate from France as well as a representative from an African federation.</p> <p>Next meeting on 10-15th September 2013 in Poland.</p>
<p><b>9.1.3</b></p>	<p><b><i>Mountaineering by Pierre Humblet (President)</i></b></p>
	<p>2 Meetings: April in Novi Sad, Serbia + September in San Alfonso and Lagunillas, Chile.</p> <p>1) Training Standards Working Group (renamed Panel):</p> <p>Finalisation of procedure (list of experts, clear and complete set of rules/procedures + table of fees). In Chile, further work on pricing structure for multiple trainings and checklists for assessors, and budget issues.</p> <p>2) Collaboration with Petzl foundation in Nepal:</p> <p>In Kathmandu, a contract was signed with NMA. Actions implemented in Nepal will be done in coordination with NMA.</p> <p>Coordination with Slovenia Federation in assessing Training Programs.</p> <p>Training program undertaken with IMF in Uttarkashi.</p> <p>3) A memento supporting these training courses was published with Petzl Foundation, ENEQ, CMBEL and FFCAM</p> <p>The English version is implemented by ACC</p> <p>4) Traditional Climbing Working group</p> <p>Discussion in Novi Sad about climbing in high mountains as well as preservation of natural rock and bolting policies. The production of a DVD to explain and promote</p>

	<p>TradClimb is a possibility.</p> <p>5) Legal Experts Working Group (LEWG)</p> <p>Further work on insurance and liabilities issues, update of the database.</p> <p>6) Accidents Statistics project on-going (leaded by Dr Chiaki Aoyama):</p> <p>Coordination with the MedCom. Progress of the research with standardisation of data forms translated now in several languages. Technical administrative and financial issues are the next steps.</p>
<p><b>9.1.4</b></p>	<p><b><i>Mountain Protection by Linda McMillan (President)</i></b></p>
	<p>Meeting in June in Bern.</p> <p>The commission focused its 2012 activities on the <b>Mountain Protection Award Project</b>: the idea is to create a web platform promoting ecotourism best practices and world-wide projects that demonstrate their annual progress on an approved individualized mountain stewardship plan. Focus will be on trekking/mountain tourism agencies and associations.</p> <p>The ultimate goal of this project is to find a sponsor who would support the award of the best project among the ones assessed.</p> <p>Assessors are confirmed (including Greg Greenwood from Mountain Research Initiative Alton Byers from Mountain Institute, Marjorie von Strien from ICIMOD, Jon Miceler from WWF), the web platform is on its way to creation (open from January 2013).</p> <p>The commission and office staff (Valérie and Sophie) will look at potential clients. Objectives for 2013: have 10 projects from developed countries + 6 projects from emerging countries. Find a sponsor.</p> <p>Support from IUCN</p> <p>Linda will do promotion on the MP Award Project.</p> <p>The MP Label which will focus on specific equipment preserving environment is on hold until Commission and Office have forces to develop it. Start research in 2013.</p> <p>Next Commission meeting : Spring in Bern, Switzerland</p>
<p><b>9.1.5</b></p>	<p><b><i>Safety by Gurdeepak Ahuja (Jean-Franck Charlet excused)</i></b></p>
	<p>Annual Plenary session took place in May 2012, in St Petersburg, Russia. Dave Custer was chosen as the next Safety Commission President from 2013.</p> <p>Situation in 2012 for UIAA Labels: about 56 (stable since 2011) and around 1800 equipment certified UIAA. All data on the UIAA website.</p> <p>Recommendation on the use of material to be uploaded. Warning issues published about recalls and bolt corrosion problems.</p> <p>The working groups of the commission (manufacturers and commission delegates) focus their work on:</p> <p>1) Results of the research on Bolts corrosion:</p>

Problem of the corrosion of stainless steel anchors in tropical marine environment, with a new resolution presented on the UIAA web site. The problem will be solved by using special and expensive stainless steel.

2) Harnesses :

Elaboration of a new test taking in consideration the fall head first in a sit-harness. Manufacturers will test their equipment according to this test method, results will be presented at the next meeting and then the standard will be amended with this new test.

3) Via ferrata set project for light weight people:

When falling with the actual set, the light weight people are subject to a too strong deceleration which might put their life in danger. The commission is waiting for the results of the European working group on this subject.

4) Snow pickets; there is currently no standard on snow pickets.

Based on some tests carried by the New Zealand delegate Don Boggie with participation of the American corresponding member Daren Bean, JF Charlet has presented a complete project which has been accepted.

5) Canyoning equipment;

The working group will propose UIAA recommendations for these technics.

6) Testing of ropes on sharp edges:

A new method is proposed by CAI for measuring the capacity of a rope to hold on a sharp edge via measuring the energy absorb by the rope before breaking on a sharp edge. Manufacturers and Labs will make tests according to this method and based on results the standard on ropes will be completed by this test which will give good information to the user about the capacity of a rope to hold on an edge.

7) Other ropes results on researches:

After nearly 10 years of work the test method for the Dry Coating of the ropes presented by Beal has been accepted by the commission. From now on, a manufacturer will be authorized to claim water repelling capacity of a rope just if the rope has passed the test.

8) Crash Pads :

The Commission is working on an UIAA standard for crash pads. The main test will be according to the EN standard on mats for the ACS (artificial climbing structure) Some tests must be done during the year.

9) Dynamic belay slings:

An UIAA standard is proposed for a self-belay sling which is used to self-belay the climber at the belay stand. Such a sling must have good dynamic capacity to reduce the impact force if , when moving on the belay stand, the climber falls. Such sling must be generally made with a piece of dynamic rope.

10) Ice-tools (ice-axes):

The standard has changed: no more Basic or Technical ice-tools but type 1 (for snow and ice, even extreme ice) and type 2 (for snow, ice and rocks (dry-tooling))

11) Non-metallic chocks:

Some plastic chocks are on the market. At normal temperature they work quite well. The question is how they behave at low and high temperatures. Tests will be done in this direction.

	Next Meeting: End May in Chamonix, France.
<b>9.1.6</b>	<b><i>Youth by Anne Arran (President)</i></b>
	<p>In 2012, 5 Global Youth Summits events (France, Caucasus, Italy, Russia, Slovenia and Georgia ) organised with participants from 17 countries.</p> <p>The Commission met in spring in Antalya, Turkey.</p> <p>Report on activities to ARISF (Youth Sponsor) was accepted.</p> <p>The Commission further worked on the Global Youth Summit Handbook, which shall be distributed to federations. Finalisation by November.</p> <p>A training Seminar on Slovenia Youth Leader was organised.</p> <p>Insurance: no consensus was reached for all UIAA events (cost ar. CHF 15'000.-). Former Soviet Union, Turkey, Ukraine, Korea KAF, Nepal NMA still have problems securing insurance. The Legal Experts Working Group supports the commission.</p> <p>Following a meeting between the UIAA Office and IOC, there are further possibilities for support. Office and Commission will work together to develop projects in 2013.</p> <p>The commission works with the IC Commission to produce 3 educational videos with the support of ARISF.</p> <p>The idea to promote adventure climbing in Youth events will be explored.</p> <p>Programme for 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>1 to 6 January 2013</b> Iceclimbing meet Guillestre (Hautes Alpes France (Ice Climbing training/festival)</li> <li>- <b>12 – 13 January 2013</b> Saas Grund World Youth Championships, Switzerland</li> <li>- <b>3-9 March 2013</b> Ice climbing meet Guillestre, Hautes Alpes France</li> <li>- <b>28 April-4 May 2013</b> Youth Leader Training South Africa</li> <li>- <b>6-11 July 2013</b> Climbing, walking canyoning Ariege France (GYS)</li> <li>- <b>14th of July to 4th of August 2013</b> Festival Europe Asia, Russia (TBC)</li> <li>- <b>20 July – 8 August 2013</b> Peak Lenin Kyrgyzstan (TBC)</li> <li>- <b>15 - 23 August 2013</b> Rock and Mountains of Mongolia</li> <li>- Climbmandu Festival in Nepal (TBC)</li> <li>- <b>Sept 29 to October 5 2013</b> in Pontresina Switzerland (TBC)</li> </ul> <p>Israfil Ashurly (AMF, Azerbaijan) replaces Anne as the president of the Commission. BMC will confirm later a new BMC delegate. Anne will stay as an expert and will help in the hand-over to Israfil and Jenny Paterson (Global Youth Summit Coordinator).</p> <p>There is a need to encourage and support small federations who do not have financial capacities to support travels of delegates.</p> <p>Next meeting: Bergamo, Italy on 10-12<sup>th</sup> November</p>



<p><b>9.1.7</b></p>	<p><b><i>Ice Climbing by Pavel Shabalin (President)</i></b></p>
	<p>Season 2012 saw 5 events organised with the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Open Championship and European Open Championship, in Korea (Cheongsong), Switzerland (Saas Fee), France (Champagny en Vanoise), Romania (Busteni) and Russia (Kirov). 211 athletes from 27 countries took part.</p> <p>Live stream broadcast covered Switzerland, Romania and Russia events.</p> <p>A major contract (1 million USD from 2012 to 2018) was signed with The North Face, covering all ice climbing activities.</p> <p><u>Activities in 2013:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Ice Climbing World Cup 2013: 12-13th of January – IWC (lead, speed) &amp; World Championship (lead), Cheongsong (Korea)</li>   <li>12-13th of January – World Youth Championship (lead, speed), Saas Grund, (Switzerland), two age categories:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Up to 17 years ( born in 1996 - 1999)</li> <li>2) From 18 till 21 years ( born in 1995 - 1992)</li> </ol> </li>   <li>18-19th of January – IWC (lead, speed), Saas-Fee (Switzerland)</li>   <li>26-27th of January – IWC (lead, speed), Rabenstein (Italy)</li>   <li>07-09th of February – IWC (lead, speed), Busteni (Romania)</li>   <li>08-10th of March – IWC (lead, speed) &amp; World Championship (speed), Kirov (Russia)</li>   <li>The following courses are planned: 20-25 of January. Rabenstein (Italy). Route setters course responsible Atilio Munari. 24-25 of January. Rabenstein (Italy). Judges course responsible Andrej Pecjak.</li>   <li>▶ Commission meeting in June 2013 in Slovenia</li> </ul> <p>World Games Sochi 2014: structure proposal accepted.</p>
<p><b>9.1.8</b></p>	<p><b><i>Anti-Doping by Nenad Dikic (President)</i></b></p>
	<p>The commission has very few delegates. New candidates are welcome.</p> <p>The UIAA is recognised by IOC and WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) and is fully compliant with the WADA International Code (among the first 20 federations).</p> <p>In 2012 it was done less doping controls as it was planned, but still enough for the extension of UIAA competitions. There was no doping case in 2012.</p>

	<p>Nenad recommends to keep up with anti-doping program in order to still be recognised by WADA and IOC. Then UIAA needs to maintain a minimum of 4 doping controls per competition, plus 4 Out of Competition Testing (OOCT) in total.</p> <p>It is important that all athletes from Registered Testing Pools are on ADAMS and that all therapeutic use exemptions are as well recorded in order to show that UIAA respects all aspects of the anti-doping program and keep high ranking on WADA IF list.</p>
<b>9.1.9</b>	<b><i>Discipline &amp; Appeals Commissions</i></b>
	There were no procedures to report.
<b>9.2</b>	<b><i>Working group Expedition activities</i></b>
	Nothing to report
<b>10. Elections</b>	
<b>10.1</b>	<b><i>Introduction and procedure</i></b>
	Scrutineers: Claude Eckardt as supervisor, Agnès Semmelet, Phinjo Gombu and Alex Paun
<b>10.2</b>	<b><i>Motion on number of Executive Board members</i></b>
	▶ <b>No vote.</b>
<b>10.3</b>	<b><i>Election of UIAA President (term 2012-2016)</i></b>
	<b>Total votes: 43; Invalid: 1; For Jordi: 18; For Frits: 24</b>
	▶ <b>Frits Vrijlandt is elected as UIAA President.</b>
	Jordi submitted his immediate resignation from the Board and the UIAA. The GA assembly thanked Jordi for his work. Applauses.
<b>10.4</b>	<b><i>Election of Executive Board (term 2012-2016)</i></b>
	New candidates: Pier Giorgio Oliveti (CAI) ; Thomas Kaehr (SAC) and H�el�ene Denis (FFCAM)
	Each candidates presents his/her motivations. George Elzi�ere spoke for H�el�ene (excused because sent by FFCAM to another meeting)
	Pier Giorgio: Votes: For: unanimous;
	H�el�ene Denis: Votes: For: unanimous;
	Thomas Kaehr: Votes: For: unanimous;
	▶ <b>All candidates are accepted as UIAA Executive Board Members.</b>
	Peter Farkas remains Board Member until 2014.

<p><b>10.5</b></p>	<p><b><i>Election of Management committee (term 2012 – 2016)</i></b></p>
	<p>Art 12g: 3 seats for the actual 5 Biggest federations: CAI (italy), SAC (Switzerland), FEDME (Spain) FFCAM (France) and BMC (UK).</p> <p>The candidates are: Lucia Foppoli CAI; Frank-Urs Müller SAC; Joan Garrigos i Toro FEDME; Georges Elzière FFCAM and Anne Arran BMC.</p> <p>Each presented their own motivations to become MC members</p> <p><b>Total votes: 41; Invalid: 1;</b></p> <p><b>For Anne Arran: 31; For George Elzière: 30; For Franck-Urs Müller: 30; For Lucia Foppoli: 23; For Joan Garrigos: 8</b></p> <p>▶ <b>Anne Arran, George Elzière and Franck-Urs Müller are elected as UIAA MC representatives according to Art. 12g.</b></p> <p>Art 12h: continental seat Oceania to be renewed: Candidate is John Nankervis (NZAC).</p> <p><b>Votes in favour: unanimous</b></p> <p>▶ <b>John Nankervis is elected as UIAA MC representative according to Art. 12h, Oceania.</b></p> <p>Art 12h: Continental seat Europe to be renewed, 4 Candidates: Lucia Foppoli (CAI), Joan Garrigos (FEDME), Dimitrios Georgoulis (EOOA) and Nejat Akinci (ZD)</p> <p>Remark: MC estimates that as Zirve is a federation with no political rights and that there are no grounds to elect a candidate of an associate federation to a managing body like the MC.</p> <p><b>For Lucia Foppoli: 24; For Joan Garrigos: 10; For Dimitrios Georgoulis: 6;</b></p> <p><b>For Nejat Akinci: 1</b></p> <p>▶ <b>Lucia Foppoli is elected as UIAA MC representative according to Art. 12h, Europe.</b></p>
	<p><b>Art 12i:</b> 5 seats remaining.</p> <p>The candidates are: Joan Garrigos i Toro FEDME; David Muñoz FEACH; Dimitrios Georgoulis EOOA; Col. Chauhan IMF; Tadao Kanzaki JMA and Nejat Akinci ZD .</p> <p>New ones presented their own motivations to become MC members.</p> <p><b>Total votes:</b></p> <p><b>For Joan: 32; For David: 35; For Tadao: 35; For Col.Chauhan: 29; For Dimitrios</b></p>

	<p><b>and Nejat: 24</b></p> <p><b>Second vote between Dimitrios and Nejat: For Dimitrios: 16 and Nejat: 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Joan Garrigos i Toro, David Muñoz, Col. Chauhan, Tadao Kanzaki and Nejat Akinci are elected as UIAA Management Committee representatives according to Art. 12i.</b></li> </ul>
Honorary Membership	<p>General Secretary Nico de Jong explained that the Assembly could decide to change the agenda and add an additional item concerning the election of an honorary member. For such a change, a 2/3 majority would be necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>A Motion to change the agenda and add item 9.6 Election Honorary member was added to the agenda.</b></li> <li>▶ <b>In favour : 45; against 0; abstentions : 2</b></li> </ul> <p>The motion was accepted and therefore the Assembly will discuss Honorary Membership.</p> <p>Zimba Zangbu Sherpa, President of the NMA, explained that the Nepalese Mountaineering Association had maintained its proposal to elect Ang Tshering as an Honorary member.</p> <p>Nico de Jong asked if there were any proposals to take a secret ballot. There were none.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>A motion to Elect Ang Tshering Sherpa as an Honorary Member of the UIAA was accepted unanimously by applause. There were congratulations expressed to Ang Tshering Sherpa from Nepal and he was welcomed as an Honorary member of the UIAA.</b></li> </ul>
<b>11 Approval of the UIAA Budget 2013</b>	
	<p><b>Votes to approve the Budget 2012. Against 0; Abstentions 0. For: 159</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>The budget 2013 is unanimously approved.</b></li> </ul>
<b>12. Future General Assemblies</b>	
12.1	<b>General Assembly in October 5<sup>th</sup> 2013 in Pontresina, Switzerland, hosted by the SAC</b>
	▶ <b>Location is confirmed</b>
12.2	<b>General Assembly in 2014 (presented by David Muñoz and Alberto Perez)</b>
	▶ <b>Proposition of the FEACH to organise GA in Chile (Santiago to be confirmed) accepted.</b>

<b>13. Any other business</b>	
<b>Announcement by India, IMF</b>	Col. Chauhan announced the organization of an International Mountaineers Adventure and Tourism meeting in Srinagar in Kashmir from 1 November to 4 November 2012. All federations' delegates are kindly invited and hospitality will be provided.
<b>Announcement by Portugal, CNM</b>	Invitation for the European Federations to come to the European Mountain Forum which will take place on Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> October in Amsterdam.
<b>Nepal, NMA</b>	Inquiry about the Kathmandu Declaration. Jordi replied that the UIAA still supports and endorses the Kathmandu Declaration.
	Jordi thanked Nico de Jong for his work for the UIAA and thanked also the assembly for its presence and support to the UIAA. Applauses. Nico and Gurdeepak announced the departure by the end of February 2013 of Valérie Thöni and thanked her for her work since 2009. Applauses.

**The Chairman, Jordi Colomer, thanked the organisers and all the delegates for their hard work and closed the meeting at 18:15**

Minute-taker ..... Office Coordinator, Valérie Thöni

Chairman ..... Acting - President, Jordi COLOMER

Approved by the General Assembly at its meeting in Amsterdam, Netherlands on.....