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GLOBAL MOUNTAIN NETWORK

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THE GLOBAL MOUNTAIN NETWORK

The International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation (UIAA) was founded in 1932 and has a global presence on six continents representing nearly 90 member associations and federations in almost 70 countries.

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

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

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

The UIAA operates through the following Commissions: [Access](#), [Anti-doping](#), [Ice Climbing](#), [Medical](#), [Mountaineering](#), [Mountain Protection](#), [Safety](#) and [Youth](#).

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear member associations, partners and friends of the UIAA,

We are delighted to present you with our new look Annual Report. In producing an improved format we have taken onboard feedback and comments made by members during the most recent General Assembly. This includes addressing more clearly benefits for members and providing easier access to core UIAA resources.

Starting with the 2018 UIAA General Assembly in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The occasion was superbly hosted by the Mongolian National Climbing Federation with the revised format of the GA providing greater opportunity for dialogue and member engagement. The event provided a valuable opportunity to shape the coming years of the UIAA.

During 2018 and led by the Strategic Working Group (SWG), the UIAA embarked on a process to shape its future and vision for the coming years. I thank all members of the SWG for their support, especially Vice President Thomas Kähr who has led the process with passion and commitment. It is important that all stakeholders involved with the UIAA contribute to this process and that the results and decisions are acted upon decisively.

At the GA we were delighted to welcome three new member associations taking

the total number to nearly 90. Our longstanding member, Club Alpino Italiano (CAI) decided to leave the UIAA at the end of 2018 despite all our efforts for a constructive dialogue and more positive outcome. However, the door is always open to CAI to re-establish their membership.

The UIAA continues to represent the interests of its members on a global scale through productive partnerships with numerous major bodies including the IOC, Sport Accord and the United Nations. Global advocacy is a key responsibility of the UIAA and strengthening our network of global mountain activities is a major priority. Throughout this report you will read numerous examples of UIAA Commissions and their relationships and partnerships with organisations across the world. We are also committed to improving communication and dialogue within the UIAA whether with, and between members,

or between Commissions and Working Groups. To cite one example, the creation of a dedicated Commission Presidents' Meeting – a platform for Commissions to share ideas, projects and activities.

Over the coming eighteen months, our desire is to further strengthen the UIAA to become the global platform for all aspects of climbing and mountaineering. This can be achieved by working together. Addressing our main concerns as a collective is essential whether related to free access, mountain protection, the development of mountaineering, youth engagement and promoting training and safe practices.

A lot of talented people give valuable time to the UIAA. They do so because they believe in the organization and have a passion for climbing and mountaineering. An enormous amount of volunteer time across the Executive Board, Management Committee and

Commissions is dedicated each and every day. I take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers who with the support of the UIAA Office have ensured the federation has made tremendous progress over the past twelve months. A number of positive developments and stories are highlighted in this Annual Report.

To our members, dialogue is important. We will continue to serve your best interests and create platforms and opportunities for you to share your ideas and concerns. We will act on them in a timely manner.

Yours in climbing and mountaineering,



WELCOME LETTER BY

FRITS VRIJLANDT
UIAA President



Executive Review

THE UIAA IN 2018

A year delivering diverse projects, initiatives and events at the UIAA witnessed significant activity across the federation's three pillars of safety, sport and sustainability, thanks to the endeavours of its eight commissions, Management Committee, Executive Board and Office based in Bern.

Highlights include a new high-altitude medical paper, the publication of a 24th Safety Standard, the continued evolution of the Mountain Protection and Rock Climbing Festival Awards, the new audience introduced to the UIAA's activities through the livestream platform of competition ice climbing and creation of a new declaration paper, the UIAA Code of Ethics.

Perhaps the most significant moment of the year was the 2018 UIAA General Assembly, one many

delegates required expedition-levels of commitment to overcome travel delays in reaching Mongolia, but an occasion which provided a platform for exchange, networking and developing ideas for a future, better UIAA. While a new strategy is developed throughout 2019, the UIAA will continue to deliver tangible benefits to its members, and act on the valuable feedback received from delegates during the GA.

JANUARY

TIME TO BREAK THE ICE

The first official UIAA Ice Climbing competition of the year began in Malbun, Liechtenstein with the staging of the [UIAA Ice Climbing World Youth Championships](#). After a series of new European Cup events this marked the official start of the World Tour, five World Cup events held in as many countries from January to March.

During the UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup in Saas-Fee, the Swiss Cancer Research Foundation were [presented with a donation of £25,000](#) from Climbers Against Cancer (CAC), a charity founded by the late John Ellison, which has gone on to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars from climbers and mountaineers. CAC is supported by the UIAA. At the UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup in Rabenstein, Italy, history was made with a first gold medal won by an Iranian athlete. [Mohammadreza Safdarian](#) claimed the men's lead competition.

Led by Safety Commission President Amit Chowdhury and Safety Label Administrator Stephanie Stettbacher, the UIAA attended ISPO Beijing, the leading multi-sports exhibition in Asia, delivering a presentation on mountain safety and introducing the UIAA Safety Label to manufacturers in a rapidly developing market. Ahead of [ISPO Beijing](#), the UIAA delegation met with representatives of OTC Jiangsu Zhongheng Testing Co, one of two officially accredited UIAA laboratories in China. Their presence will support the availability of certified and safe climbing equipment in Asia.

The month ended on a sad note with news that the renowned journalist and chronicler of Himalaya expeditions, Elizabeth Hawley passed away at the age of 94.

FEBRUARY

ALPINE SKILLS GOES DIGITAL

The UIAA continued to provide essential advice for climbers detailing a number of [safety concerns](#) for adventurers and tourists in one of India's most popular trekking destinations, the [Chadar Trek](#).

The UIAA/Petzl Foundation Alpine Skills Summer guide first published in 2015 celebrated its [digital launch](#). To promote this initiative, the UIAA launched a series promoting key extracts from the book. Content which will assist climbers in developing both their core skills and knowledge of the mountain environment. The Series is still underway, the entire library is available on the [UIAA website](#), and sales of the digital handbook continue to grow. At the [UIAA General Assembly](#) in October, further details were communicated about the impressive collaboration between the Petzl Foundation and a number of UIAA member federations in delivering more foreign language translations of the handbook.

February also witnessed the promotion of *The Ogre* a two-part book which documents the remarkable tale of Doug Scott, former UIAA Management Committee member, and Chris Bonington's dramatic first ascent and fight for survival on the Ogre in Pakistan's Karakoram in 1977. The UIAA profiled the burgeoning [Malta Climbing Club \(MCC\)](#), confirmed as full member of the UIAA at the 2017 UIAA General Assembly.

MARCH

FAMILY, FRIENDS AND THE MOUNTAINS

To mark International Women's Day on 8 March, the UIAA dedicated the latest instalment of its [Passion for the Mountains series](#) to exploring how, and when, a lifetime relationship with the mountain environment commenced for a number of women with close ties to the UIAA.

Kathmandu, Nepal hosted the UIAA Executive Board and Management Committee meetings, an opportunity for UIAA delegates from around the world to exchange ideas, advance on strategic discussions and share updates on progress following October's [UIAA General Assembly](#) held in Shiraz, Iran. The event closed with a press conference to mark the opening of the [2018 UIAA Mountain Protection Award](#) and to reward 2017 winner [Mount Everest Biogas Project](#), whose work is initially centred on Nepal and the world's highest mountain.

A thrilling 2018 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour concluded in [Kirov, Russia](#). Close to three million viewers followed the season on UIAA and partner channels. The overall standings saw South Korea's Woonseon Shin confirmed as the winner of the women's lead and Ekaterina Koshcheeva of Russia claiming the speed competition. In the men's disciplines, Maxim Tomilov took the lead title and Nikolai Kuzovlev the speed.

APRIL

A COMMUNITY UNITES

A productive meeting between EUMA (European Union of Mountaineering Associations) and the UIAA [took place](#) to discuss future collaboration between the two organisations.

Delegates from UIAA member Japan Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Association (JMSCA) [visited](#) areas of Nepal affected by April 2015's devastating earthquake to assess the recovery in person. Together with several other mountaineering and outdoor organisations in Japan, the JMSCA has helped raise significant funds in the aftermath of the disaster.

The UIAA were one of 20 international federations to participate in a [workshop](#) in Gland, Switzerland dedicated to [biodiversity conservation](#) organised by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Guidelines were presented designed to help the sports industry understand its potential impact on nature.

A chapter in the UIAA Alpine Skills Summer Handbook focused on the potential risks and complications of [frostbite](#), whilst the UIAA and the British Mountaineering Council (BMC) jointly raised awareness about the potential [perils of buying climbing equipment online](#). The month ended with the [UIAA Mountaineering Commission](#) holding its latest meeting in Lisbon, Portugal with training standards and mountain safety the key topics for discussion.

MAY

A GLOBAL COMMITMENT

At the annual [UIAA SafeCom meet in Porto, Portugal](#), representatives from global climbing equipment manufacturers and testing laboratories as well as national delegates from UIAA member associations met to discuss the current challenges facing the climbing world and to present progress on innovations and developments. During the meeting, [Jean-Franck Charlet](#) was recognised for his outstanding thirty-five years of commitment to the UIAA. Charlet joined the federation in 1983, served as Safety Commission Vice President under Pit Schubert for seven years and then became Commission President from 2002 to 2009.

The annual [meeting](#) of the UIAA Mountain Protection Commission (MPC) took place in the idyllic setting of the Lake District, United Kingdom, and among the commitments made were a decision to review and update the current [UIAA Environmental Guidelines of \(2002\)](#), to bring them in line with current state-of-the-art knowledge and recommendations for sustainable practices in the mountain space.

An article was published in the UIAA series exploring the UIAA MedCom's high-altitude advice, this time with a specific focus on [women going to altitude](#). [The Dawn Wall](#), a film which portrays Tommy Caldwell and Kevin Jorgeson's epic attempt to scale the 3000-ft rock face of the same name in January 2015, was named as the winner of the UIAA prize at the 66th Trento Film Festival.



The Dawn Wall - Trailer
<https://youtu.be/edfw9ip9sCQ>

JUNE

STANDARD FOR AVALANCHE RESCUE SHOVELS PUBLISHED

The UIAA announced the publication of its [24th international safety standard](#) for climbing and mountaineering equipment. The Standard is dedicated to avalanche rescue shovels. A new Standard for probes is expected in spring 2019.

Meanwhile, as part of its commitment to raising awareness about the importance of preserving natural rock and to reducing indiscriminate bolting ([see the 2014 paper](#)), the UIAA shared an [article](#) from Norwegian climber Robert Caspersen concerning an expedition made in late 2017 with three friends to climb the high east face of Gessnertind (3020m) in Antarctica.

[Two major international gatherings](#) for the outdoor community took place in June 2018 with the UIAA represented, and leading discussions, at both events. First, the biennial [Sustainable Summits Conference](#) took place in Chamonix, France from 12-14 June where the three-day discussions focused on the future for the world's high mountains. A week after the Sustainable Summits conference, the UIAA was represented at [OutDoor](#), the world's leading trade fair in the industry held in Friedrichshafen, Germany from 17-20 June.

The third annual [Climb the Hill](#) event began in Washington D.C. Co-hosted by The American Alpine Club and the Access Fund, the event, which began in 2016, brought together more than 60 professional climbers, industry leaders and partner organizations to advocate for public lands and a robust outdoor recreation economy.

JULY

SOUTH AMERICA IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Festivals from Argentina, Bolivia and Brazil were named as the candidates for the fourth [UIAA Rock Climbing Festival Award](#). The Award recognises festivals which inspire the development of climbing in their region, present a robust sustainability programme, promote safe climbing and foster a sense of community among climbers and the local population.

An article summarising the UIAA MedCom's position on the advantages and disadvantages of using [hiking sticks](#) - became one of the most viewed articles on the UIAA website in 2018. Meanwhile, French authorities issued a decree restricting access to the summit of [Mont Blanc](#) owing to overcrowding and 'safety and public order' risks. The [2018 UIAA Respect the Mountains Series](#) commences with two clean-up events in Italy.

AUGUST

FREE ACCESS IN NEPAL

Following a meeting in Geneva, the UIAA received assurances from the [Government of Nepal](#) that access to climbers would not be restricted and that climbers and mountaineers would continue to be welcome in the country. This is in alignment with the UIAA's belief that climbers should have unrestricted access to mountain areas provided they conduct themselves in a respectful and responsible manner.

The latest instalment of the UIAA's passion for the mountain series centred on the [Ladevant](#) brothers who have quickly become an integral presence on the ice climbing circuit and are using their experience in competition to prepare for a future as mountain guides.

The UIAA Access Commission travelled to Canmore, Canada for its 31st annual meeting which was hosted by the Alpine Club of Canada (ACC). Among the topics were the [ongoing access issues](#) in Argentina and Chile.

The UIAA was saddened to hear about the death of Youth Commission Honorary Member [Alexander Zaidler](#).

SEPTEMBER

AN EMERGING FORCE

A global [calendar](#) for international ice climbing competition and rock and ice festivals was launched by the UIAA. The platform provides an opportunity for festivals to promote themselves through the UIAA's network and for climbers and mountaineers to access events. Similar calendars will be set up for youth and clean-up events in 2019.



Introducing: UIAA Rock and Ice Festival Calendar 2019

<https://youtu.be/eKDoLz0gEGo>

Applications were evaluated and received for the 2018 [UIAA Mountain Protection Award](#). The nominees captured a range of causes tackling sensitive issues like waste management at remote high-altitude locations, natural disaster recovery programmes, pollution, overcrowding, the preservation of flora, fauna, threatened species and climate change. For the 2018 Award, the MPA Assessment Team placed a greater emphasis on projects demonstrating an ability to engage and mobilise the climbing and mountaineering community within their initiative, something reflected in all of this year's Award candidates. In all, [18 projects](#) were recognised.

The UIAA profiled the emergence of [Iran](#), a new force in competition ice climbing while UIAA Unit Member, the International Skyrunning Federation held its [World Championships](#) in Scotland.

OCTOBER

UNITING THE MOUNTAINEERING WORLD

The [2018 UIAA General Assembly](#) was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on Saturday 6 October, welcoming more than 100 delegates representing 34 different countries. The event was superbly hosted by the Mongolian National Climbing Federation (MNCF). The Federacion Costarricense de Deportes de Montaña (FECODEM), Costa Rica, the Union of International Mountain Leader Associations (UIMLA) and the International Slackline Association (ISA) all became observer members.

Peter Muir (ACC), was elected to the UIAA Executive Board. Muir joins existing Board members - Frits Vrijlandt, Hélène Denis, Thomas Kähr and Wang Yongfeng. Vrijlandt, UIAA President, paid tribute to the outstanding contributions of two outgoing Board members. Peter Farkas, a long servant of the UIAA and EB member for twelve years, as well as Marc Beverly, who finished a four-year term, were recognised for their efforts.

At the 2018 UIAA General Assembly, a new UIAA Code Of Ethics was approved. Two of the three South American festivals recognised as part of the annual UIAA Rock Climbing Festival Award held their 2018 editions. The UIAA profiled a hugely successful edition of [BLOQUEando](#), the festival awarded the 2018 [UIAA Rock Climbing Festival](#) Development Award. The overall winner of the 2018 Award was the [Festival de Boulder de Mar del Plata, Argentina](#).

Community Action Nepal (CAN) was named as the sixth winner of the [UIAA Mountain Protection Award](#). [Giroparchi Nature Trail](#) by Fondation Gran Paradis, Italy, was runner-up and [A system for the management of health and safety in wilderness areas](#) by Tracks Safety, Argentina, was recognised as the best new initiative.

Outdoor Research was named as successor to The North Face Korea as the official UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour title sponsor, signing a [five year deal](#).

The UIAA pays tribute to an influential member of the sports community, GAISF President [Patrick Baumann](#), who passed away suddenly.

NOVEMBER

THE DAWN WALL COMES TO SWITZERLAND

In partnership with Pathé Cinemas, Red Bull, Adventure Film Tours and the Swiss Alpine Club (SAC), the UIAA co-hosted the Swiss premiere of the film *The Dawn Wall*.

On 30 October 2018, Board-level representatives from the [IFSC](#) (International Federation of Sport Climbing) and the UIAA (International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation) [met in Paris](#) to discuss matters of mutual interest. A follow-on meeting is planned for spring 2019.

Reflecting on its 2018 Global Youth Series, the [UIAA Youth Commission](#) held its annual meeting on the weekend of 17-18 November in Setenil de las Bodegas, Spain as guest of UIAA member federation [FEDME – Federación Española de Deportes de Montaña y Escalada](#).

The [UIAA Medical Commission](#) hosted its annual meeting in Kathmandu, Nepal in mid November, an occasion which coincided with the biennial [XII World Congress on Mountain Medicine](#), attended by 420 clinicians from all around the world, run by the International Society for Mountain Medicine and organised by the Mountain Medicine Society of Nepal. One of the core achievements of the Commission this year was the publication of its [high-altitude paper on diabetes](#).

Bern, the capital city of Switzerland, hosted the start of the 2018-2019 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour on 24 November with a European Cup event.



2018-2019 Calendar UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour

https://youtu.be/MPtA_xpq_8E

DECEMBER

#MOUNTAINSMATTER FOR YOUTH

UIAA celebrated the annual [International Mountain Day](#) and the theme #mountainmatter by profiling a number of this year's nominated MPA initiatives and how they are ensuring that their work puts youth communities and development front and centre. Despite the beautiful and wild landscapes, life in the mountains can be tough, particularly for rural youth. Abandoning their villages in search of employment elsewhere has led to an absence of young people and an increasing labour shortage. Migration from mountains leads to an increase in abandoned agricultural and land degradation. At community level, cultural values and ancient traditions are lost.

The first ever UIAA Ice Climbing World Combined Championships was held in [Moscow](#) in December, a competition designed to showcase the very best ice climbers in both the lead and speed disciplines. Russia's [Maria Tolokonina and Nikolai Kuzovlev](#) claim the prizes. The six-event World Cup Series begins in January 2019.

The UIAA Mountain Protection Commission confirms its desire to focus on a new direction for the Respect the Mountains Series.

MOST READ ARTICLES ON THE UIAA WEBSITE IN 2018



ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF USING HIKING STICKS IN THE MOUNTAINS

<https://www.theuiaa.org/uiaa/advantages-and-disadvantages-of-using-hiking-sticks-in-the-mountains/>



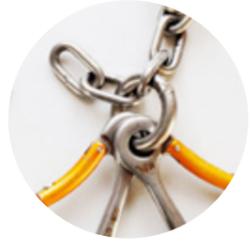
ADVICE FOR WOMEN GOING TO ALTITUDE

<https://www.theuiaa.org/mountaineering/advice-for-women-going-to-altitude/>



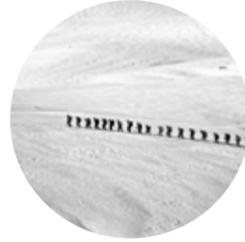
HEALING THE HUMAN IMPACT ON EVEREST

<https://www.theuiaa.org/uiaa/healing-the-human-impact-on-everest/>



SAFETY ALERT FOR FIXE LOWER-OFFS

<https://www.theuiaa.org/mountaineering/safety-alert-for-fixe-lower-offs/>



MOUNTAIN SKILLS: THE MOST COMMON GROUP DYNAMICS

<https://www.theuiaa.org/mountaineering/mountain-skills-the-most-common-group-dynamics/>



ONLINE CLIMBING GEAR: ARE YOU BUYING SAFE EQUIPMENT?

<https://www.theuiaa.org/mountaineering/online-climbing-gear-are-you-buying-safe-equipment/>



CHILDREN AT ALTITUDE. ESSENTIAL ADVICE

<https://www.theuiaa.org/uiaa/children-at-altitude-essential-advice/>



GOLDEN RULES FOR NOVICE CLIMBERS

<https://www.theuiaa.org/home/golden-rules-for-novice-climbers/>



LAUNCH: 2019 UIAA ICE CLIMBING SEASON CALENDAR

<https://www.theuiaa.org/uiaa/launch-2019-uiaa-ice-climbing-season-calendar>



UIAA MEDICAL ADVICE: EMERGENCY FIELD MANAGEMENT OF ACS, HAPE AND HACE

<https://www.theuiaa.org/mountaineering/uiaa-medical-advice-emergency-field-management-of-ac-s-hape-and-hace/>



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Members

2018 UIAA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The UIAA closed 2018 with 89 Member Associations, comprising 64 Active Member, 18 Associate Members, 6 Observer Members and one Unit Member, making a total of 3,247,968 individual members.

NEW MEMBERS CONFIRMED AT GA 2018

On 2 October 2018 at the General Assembly in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, the UIAA accepted the following federations as Observer Members as of January 1, 2019:



Union of International Mountain Leaders Association



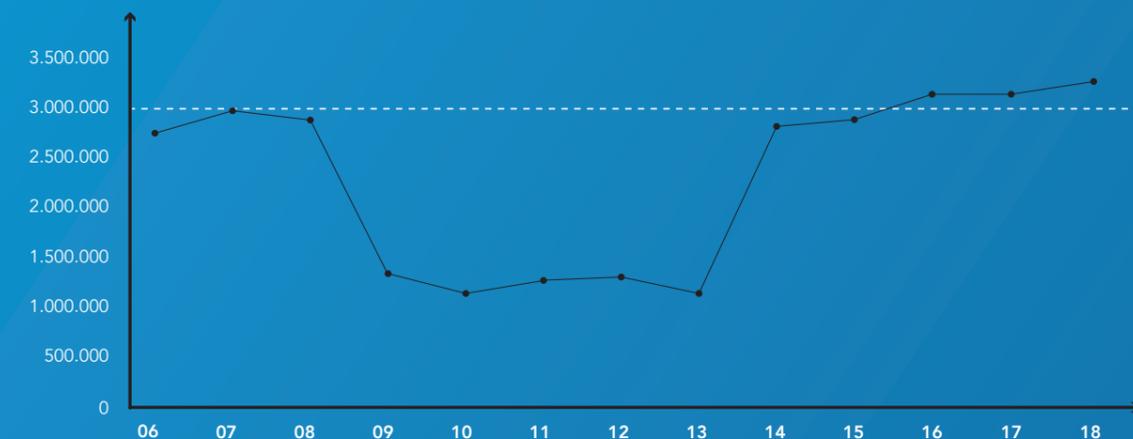
International Slackline Association



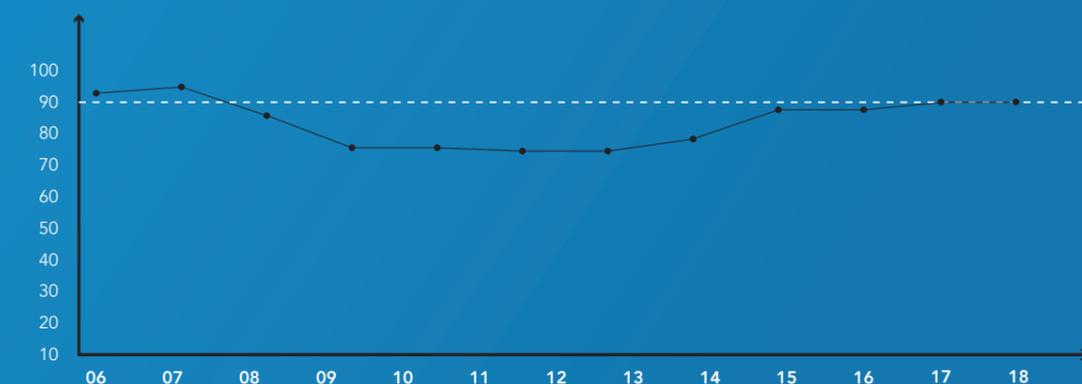
Federacion Costarricense de Deportes de Montaña (FECODEM), Costa Rica

The UIAA is actively looking for new federations in South American and Asian continents. The UIAA hopes to keep the numbers rising with more applicant associations in 2019.

UIAA MEMBERSHIP 2006 - 2018



UIAA MEMBER ORGANISATIONS 2006 - 2018



Associate Members

	NAME	CODE	COUNTRY	JOINED UIAA
1	Ecole Nationale d'Escalade du Québec	ENEQ	Canada	
2	Fédération Québécoise de la Montagne et de l'Escalade	FQME	Canada	1975
3	Danish Climbing Federation	DCF	Denmark	1998
4	Himalayan Mountaineering Institute	HMI	India	2011
5	Nehru Institute for Mountaineering	NIM	India	2011
6	Alpenverein Südtirol	AVS	Italy	1974
7	Korean Alpine Federation	KAF	Korea	1970
8	Norges Klatreforbund - The Norwegian Climbing Federation	NKF	Norway	1993
9	Federação de Campismo e Montanhismo de Portugal	FCMP	Portugal	1992
10	Federação Portuguesa de Montanhismo e Escalada	FPME	Portugal	2004
11	Centre Excursionista de Catalunya	CEC	Spain	1932
12	Euskal Mendizale Federazioa - Basque Mountaineering Federation	EMF	Spain	2002
13	Federació d'Entitats Excursionistes de Catalunya	FEEC	Spain	2000

	NAME	CODE	COUNTRY	JOINED UIAA
14	Vereinigung der Akademischen Alpen-Clubs der Schweiz	VAAC	Switzerland	1985
15	Chinese Taipei Mountaineering Association	CTMA	Chinese Taipei	1993
16	Zirve Mountaineering Club	ZIRVE	Turkey	2011
17	The Alpine Club	AC	United Kingdom	2003
18	Alaskan Alpine Club	ALAC	United States	1985

Full Members

	NAME	CODE	COUNTRY	JOINED UIAA
1	Afghanistan Climbing & Mountaineering Federation	ACMF	Afghanistan	2017
2	Albanian Mountaineering Federation	FSHALTM	Albania	2017
3	Federación Argentina de Ski y Andinismo	FASA	Argentina	1951
4	Verband Alpiner Vereine Österreichs	VAVOE	Austria	1951
5	Air and Extreme Federation of Azerbaijan	FAIREX	Azerbaijan	2011

MEMBERSHIP & ORGANISATION

	NAME	CODE	COUNTRY	JOINED UIAA
6	Bangladesh Mountaineering Federation	BMF	Bangladesh	2013
7	Climbing & Mountaineering Belgium	CMBEL	Belgium	1932
8	Mountaineering Union of Bosnia - Herzegovina	PSBH	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1977
9	Confederação Brasileira de Montanhismo e Escalada	CBME	Brazil	2005
10	Bulgarian Climbing and Mountaineering Federation	BCMF	Bulgaria	1935
11	The Alpine Club of Canada	ACC	Canada	1947
12	Federación de Andinismo de Chile	FEACH	Chile	1955
13	Chinese Mountaineering Association	CMA	China	1985
14	Croatian Mountaineering Association - Hrvatski Planinarski Savez	HPS	Croatia	1991
15	Mountaineering and Climbing Federation of Cyprus	CMCF	Cyprus	2007
16	Czech Mountaineering Federation - Cesky Horolezecky Svaz	CMF	Czech Republic	1932
17	Dansk Bjergklub - Danish Alpine Club	DB	Denmark	1977
18	Finnish Climbing Association	FCA	Finland	1994
19	Fédération française des clubs alpins et de montagne	FFCAM	France	1932

	NAME	CODE	COUNTRY	JOINED UIAA
20	Macedonian Mountain Sport Federation	MMSF	FYR Macedonia	1999
21	Mountaineering and Climbing Association of Georgia	MCAG	Georgia	1933
22	Deutscher Alpenverein	DAV	Germany	1932
23	Hellenic Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing	EOOA	Greece	1936
24	Federacion nacional de Andinismo de Guatemala	FNAG	Guatemala	2017
25	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union	CHKMCU	Hong Kong	1988
26	Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation	MHSSz	Hungary	1932
27	Indian Mountaineering Foundation	IMF	India	1981
28	Indonesia Sport Climbing and Mountaineering Federation	FPTI	Indonesia	2016
29	I.R. Iran Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation	IMSCF	Iran	1972
30	Mountaineering Ireland	MI	Ireland	2004
31	Israel Climbers' Club (Former Israeli Alpine Club)	ILCC	Israel	2009
32	Club Alpino Italiano	CAI	Italy	1932
33	Japan Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Association	JMSCA	Japan	1967

	NAME	CODE	COUNTRY	JOINED UIAA
34	Mountaineering & Sport Climbing Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan	MSCRFK	Kazakhstan	2017
35	Korean Alpine Club	CAC	Korea	1969
36	Kosovo Mountaineering and Alpinist Federation	KMAF	Kosovo	2011
37	Liechtensteiner Alpenverein	LAV	Liechtenstein	1959
38	Lithuanian Mountaineering Association	LMA	Lithuania	2015
39	Luxembourg Federations	FLERA	Luxembourg	1938
40	Malta Climbing Club	MCC	Malta	2018
41	Club Alpin Monégasque	CAM	Monaco	1994
42	Mongolian National Sport Climbing Federation	MNSCF	Mongolia	2010
43	Federation Royale Marocaine de Ski et Montagnes	FRMSM	Morocco	2017
44	Nepal Mountaineering Association	NMA	Nepal	1975
45	Royal Dutch Mountaineering and Climbing Club	NKBV	Netherlands	1932
46	New Zealand Alpine Club Inc.	NZAC	New Zealand	1932
47	Norwegian Alpine Club - Norsk Tindeklub	NTK	Norway	1965

	NAME	CODE	COUNTRY	JOINED UIAA
48	Alpine Club of Pakistan	ACP	Pakistan	1979
49	Polish Mountaineering Association	PZA	Poland	1932
50	Clube Nacional de Montanhismo	CNM	Portugal	1955
51	Clubul Alpin Român - Romanian Alpine Club	CAR	Romania	1934
52	Russian Mountaineering Federation	RMF	Russia	2007
53	Mountaineering Association of Serbia - Planinarski Savez Srbije	PSS	Serbia	2002
54	Slovak Mountaineering Union JAMES - Slovensky Horolezecky Spolok	JAMES	Slovakia	1932
55	Alpine Association of Slovenia	PZS	Slovenia	1991
56	The Mountain Club of South Africa	MCSA	South Africa	1992
57	Federación Española de Deportes de Montaña y Escalada (FEDME)	FEDME	Spain	1932
58	Swedish Climbing Federation - Svenska Klätterförbundet	SKF	Sweden	1973
59	Schweizer Alpen-Club - Swiss Alpine Club	SAC	Switzerland	1932
60	Chinese Taipei Alpine Association	CTAA	Taiwan	1989
61	Türkiye Dağcılık Federasyonu - Turkish Mountaineering Federation	TDF	Turkey	1967

	NAME	CODE	COUNTRY	JOINED UIAA
62	Ukrainian Mountaineering and Climbing Federation	UMCF	Ukraine	1991
63	British Mountaineering Council	BMC	United Kingdom	1932
64	The American Alpine Club	AAC	United States	1932

Observer

	NAME	CODE	COUNTRY	JOINED UIAA
1	Czech Mountain Leader Association	CMLA	Czech Republic	2010
2	Jordan Tourism Board		Jordan	2013
3	National Adventure Association of Malaysia	NAA	Malaysia	2015
4	Clube de Actividades de Ar Livre	CAAL	Portugal	2011
5	National Mountaineering & Climbing Association Sri Lanka	NMCA	Sri Lanka	2015
6	International Federation of Mountain Guides Associations	IFMGA/ UIAGM	Switzerland	1987

Unit Member

	NAME	CODE	COUNTRY	JOINED UIAA
1	International Skyrunning Federation	ISF	Switzerland	2015



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UIAA Executive Board

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Focusing on the Future

REVIEW: 2018 UIAA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 2018 UIAA General Assembly was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on Saturday 6 October, welcoming more than 100 delegates representing 34 different countries.

The event commenced with a welcome message from Mr Tserenbat Namsrai, Mongolian Minister of Environment and Tourism with Tulga Buya, President of hosts, Mongolian National Climbing Federation (MNCF), later providing an address which highlighted the many diverse projects undertaken by a dynamic federation.

Frits Vrijlandt's UIAA Presidential report included highlights from the [UIAA 2017 Annual Report](#) and details on recent progress across the federation's safety, sport and sustainability pillars. To provide the opportunity for UIAA members to play an active role in shaping the federation's future, a World Café format was organised as part of the GA programme.

This forum dually offered members a platform to present their ideas, recommendations and concerns, as well as a greater opportunity to interact. The valuable points raised during the World Café workshop will form a crucial role in helping reshape the future UIAA vision and strategy.

The World Café workshop was followed by a forum for UIAA's Commission Presidents who were able to address member interests during informal round table meetings.

"This was one of the best General Assemblies of the last twenty years," explained Vrijlandt. "We enjoyed fascinating and constructive dialogue with our members, a more diverse GA programme and above all thank our fantastic hosts the Mongolian National Climbing Federation who made every effort possible to ensure that all delegates will remember their time in the country fondly. Regarding the GA itself, there is a lot of work ahead but the UIAA is committed to acting on the advice of its members as it shapes the coming years."

Membership Voting

The Federacion Costarricense de Deportes de Montaña (FECODEM), Costa Rica, the Union of International Mountain Leader Associations (UIMLA) and the International Slackline Association (ISA) became observer members.

Elections

Peter Muir, Alpine Club of Canada (ACC), was elected to the UIAA Executive Board. Muir joins existing Board members – Frits Vrijlandt, Hélène Denis, Thomas Kähr and Wang Yongfeng.

Vrijlandt paid tribute to the outstanding contributions of two outgoing Board members. Peter Farkas, a long servant of the UIAA and EB member for twelve years, as well as Marc Beverly, who finished a four-year term, were recognised for their efforts. "Both Peter and Marc have committed an enormous amount of time and energy to the UIAA making valuable contributions to the growth of the federation. I thank them for their great support." Farkas will continue to be involved with the UIAA in a new role as full member of the Mountaineering Commission.

The UIAA Management Committee (MC) welcomes a new member, Joachim Driessen (NKBV). Josef Klenner (DAV), largest federations representative, and Christian Pae (KAF), continental representative for Asia, were re-elected as MC members.

Resources for Members

Members were reminded of many existing resources, and some new ones, provided by the UIAA. This includes the newly-launched [online rock and ice climbing festival search tool](#), a UIAA platform which offers federations the chance to promote events in their region. The [UIAA Safety Standards](#), [high-altitude medical advice](#), [training standards](#) and [mountain protection](#) projects continue to evolve, providing expertise for the benefit of members and the entire climbing and mountaineering community. Expertise which comes directly from the valuable volunteer efforts of UIAA Commission members, nominated by UIAA member federations worldwide.

In developing its services for members, the UIAA will improve its members page to offer federations the opportunity to exchange more details about climbing and mountaineering in their own countries. A Donate page will also be available to members who wish to showcase initiatives and causes they are supporting. Both projects will be rolled out during the second quarter of 2019.



2018 UIAA Mountain Protection Award

[Community Action Nepal \(CAN\)](#) was announced as the overall winner of the 2018 UIAA Mountain Protection Award at the gala dinner which followed the GA.

Following [KTK-Belt in 2015](#) and the [Mount Everest Biogas Project](#) in 2017, CAN is the third winning project which works closely with Nepalese mountain communities.

Based in the UK, CAN was set up by legendary mountaineer and former UIAA Management Committee member Doug Scott CBE, the first Briton (with Dougal Haston) to climb Everest in 1975. In creating CAN, Scott wanted to give something back to the mountain people of Nepal who had helped him climb 14

peaks in the country. It was a key legacy which emerged from the historic 1975 British Everest SW Face Expedition. The 2018 MPA Trophy was collected by Trish Scott, wife of Doug, and Murari Gautam, CAN Nepal UK's country representative.

CAN was one of eighteen projects nominated for the 2018 UIAA Mountain Protection Award. This included six re-nominations and twelve new projects active in 25 different countries. [Giroparchi Nature Trail](#) by Fondation Gran Paradis, Italy, was named runner-up and [A system for the management of health and safety in wilderness areas](#) by Tracks Safety, Argentina, was recognised as the best new initiative. [A full news release dedicated to Community Action Nepal can be found here.](#)

2018 UIAA Rock Climbing Festival Award

The winners of the [2018 UIAA Rock Climbing Festival Award](#) were also announced.

UIAA Rock Climbing Panel representatives, Anne Arran (BMC), UIAA Management Committee, and Marc Beverly, UIAA Executive Board, presented the concept of the Award which was launched in 2015 and is dedicated to a different continent each year. The focus in 2018 was South and Central America with three festivals recognised.

[Festival de Boulder de Mar del Plata](#) in Argentina was announced as the overall winner with Bolivia's [BLOQUEando](#) handed the development prize. The [Capixaba Climbing Festival](#) in Brazil was awarded runner-up.

In 2019 the Award, which helps promote the growth and development of rock climbing festivals which align themselves with the values of the UIAA showing an active commitment to safety, sport and sustainability, will focus on Asia. Please refer to the dedicated [UIAA Rock Climbing Festival Award chapter](#).

Alpine Summer Skills Handbook goes global

Stephane Lozach' meur, Petzl Foundation, presented details about the continued evolution of the [UIAA Alpine Summer Skills handbook](#), a joint venture between the UIAA and Petzl Foundation. In addition to new content on GPS and summer avalanches, currently available in the French version, details on future new language versions include Greek (Mountaineering & Climbing Federation of Cyprus), Japanese (Japan Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation), Romanian (Romanian Alpine Club), Albanian (Kosovo Mountaineering and Alpinist Federation) were announced. Ongoing translations are Farsi (Iran Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation), Spanish (FEEC - Catalan Mountain Federation), Czech (Czech Mountain Leader Association) and Serbian (Mountaineering Association of Serbia). Meanwhile versions in Chinese (Chinese Taipei Alpine Association) and Mongolian (MNCF) have now been published. Existing versions include French, Turkish and Korean. The English language version, currently on its second edition, is available worldwide as a digital download. To purchase a copy please click [here](#).

LOCAL MOUNTAIN PROTECTION EFFORTS

Excellent organisation and a rich variety of cultural events ensure this GA will be fondly remembered by attending delegates. As part of the weekend, the MNCF ran a 'One Mountaineer, One Bag' clean-up campaign, inspired by the UIAA Respect the Mountains Series, which saw the involvement of two cities, over 22 local clubs and 300 participants.





Delegates at the 2018 UIAA General Assembly
Photo: MNCF

Future General Assemblies

*The date for the 2019 General Assembly was confirmed as **2 November** with the event hosted by the Mountaineering & Climbing Federation of Cyprus.*

The Turkish resort city of Antalya was voted as the location for the 2020 General Assembly. The event will be hosted by the Turkish Mountaineering Federation (TDF).

Pictures from the 2018 UIAA General Assembly, courtesy of the MNCF, can be found [here](#).

Presentations and official minutes are available on the relevant UIAA portals.



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2018 FINANCES

2018 was a challenging financial year for the UIAA. A CHF 37'000 dissolution of “hidden reserves” was necessary to keep the overall loss within the planned result, whereas in the previous year 2017, the UIAA was able to increase these “hidden reserves” by CHF 31'000. The financial challenges on the expense side came from a high level of project, strategy and meeting activities throughout 2018. On the income side, despite intense efforts, the UIAA failed to generate additional and budgeted funds through new sponsoring partnerships, but managed to renew its contract with the Youngone Corporation. The income from membership fees, UIAA Safety Label and contributions from IOC/ARISF and SAC remained on a consistent level. The income structure is well-balanced between membership fees, Safety Label fees, partnerships and project-related income, such as newly introduced organizer service fees.

In 2019, the UIAA is about to reduce meeting, travel and staff expenses significantly, as per 2019 budget and approved by the General Assembly last year. Projects will continue - and can be financed - as proposed by the UIAA commissions. The upcoming strategy decisions are intended to re-focus the UIAA to its strategic core fields. Based on these decisions, a sustainable financial strategy needs to be developed.

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

Income

INCOME CHF	BUDGET 2018	RESULTS 2018	BUDGET 2019
Fees			
Membership Fees Federations	320'000	337'984	318'000
UIAA Safety Label	127'000	123'207	128'200
Laboratory Certification	0	3'904	1'800
Mountain Protection	0	1'497	0
Ice Climbing	20'000	64'678	136'100
Training Standard Panel	25'200	436	0
Total Fees	492'200	531'706	584'100

INCOME CHF	BUDGET 2018	RESULTS 2018	BUDGET 2019
Grants			
SAC Office Contribution	20'000	20'000	20'000
ARISF Youth Programs	5'700	5'700	5'700
IOC: Ice Climbing, Anti-Doping	32'000	25'660	32'000
Total Grants	57'700	51'360	57'700
Sponsor			
Sponsorship UIAA	0	0	0
Sponsorship Ice Climbing	250'000	256'394	215'000
Sponsorship Mountain Protection	17'000	0	0
Total Sponsors	267'000	256'394	215'000
TOTAL INCOME	816'900	839'460	856'800

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

Expenses

EXPENSES CHF	BUDGET 2018	RESULTS 2018	BUDGET 2019
Total Staff	337'000	341'193	290'000
Services			
Freelance Experts	36'000	37'881	36'000
Auditors	3'000	2'800	2'800
External Consultant	4'300	2'288	1'200
Total Services	43'300	42'969	40'000
Administration, Office			
Office Rental Costs	11'000	17'039	16'500
Postal Charges, Telephone	0	1'930	1'500
Insurance	0	735	800
Membership Fee SportAccord	4'000	4'000	4'000
Sundry Expenses	1'000	10'430	2'900
Bank Charges	2'000	1'390	1'300
Travel, Accommodation, Meetings Office	0	6'086	3'000
Total Administration, Office	18'000	41'610	30'000

EXPENSES CHF	BUDGET 2018	RESULTS 2018	BUDGET 2019
Operative Expenses GA, MC, EB			
Travel, Accommodation, Meetings General Assembly	25'000	25'589	15'000
Travel, Accommodation, Meetings Executive Board	5'500	31'762	20'000
Travel, Accommodation, Meetings Management Committee	9'000	21'244	15'000
Operative Expenses GA, MC, EB	39'500	78'595	50'000
Operative Expenses Commissions			
Access	1'000	2'267	1'000
Anti Doping	500	0	0
Ice Climbing	1'800	894	800
Medical	1'800	0	1'000
Youth, Rock Climbing	1'500	734	1'500
Mountaineering, Training	6'500	750	3'000
Mountain Protection	1'000	2'096	1'000
Safety	13'200	10'341	10'000
Total Expenses Commissions	27'300	17'037	18'300

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

Expenses

EXPENSES CHF	BUDGET 2018	RESULTS 2018	BUDGET 2019
Commission Projects			
Access	0	523	0
Anti Doping	5'000	6'130	8'000
Ice Climbing	259'400	245'935	332'100
Medical	0	0	0
Mountain Protection	27'000	12'963	15'000
Mountaineering, Training	10'100	907	3'000
Safety	40'000	33'529	38'500
Youth	12'000	11'799	10'000
Rock Climbing	5'000	4'567	3'000
Total Commission Projects	368'500	316'353	409'600

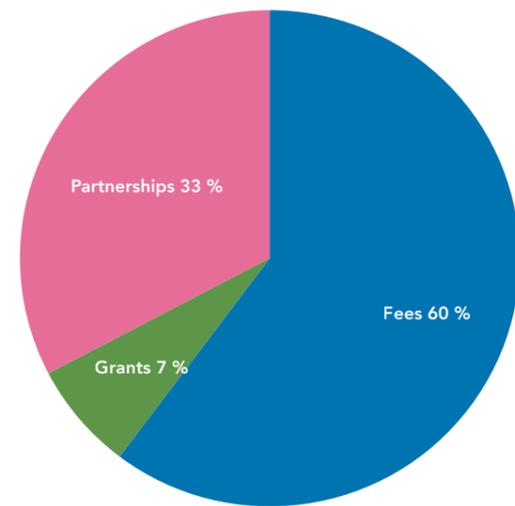
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Communication			
Print communication	5'000	12'138	9'000
E-Communication	4'000	11'864	11'000
Marketing Expenses	4'500	7'597	8'000
Total Communication	13'500	31'599	28'000
TOTAL EXPENSES	847'100	869'356	865'900
PROFIT / LOSS	-30'200	-29'896	-9'100



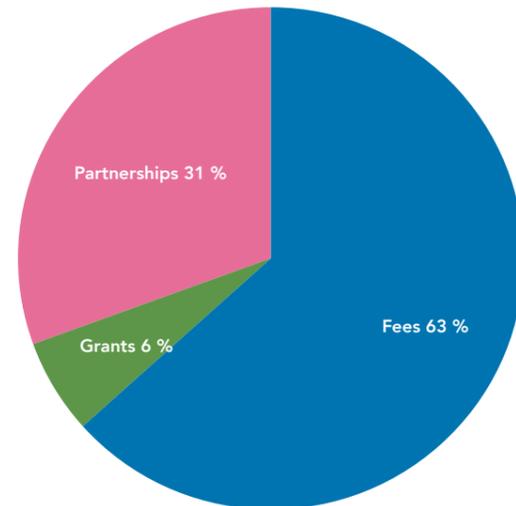
UIAA INCOME 2018

CHF	Budget 2018	Results 2018	Budget 2019
Fees	492.200	531.706	584.100
Grants	57.700	51.360	57.700
Partnerships	267.000	256.394	215.000
Total Income	816.900	839.460	856.800

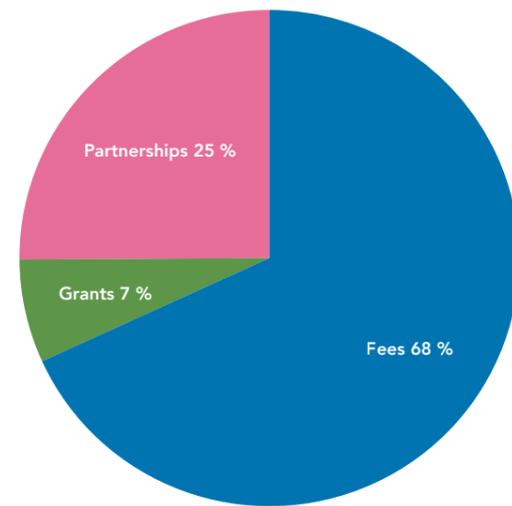
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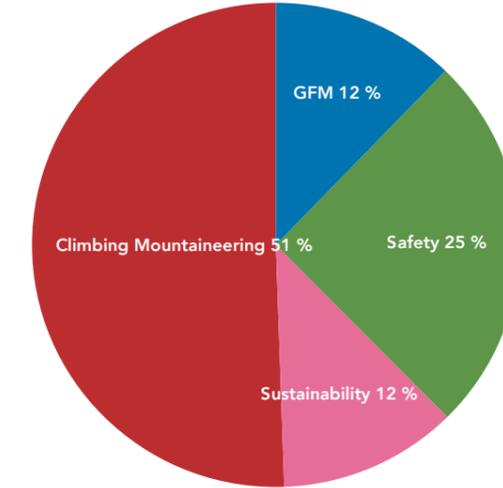
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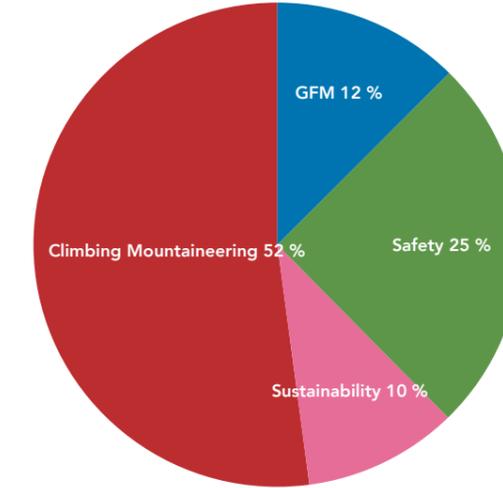
UIAA INCOME 2018 - PILLARS

CHF	Budget 2018	Results 2018	Budget 2019
General Federation Management	100.000	104496	99.500
Safety	207.000	211.607	209.500
Sustainability	97.000	85.993	79.500
Climbing and Mountaineering	412.900	437.364	468.300
Total Income	816.900	839.460	856.800

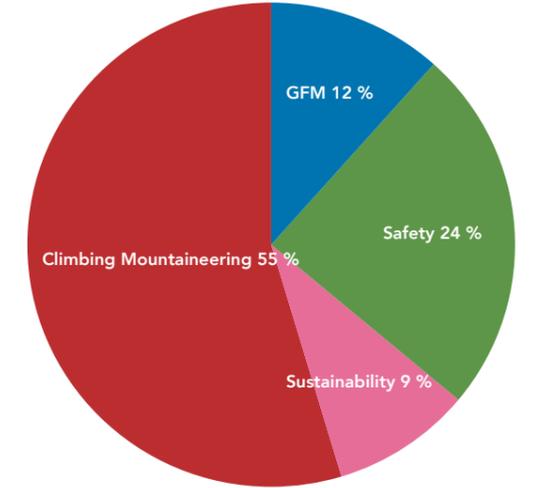
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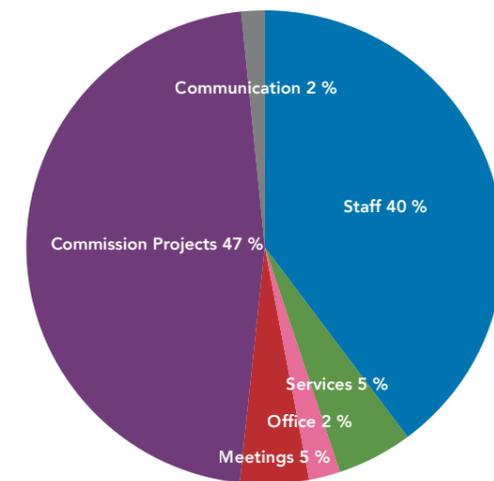
UIAA EXPENSES 2018

CHF	Budget 2018	Results 2018	Budget 2019
Staff	337.000	341.193	290.000
Services	43.300	42.969	40.000
Office, Administration	18.000	41.610	30.000
Meeting Expenses	39.500	78.596	50.000
Commission Projects	395.800	333.398	427.900
Marketing, Communication	13.500	31.599	28.000
Total Expenses	847.100	869.356	865.900
Result	-30.200	-29.896	-9.100

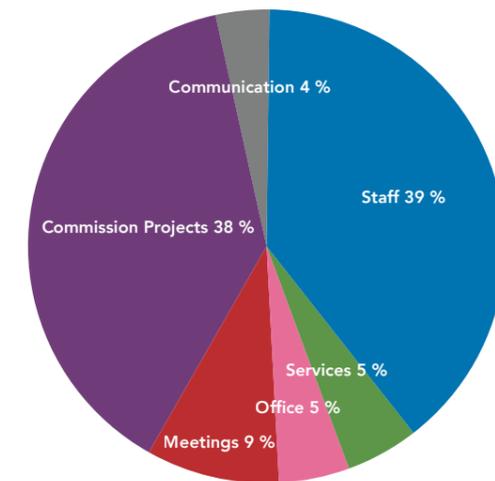
UIAA EXPENSES 2018 - PILLARS

CHF	Budget 2018	Results 2018	Budget 2019
General Federation Management	164.888	223.418	193.263
Safety	125.180	123.067	121.351
Sustainability	126.431	110.677	73.792
Climbing and Mountaineering	430.601	412.194	478.495
Total Expenses	847.100	869.356	865.900
Result	-30.200	-29.896	-9.100

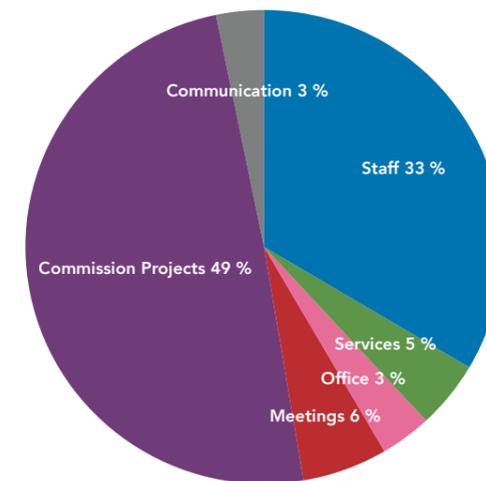
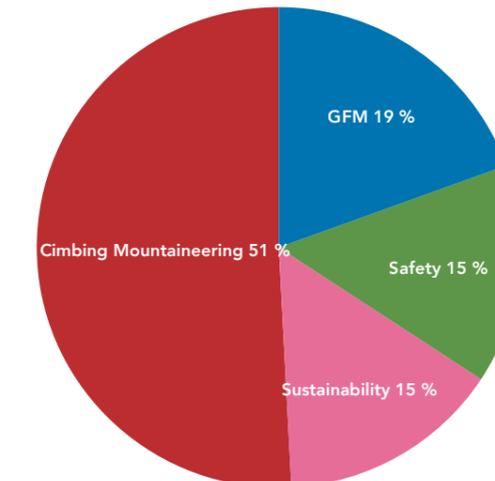
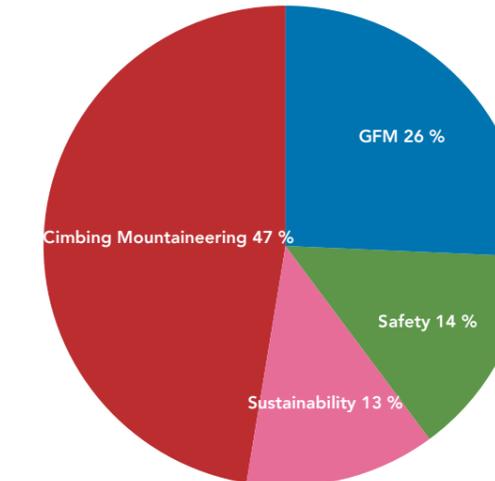
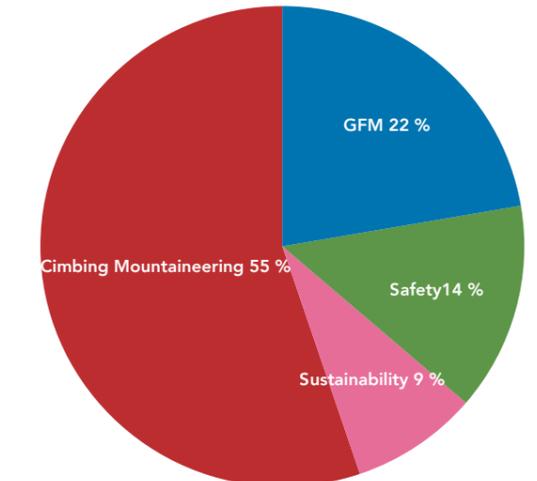
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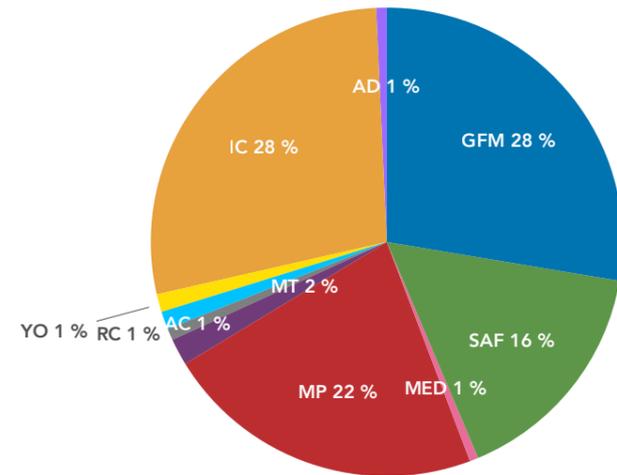


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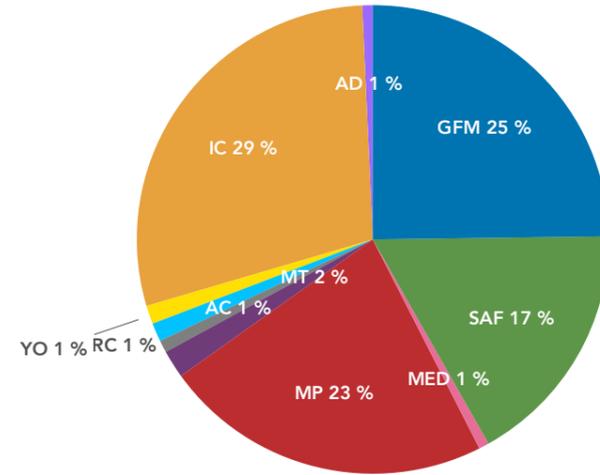
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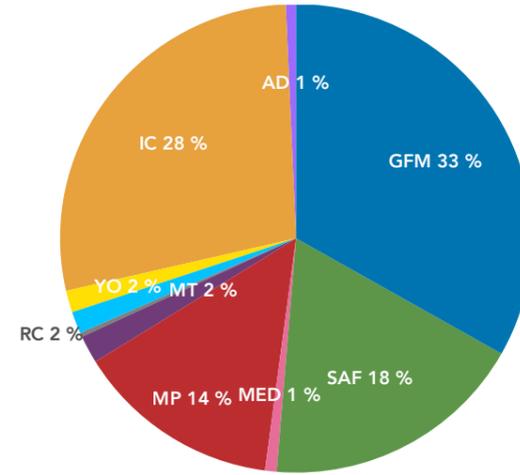
Staff allocated to Commissions
Budget 2018



Staff allocated to Commissions
Results 2018



Staff allocated to Commissions
Budget 2019



CHF	Budget 2018	Results 2018	Budget 2019
General Federation Management	93.188	84.571	96.263
Safety Commission	53.980	58.189	52.538
Medical Commission	2.000	2.366	2.313
Mountain Protection Commission	74.231	76.976	40.792
Mountaineering Commission, TS	6.229	6.595	5.558
Access Commission	2.693	2.876	835
Rock Climbing	4.164	4.347	4.381
Youth Commission	4.164	4.347	4.381
Ice Climbing Commission	93.925	98.500	80.912
Anti Doping Commission	2.427	2.427	2.030
Total Staff	337.000	341.193	290.000

UIAA BALANCE SHEET

Assets

CHF	31 December 2018	31 December 2017
Assets		
Cash and bank	531.329	695.792
Accounts receivables	0	2.120
Prepayments and accrued income	106.610	3.947
Total assets	637.939	701.858

Liabilities and Funds

CHF	31 December 2018	31 December 2017
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	27.992	25.786
Other short term liabilities	215	0
Accrued expenses and deferred income	247.947	247.336
General provision	56.543	93.598
Total current liabilities	332.697	366.720
Funds		
Solidarity fund	8.821	8.821
Access and conservation fund	2.763	2.763
Total funds	11.584	11.584
Capital of the association as per 1 January	323.554	321.484
Profit/loss for the year	-29.896	2.071
Capital of the association as per 31 December	293.658	323.554
Total liabilities and funds	637.939	701.858

REVIEW REPORT
To the general meeting of

UIAA - International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation, Berne

In accordance with your instructions, we have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of UIAA - International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation for the financial year ended 31 December 2018.

These financial statements are the responsibility of the association board. Our responsibility is to issue a report on these financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with the Swiss Auditing Standard 910 "Review". This Standard requires that we plan and perform the review to obtain moderate assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. A review is limited primarily to inquiries of company personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data and thus provides less assurance than an audit. We have not performed an audit and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying financial statements do not comply with Swiss law and the articles of association.

Berne, 28 March 2019

BDO Ltd

Matthias Hildebrandt
Auditor in Charge
Swiss Certified Accountant

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Financial statements

BDO Ltd, a limited company under Swiss law, incorporated in Zurich, forms part of the International BDO Network of independent member firms.

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UIAA OFFICE REPORT

The UIAA Office is located in the Swiss capital, Bern. On an operational level, the UIAA continues to benefit from a close collaboration with the SAC, Swiss Alpine Club.

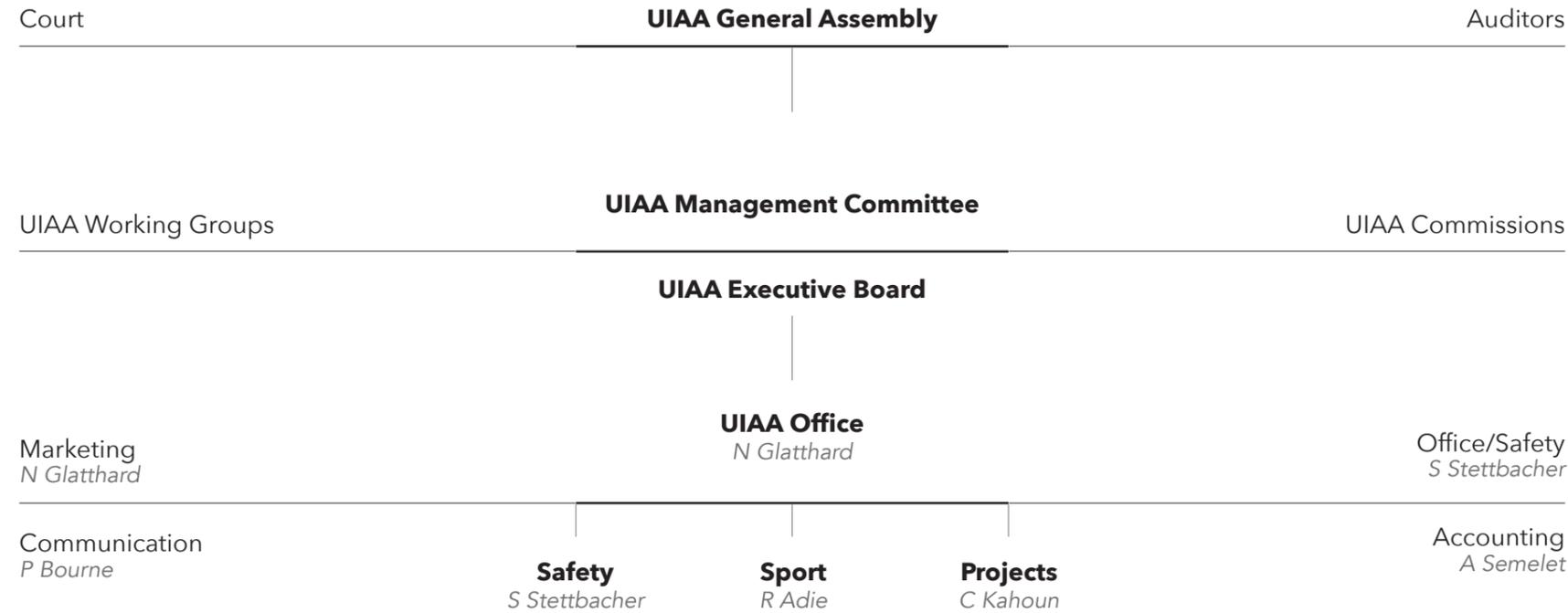
The staff working in the UIAA Office in Bern, Switzerland are responsible for running the daily operations of the UIAA. It is the staff's duty and commitment to serve UIAA members and to support, coordinate, plan and implement the activities and decisions of the Executive Board, the Management Committee and UIAA Commissions.

In 2018, the Office is composed of six paid staff members, including one independent for communication, representing 4.2 full time jobs in total.



ORGANISATIONAL CHART

UIAA MEMBER FEDERATIONS



Rob Adie, Peter Bourne, Stephanie Stettbacher, Nils Glatthard. UIAA Office representatives at the 2018 UIAA General Assembly in Mongolia

International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation
FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS D'ALPINISME



MONGOLIAN NATIONAL CLIMBING FEDERATION
МОНГОЛ УЛСЫН АЛПИН ИСЭЛЭГ





ROBERT ADIE

SPORT EVENTS COORDINATOR

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- Support, coordination, planning and implementation of projects, activities and decisions of the UIAA Ice Climbing, Youth and Anti-Doping Commissions.
- Collaboration and development of relationships with sport organisations, stakeholders and partners: IOC, member federations, event organisers, sponsors, dedicated media, athletes and officials.
- Development and coordination of UIAA's international events such as UIAA Ice Climbing World Championships, UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour, UIAA Ice Climbing World Youth Championships and continental series.
- Support and implementation of sport-related projects and decisions of the UIAA Executive Board, Management Committee, General Assembly and Commissions.



PETER BOURNE

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- Development and implementation of UIAA's communication strategy, plans and tools.
- Content producer and coordinator in general.
- Website content (coordination regarding website development which is managed by external webmasters) and social media management.
- Newsletters, news releases, member/partner/sponsor communications.
- Annual Report creation.



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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, EB, Commission Presidents, Management Committee and member associations.
- Development and presentation of partnership proposals and contracts.
- UIAA representation at events and on international platforms.



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- Further development of the "Global Mountain Network" through cooperation and exchange of information with relevant international organisations and partners.
- UIAA representation on relevant national and international platforms.
- Development and coordination of the UIAA Mountain Protection Award, Respect the Mountains Movement and other UIAA projects and partnerships.
- Evaluation and development of new funding opportunities, linked to UIAA or UIAA partner projects, such as donations and legacies.



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- Assistance and support of UIAA's Mountain Protection and Access Commissions.
- Collaboration with leading sustainability and other organisations, such as UN, WWF, UNFCCC, IOC;
- Representing the UIAA at international sustainability forums and tradeshows.



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- Preparation of budgets, forecasts, profit and loss statements, balance sheet, in collaboration with the UIAA Treasurer and Director of Operations.
- Accounting, bookkeeping.
- Member surveys, invoices, reminders, payments.



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Member Services

COMMUNICATION

The UIAA provides a number of communication services, primarily to its members and secondly, to the wider climbing and mountaineering community. As part of its current communication planning, the UIAA is taking on board a lot of valuable feedback made by members at the 2018 General Assembly regarding communication preferences, tools and member visibility.

Annual Report

One of the key deliverables to its members, the UIAA Annual Report has been completely revised to include dedicated areas on member benefits, more digital material, links to key assets and presented in a more attractive, readable format.

dot.sport

In December 2018, the UIAA signed an agreement with GAISF - Global Association of International Sports Federations - in relation to its new .sport programme. The UIAA has been granted international rights for certain .sport domains. A number of these may be offered to UIAA members in the near future. A dedicated news release about the .sport programme will be published in 2019. Read more [here](#).

News Articles

The UIAA communication strategy is built around collaboration with all of its Commissions, member associations, partners as well as events and projects. The strategy put in place ensures all aspects of the UIAA's activities are promoted in equal measure throughout the year. UIAA

news articles are shared through newsletters, press releases and social media.

The top most read ten news articles from 2018 are listed in the [Review of 2018](#).

Newsletters

The monthly UIAA newsletter, primarily targeted at members, provides all subscribers with the latest, key news and updates from the UIAA. To comply with GDPR regulations in 2018, the UIAA completely cleaned its mailing lists and is fully GDPR compliant.

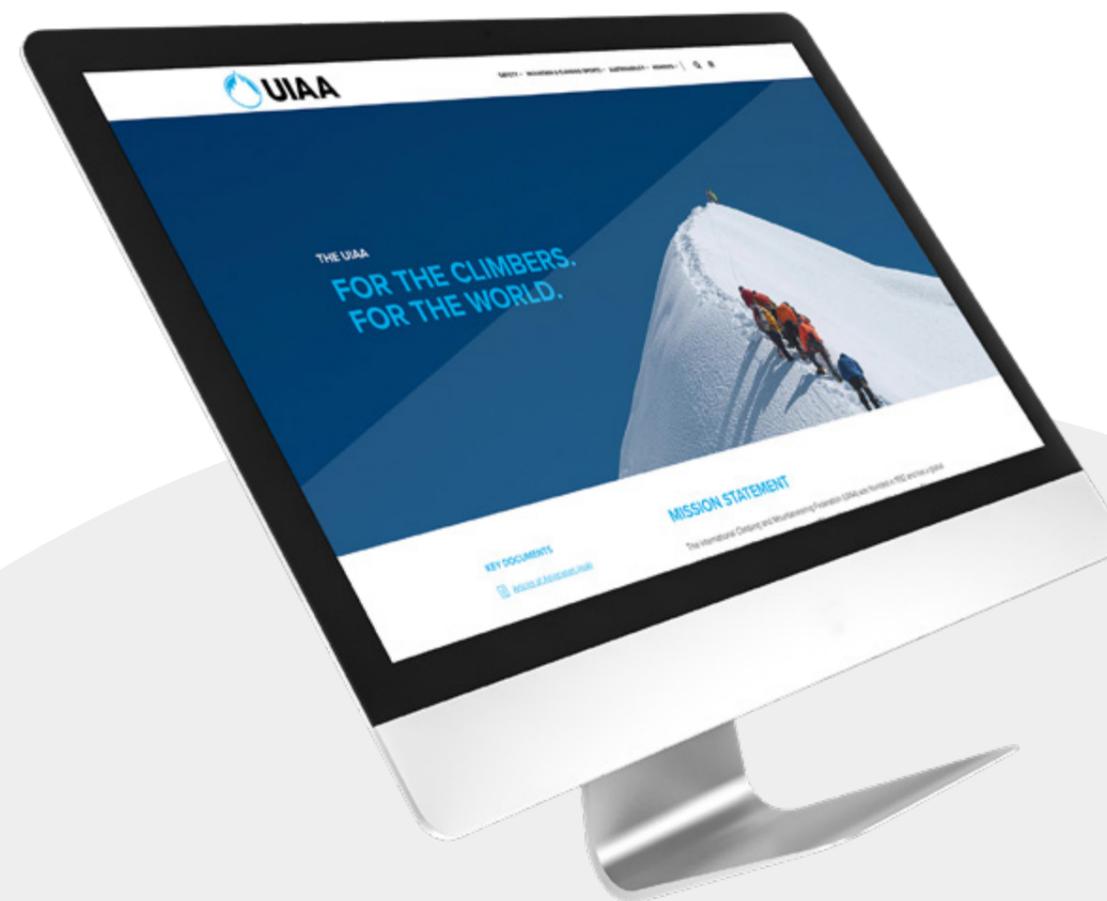
Social Media

The UIAA audience on Facebook counts nearly 40K followers (+9K from 2017). Followers while comprising members, UIAA delegates and partners, primarily include general-interest climbers and mountaineers. Facebook is a valuable tool in sharing video as well as news articles, causes and content from UIAA members. It also allows the UIAA to share content to a wider public and beyond its subscriber lists.

The UIAA presence on Twitter is very stable, 13K followers. The Twitter audience comprises a number of media outlets, journalists, members and partners. Consequently, the UIAA strategy for this channel reflects the different interests of this public.

Examples of the video content produced by the UIAA are provided throughout this document.

The UIAA also runs an Instagram channel. Late on in 2018, it was decided this channel would focus on the UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup given the high percentage of athletes as followers.



Website

The [UIAA website](#) was redesigned in the autumn of 2016 and has undergone incremental updates ever since.

In 2018, developments included:

- A new [Skills page](#) related to UIAA Training
- [International calendars for Rock and Ice Climbing festivals and events](#)
- Dedicated pages for each of the [UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour](#) competitions
- Greater flexibility to switch the home page for different editorial objectives
- A QR code project for the UIAA Safety Label which will lead to a dedicated resource on [climber safety](#)

In 2019, new developments will include:

- An international calendar for youth events
- An international calendar for Respect the Mountains
- A revised Member Associations page which will provide more details about individual UIAA members, their news, activities and a resource for members to share details on climbing in their country
- A mis-use page for the UIAA Safety Label

Website statistics compared to 2017:

32% ↑

The number of unique users increased by 32%

33% ↑

The number of new users rose by 33%

17% ↑

The number of visits increased by 17%

11% ↑

The number of page views increased by 11%

8% ↓

The average session duration decreased by 8%, possibly because people are finding information faster



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MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

The UIAA Communication team is always keen to share information about member association activities. Please email news@theuiaa.org to share content. Likewise, any content produced by the UIAA is free of restrictions for members to use and share

in their own publications and across digital channels. Working together we can provide the climbing and mountaineering world with the information important to them.

REPORT BY

PETER BOURNE

UIAA Communication Manager

THE UIAA ON SOCIAL MEDIA





Outdoor Research succeeds
The North Face Korea
as World Tour sponsor.

SPONSORING & PARTNERS

Revenues from sponsorship account for about 30% of all UIAA income.

In the Sport pillar, revenues continue to be stable, mainly due to a long-term contract with the main partner of the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour, Outdoor Research. This contract will run from 2019 to 2023. The UIAA continues to actively look for technical, mobility and timekeeping partnerships.



FULL STORY

OUTDOOR RESEARCH SIGNS FIVE-YEAR DEAL
WITH UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD TOUR

<https://www.theuiaa.org/uiaa/outdoor-research-signs-five-year-deal-with-uiaa-ice-climbing-world-tour/>



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It's what drives us. We love coming to work every day and inventing ever better
solutions to what nature throws our way.
But we're more than just the gear we build.
We're part of a community of friends whose lives are
connected by our common need to be outside.
Our tribe is devoted to exploring our outdoor passions and
challenging ourselves in the mountains, water and
deserts of the planet we love so much.

Thomas Kahr (UIAA Executive Board), Chairman Sung (YoungOne Corporation), Christian Pae, (Director of Korean Alpine Federation International Relations), Nils Glatthard (UIAA Director of Operations)



In the UIAA Sustainability pillar, the UIAA collaborated with Sunday Afternoons on the Respect the Mountains project. The relationship is set to continue in 2019. The UIAA is actively looking for partners and donations for the Mountain Protection Award and other sustainability initiatives.

The Bern office is continually exploring new sponsorship opportunities and means of approaching potential sponsors. Members of the Executive Board, Commissions and the office staff were present at major international trade shows such as ISPO Beijing and Munich, Outdoor Friedrichshafen to represent the UIAA and to build relationships with partners. Many of these meetings are detailed in individual chapters.

UIAA PARTNERS

The UIAA partners with a number of international organisations across its projects in safety, sport and sustainability including:

Organisation recognised by the



INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Recognised since 1995

by the International Olympic Committee (IOC)

Safety



ICAR
International Commission for Alpine Rescue



The Petzl Fondation

Sport



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Association of IOC Recognised International Sport Federations



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United Nations 10-Year YFP Sustainable Tourism Programme



SafeCom

THE UIAA AND MOUNTAIN SAFETY

The UIAA, through its Safety Commission, supports climbers and mountaineers in their goal of managing the inherent risks of their activities. This objective is achieved by establishing excellent equipment Standards, together with recommendations concerning the correct use of this equipment and the granting of Safety Labels to manufacturers whose gear and equipment meets the UIAA Standards.

SUMMARY OF 2018

This year could be called the year of collaboration for the Safety Commission.

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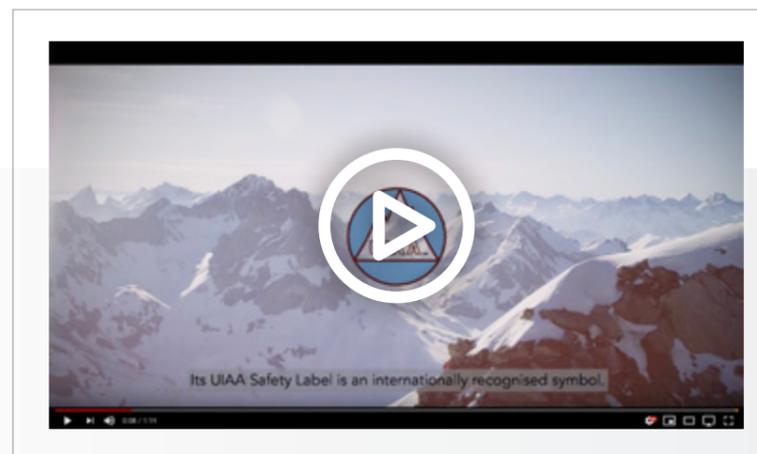
Safety Standards

77

Safety Label Holders

2265

Safety Labels issued in 2018



A guide to the UIAA Safety Label
<https://youtu.be/Cfwd9h3T-7s>

OUTREACH ASIA

In the Commission's continued efforts towards 'outreach Asia', a Chinese version of the user interface for Safety Label applicants and Safety Label holders is being created with the help of a UIAA accredited laboratory.

ICE CLIMBING STANDARD

Work has started on a new standard for ice climbing structures in collaboration with the UIAA Ice Climbing commission.

NON-PPE

A collaborative effort has started to shortlist possible non-PPE climbing gear for which standards could be developed.

ANCHOR CORROSION PROJECT

A major achievement has been the continuation of anchor corrosion research. The working group (WG) has been reconstituted and failure analysis of collected anchors is being carried out. [Full story here.](#)

WORKING GROUPS

A Helmet Research Working Group is working on recommendations for having a complementary test for rim impact A

Harness Working Group is investigating issues observed in diaper-style harnesses. Meanwhile, field tests are being carried out to collect data towards developing a draft standard for avalanche probes, a new WG is carrying out tests to investigate the root cause of the issue of variance in results reported by a climbing magazine.

PICTORIALS

Safety Standards are displayed on the UIAA website through pictorials. These are now being revised to incorporate changes and updates as also to make the look and feel more contemporary.

SUPPORT FOR UIAA MEMBERS

Resources provided by the UIAA Safety Commission, such as the development of international Standards, granting of UIAA Safety Labels, research into safety issues and publication of key advice messages are designed to improve climber safety and offer climbers greater access to information

in making choices about how they climb and the equipment they use. Resources are free for all members to share on their own channels. Research conducted by the Commission has a direct benefit for all climbers worldwide.



REPORT FROM ANNUAL COMMISSION MEETING

The Annual Commission meeting was held in Porto, Portugal on 15-16 May, 2018 hosted by the Clube Nacional de Montanhismo CNM.

Attended by 39 delegates including five national delegates, 21 manufacturers, three labs, guests and UIAA office staff.

In respect of rock anchors it was decided to adopt the new wording of the proposed EN 959:2018 as and when it is approved. However the WG would continue with the testing of rock anchors so that the basis of the findings, a revised standards and additional test methods could be developed. Actions to be taken in view of the new CEN Regulations for PPE were discussed. Updates on snow probes and standard for ice

tools, presentation on the classification and test methods for belay devices were some of the other discussions at the meeting.

A presentation was given by ICAR - International Commission for Alpine Rescue

representative Gebhard Barbisch about better and safer rescue techniques. With similar goals as SafeCom, it was agreed that the two organisations could find ways of working together. The ICAR representative was invited

to join a WG on new standards. Ice climbing structures and developing standards for them was discussed and a joint WG was formed.

Updates on helmet rim impact testing, a small revision on 'end-marking of ropes' and a new version of the standard for dynamic lanyards, UIAA 109 was approved. An article in the German-language Alpine magazine quoting discrepancies in the tests results of Via Ferrata sets was discussed and resulted in the formation of another WG to examine the issue. 30 samples of Via Ferrata sets are currently being tested at six

labs to verify the results quoted by the magazine.

Further details from the meeting are available [here](#).

EVENTS, CONFERENCES, MEETINGS

The Safety Commission was represented at the following international conferences:

- [ISPO Beijing, January 2018](#)
- [ISPO Munich, March 2018](#)
- [Outdoor Show Friedenstein, June 2018](#)

QR CODE

At the 2018 UIAA General Assembly, SafeCom presented its QR code initiative. Subject to feedback for manufacturers, the QR code may be offered to Safety Label holders to add to their equipment packaging. The QR code would scan through to a UIAA website page dedicated to climber safety. The resource would allow climbers to check for certified equipment and access details and resources related to advice regarding buying equipment.



2019: THE YEAR AHEAD

By the time Safety Commission meets next year, it is expected that a new standards for avalanche probes would have been finalised, the first draft of the climbing structures proposal would be ready to be presented and a new test for finished rock anchors available. Chinese manufacturers would be able to apply and maintain their Safety Labels in Chinese and a list of non-PPE climbing gear would be ready to start work on dedicated Standards. Outreach Asia, North and South America would continue and the Commission hopes to see increased participation from these regions.



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AMIT CHOWDHURY

UIAA Safety Commission President

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As confirmed by the UIAA Management Committee in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (October 2018)

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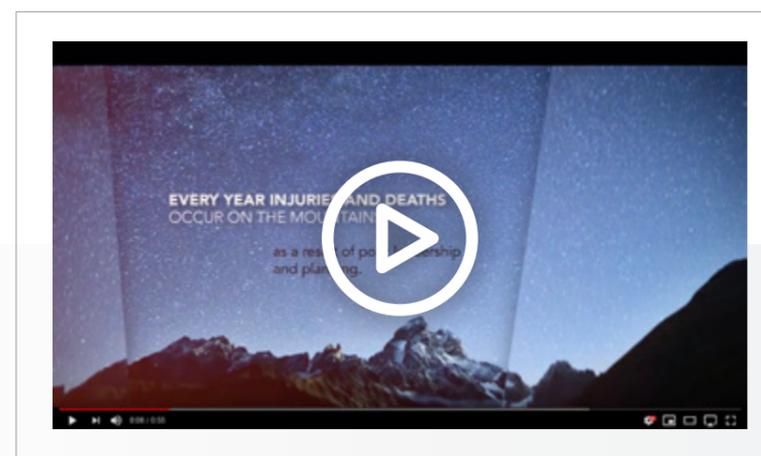
THE UIAA AND MOUNTAIN MEDICINE

The importance of sound mountain-oriented medical advice for health care professionals and lay-mountaineers alike has never been greater as increasing numbers of people around the world participate in climbing and mountaineering adventures.

The mission of the UIAA Medical Commission is to give the best possible advice through its network of doctoral-level mountain medicine experts, advice pages, the International Diploma in Mountain Medicine, and the dissemination of papers, translated into over ten languages.

Medical Advice Papers

THE UIAA MEDCOM'S ADVICE PAPERS ARE ONE THE MOST VIEWED AND DOWNLOADED RESOURCES ON THE UIAA WEBSITE. **UP TO 10,000 PAPERS WERE DOWNLOADED IN 2018.**



Promo: UIAA MedCom High-Altitude Papers
<https://youtu.be/ZzmU0cQ8psA>

31

Medical & High-Altitude advice papers

13

Different languages

172

High-Altitude papers in total

SUPPORT FOR UIAA MEMBERS

The UIAA MedCom provides a range of services for both UIAA members and the wider mountaineering community. Its high-altitude advice papers are internationally respected and the fruits of years of research compiled by Commission representatives from UIAA member

associations worldwide. Translated into 13 languages they are a valuable resource which can be shared through member association communication channels. This expertise provides a broad range of mountain users - gap year travellers, novice climbers, experienced mountaineers and

those with specific medical considerations - with potentially life-saving information. Furthermore, the UIAA International Diploma in Mountain Medicine helps improve knowledge and increase expertise amongst medical practitioners across the world.

NEW PAPER

Diabetes

In August 2018, the UIAA Medical Commission produced its latest medical advice paper titled [Recommendations for Mountaineers, Hillwalkers, Trekkers and Rock and Ice Climbers with Diabetes](#). The paper unites a consensus view of experts from different countries, cultures and health systems.

As the paper's introduction states, more and more people are participating in mountain sports across the world. However, with the world's life expectancy increasing, greater numbers of people are also suffering with pre-existing medical conditions, with diabetes among the fastest growing conditions worldwide. As such, those travelling to remote mountainous areas require advice

and information on self care in order to be able to enjoy their activities in a safe manner.

The object of this advice paper, which took around four years to complete, is not only to give the diabetic mountaineer general guidance but also to inform his or her medical team of practical aspects of care that may not be standard for non-mountaineers. The guidelines are produced in seven sections. The paper has been published in the internationally respected peer-reviewed mountain medicine journal "High Altitude Medicine and Biology" and is free to access and downloadable [here](#).

The full paper - including links to appendices and footnotes - can be downloaded [here](#).

Progress

The year 2018 saw Commission member Thomas Küpper continue to lead the way on its work on translating existing advice papers.

These are all published on the UIAA [website](#) and are readily available and free to download from the UIAA website. MedCom members have helped translate additional papers into Chinese, Polish and Czech. In addition to this, Peter Bourne, UIAA Communication Manager, with the help of the UIAA MedCom President has produced a number of recommendation articles for publication on the UIAA website. This has proved important in providing insight into various subjects and key topics for those who do not have the time to read the original documents.

These articles can be viewed here:

- 1) [Nutritional considerations in mountaineering](#)
- 2) [Children at Altitude](#)
- 3) [Mountain activities for people with pre-existing cardiovascular conditions](#)
- 4) [Avoiding the perils of Kilimanjaro](#)
- 5) [What you need to know about water disinfection in the mountains](#)
- 6) [Advice for Gap Year Explorers. How to Check The Quality of a Commercially Organised Trek or Expedition](#)
- 7) [Dealing with Eye Problems in Expeditions](#)
- 8) [A Guide on When and How to Use Portable Hyperbaric Chambers](#)
- 9) [Golden Rules for Novice Climbers](#)
- 10) [Advice for Women going to Altitude](#)
- 11) [Advantages and Disadvantages of Using Walking Sticks in the Mountains](#)
- 12) [Emergency Field Management of ACS, HAPE and HACE](#)
- 13) [Diabetes](#)

PARTNERSHIPS

After formalising its co-operation in 2016 with sister organization [ICAR MedCom](#), which saw each MedCom President become an official observer of the other, the

UIAA MedCom has begun the same process with its other sister organization, the [International Society for Mountain Medicine \(ISMM\)](#).

INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA

As part of the International Diploma Administrative Group, three of the UIAA MedCom members work with ICAR MedCom and the International

Society of Mountain Medicine to administer the international UIAA/ICAR/ISMM Diploma of Mountain Medicine.



ANNUAL COMMISSION MEETING

21-24 November 2018, Kathmandu, Nepal

The UIAA Medical Commission hosted its annual meeting in Kathmandu, Nepal in mid November, an occasion that coincided with the biennial [XII World Congress on Mountain Medicine](#), attended by 420 clinicians from all around the world, run by the International Society for Mountain Medicine and organised by the Mountain Medicine Society of Nepal.

One of the core achievements of the Commission this year was the publication of its high-altitude paper on diabetes.

During the meeting, the resignation of President George Rodway (AAC, United States) was confirmed. Former Commission President David Hillebrandt (BMC, UK), current

Vice President, is serving as interim President until a new President is elected early in 2019.

MedCom, represented by 16 of its members, dedicated most of the meeting to planning and preparing future advice papers. These may include a paper on telemedicine and an update to the paper on how to check the quality of a commercially organised trek or expedition. Close partner, ICAR MedCom, was able to join part of the meeting which focused on rescue and mountain medicine education on Kilimanjaro. The UIAA MedCom's rich library of content includes an [advice paper dedicated to Africa's highest mountain](#).

2019: The Year Ahead

A key aim for the year ahead is to continue the success the Commission has achieved with further publication of our MedCom advice papers. The Commission will continue to reach out and

co-operate with other mountain medicine groups around the world as well as increasing its efforts to spread the Commission's message to those areas of the world in most need of medical advice.



REPORT BY

GEORGE RODWAY

Outgoing President, UIAA Medical Commission

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Mountaineering Commission

UIAA AND MOUNTAINEERING

The expansion and development of the Training Panel programme is a key priority for the Mountaineering Commission. This includes work on the implementation and diffusion of the digital version of the [Alpine Handbook](#) (see chapter on [Training](#)) and a new administration system for UIAA members. Throughout 2018, the Commission was engaged in a number of topics including Ethics in climbing, liability insurance, and advancements in the Near Miss project and accidents survey database.



UIAA Mountaineering Commission meeting - April 21-22, 2018, Lisbon, Portugal, hosted by the Federação de Campismo e Montanhismo de Portugal (FCMP)

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Agreement between UIAA and PETZL Foundation, UIAA/PETZL Memento

With the support of the Petzl Foundation, MountCom has continued to develop the Alpine Handbook and to encourage the production of more language versions. New material has been added on rock climbing, a digital version (in English) has been published online and is starting to be adopted in many countries. The English version of the Handbook can be purchased from the following [link](#).

Dialogue with UIAGM

The dialogue with the International Federation of Mountain Guides Associations, initiated in 2016, is still in progress. The activities related to Training Standards are a concrete way of cooperation and a possibility for mutual increase of the UIAA's impact on mountaineering communities worldwide.

Inspection Visits

Inspection visits took place in Croatia, Czech Republic and FYR Macedonia and others are planned during 2019. See the separate report from Steve Long/ Training Panel Chair.

Legal Experts Working Group (LEWG)

The chair of the LEWG, Klara Dvorakova from the Czech Republic, reported that due to a number of reasons, the Legal Expert Working Group's has been somewhat reduced during 2018. A report has been prepared about some interesting judgements of German and Austrian courts regarding the liability of climbing partners, climbing walls operators, outdoor park operators, mountain guides, ski instructors and also of an Alpine Club for an accident while climbing/hill walking/skiing. This report collects data from 2011.

Ethics

In 2018, no particular activity was advanced concerning "ethics". However, this is still a very important issue for the Commission.

The UIAA document 'Preservation of Natural Rock for Adventure Climbing' recognizes the value and benefits of adventure (trad) climbing and the need to ensure that areas of natural rock are preserved. This document has been well received by a number of federations, including Catalonia, France, Norway, South Africa and Turkey, and has been

translated into several languages. As a result, the Mountaineering Commission has made a series of recommendations, and will connect with groups set up in France, Switzerland and South Africa who are concerned about the steady loss of adventure climbing areas and are encouraging adventure/trad climbing. MountCom is actively looking at ways and means of enabling developing countries to obtain self-protection/trad equipment direct from climbers and climbing organisations in developed countries, as well as from manufacturers. It also aims to connect with climbing festivals in order to highlight and promote the values of adventure climbing.

SUPPORT FOR UIAA MEMBERS

Training activities receive more and more interest from many UIAA associations and represent the "core business" of MountCom. They represent also a very effective way to involve new associations joining the UIAA and to spread awareness about safe practices concerning climbing and mountaineering.



PRESERVATION OF NATURAL ROCK FOR ADVENTURE CLIMBING

<https://www.theuiaa.org/declarations/preservation-of-natural-rock-for-adventure-climbing/>



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Membership

In 2018, there were no new members in the Mountaineering Commission. Pierre Humblet, past President of the Commission, ended his term (he is now in the UIAA Court). The second term for Mike Galbraith (secretary) and Patrick Lamarque (Vice President) was ending in 2018, but their respective associations have re-proposed them and therefore they have been extended until 2022. A change in President is likely early in 2019 with Claudio Melchiorri having to relinquish his post following CAI's decision to leave the UIAA.

2019

The activities planned for 2019 are related to the two groups of the Commission. On one side, the Commission wants to finalize the new Training database, the Personal Skills training franchising programme and increase the diffusion of the Alpine Handbook. On the other hand, the Commission would like to increase the activities of the LEWG, and its visibility.

2018 Meetings

The Mountaineering Commission held meetings in:

- April 21-22, 2018, Lisbon, Portugal, hosted by the [Federação de Campismo e Montanhismo de Portugal \(FCMP\)](#)
Full report [here](#).
- November, Budapest, Hungary, hosted by [TPSC](#)

PURCHASE: ALPINE HANDBOOK



3.99 GBP

3.51€

\$ 3.99

To purchase the **DIGITAL VERSION** of the UIAA Alpine Skills Handbook (in English), including any future updates to the digital version, click [here](#).

Prices correct as of January 2019 but subject to change/exchange rates.



REPORT BY

CLAUDIO MELCHIORRI

Mountaineering Commission President

KEY LINKS

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Training Qualifications

UIAA TRAINING STANDARDS PANEL

Training is one of the core services offered by the UIAA. In particular, the UIAA Mountain Qualification Label (MQL), managed by the UIAA Training Panel, is an internationally recognised accreditation and certification scheme which examines and evaluates the training and assessment programmes of UIAA member associations.

BENEFITS FOR UIAA MEMBERS

All UIAA members can apply for, and benefit from, MQLs. The process includes an independent assessment of the training provided to voluntary leaders and instructors by a UIAA expert, which is then endorsed by an international panel of experts. Accredited UIAA member associations include representatives from over twenty countries on all six continents. See dedicated [map](#).



Delegates present translated versions of the Alpine Handbook at the 2018 UIAA General Assembly



With the support of key partner, The Petzl Foundation, the Training Panel has continued its development of the Alpine Handbook and to encourage more language versions as well as launching a digital version online for all platforms and mobile devices.

The handbook is a compendium of the essential skills one must acquire in order to become hiking, climbing or mountaineering leader. The purpose of the handbook is to present tried-and-true techniques that can be learned and mastered only through formal training. The entire guide is now available to purchase as a digital download. To support the promotion of the book, the UIAA is publishing a series of extracts from the Guide. These are available to view on the [UIAA Skills](#) page.

At the 2018 UIAA General Assembly (see picture on the left), Stephane Lozach'meur, Petzl Foundation, pre-

sented details about the continued evolution of the [UIAA Alpine Summer Skills handbook](#). In addition to new content on GPS and summer avalanches, currently available in the French version, details on future new language versions include Greek (Mountaineering & Climbing Federation of Cyprus), Japanese (Japan Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation), Romanian (Romanian Alpine Club), Albanian (Kosovo Mountaineering and Alpinist Federation) were announced. Ongoing translations are Farsi (Iran Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation), Spanish (FEEC - Catalan Mountain Federation), Czech (Czech Mountain Leader Association) and Serbian (Mountaineering Association of Serbia). Meanwhile versions in Chinese (Chinese Taipei Alpine Association) and Mongolian (MNCF) have now been published. Existing versions include French, Turkish and Korean.

ALPINE HANDBOOK

Purchase: Alpine Handbook



3.99 GBP

3.51€

\$ 3.99

To purchase the **DIGITAL VERSION** of the UIAA Alpine Skills Handbook (in English), including any future updates to the digital version, click [here](#).

Prices correct as of January 2019 but subject to change/exchange rates.

HILLWALKING SAFETY SEMINARS

The panel successfully delivered a series of hillwalking safety seminars in Cyprus which were designed to act as pilot courses ahead of the skills training programme which is set to be introduced in 2019. This proved very popular and was followed by a refresher course with an assessment element.

This helped to raise the profile of the Cyprus Federation KOMO AAP.

EVENTS

Inspections were conducted for FYR Macedonia, Croatia and the Czech Republic. The visit to FYR Macedonia was complicated by a request for an accident investigation shortly before the visit, which required sensitive dialogue with the parties involved. This demonstrated the need for experienced staff to deal with such unexpected events at inspections.

2019: LAUNCH OF THE NEW TRAINING DATABASE

Work will continue on the Training database. Following a comprehensive testing process, marketing the training services will be implemented over the coming year.

There are plans to launch the long anticipated Personal Skills training franchising programme. Instructors holding accredited qualifications (including IFMGA members) will be empowered to deliver UIAA-branded training courses provided they follow Quality Assurance conditions. A short induction process will be required in order to become a

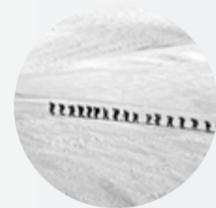
provider along with a small fee to be paid by the student. The Panel will continue to plan to produce more language versions of the Alpine Handbook along with producing an English language version of the Handbook that could be distributed to the main markets for the book.



INTERVIEW WITH STEVE LONG

UIAA TRAINING STANDARDS EXPLAINED

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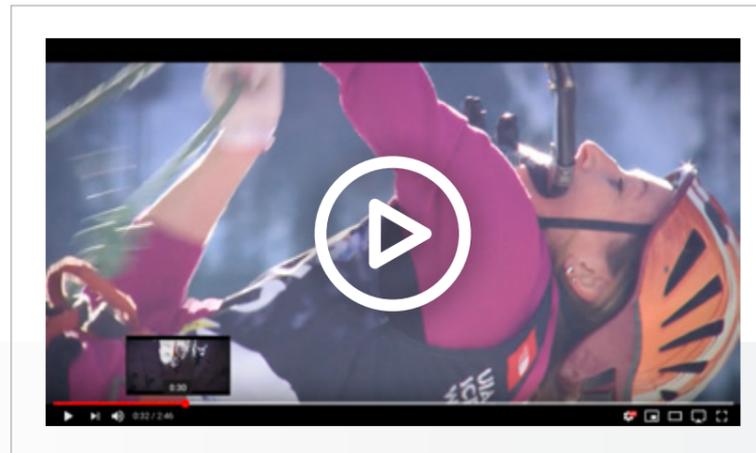
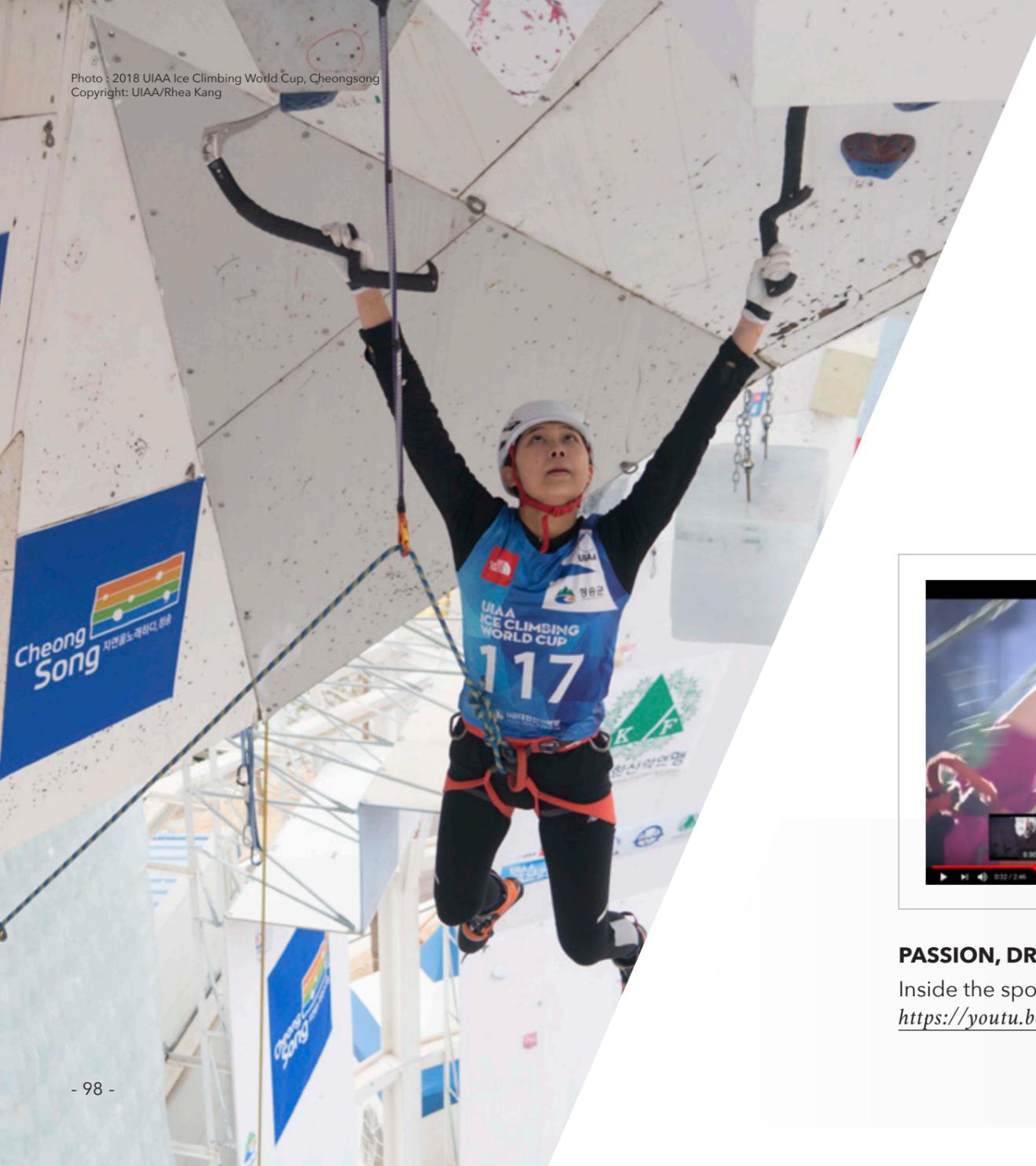


Ice Climbing

THE UIAA AND COMPETITION ICE CLIMBING

The UIAA has organised the sport of ice climbing for over 15 years and in that time has witnessed the incredible growth in popularity of the World Tour. Ice climbing is a dynamic, exciting sport, rewarding determination, technique, speed and precision. The sport is increasingly appealing to young people both as a competition and as a way of developing core mountaineering skills.

The 2018 World Tour was one of the largest to date comprising five World Cups, four European Cups and a World Youth Championships. Events received signature exposure and coverage through the UIAA's livestreaming platform and relationships with partner channels, including [The Olympic Channel](#).

**PASSION, DRAMA, COMMITMENT:**

Inside the sport of Ice Climbing
<https://youtu.be/GugleUqylVA>

In Numbers: 2018 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour

29

Federations
represented

225

Athletes and **679** event
entries

1.7

Million unique
livestream views

12.5

Million reach of all
video content

5

World Cups, in 5 countries
– Switzerland, Italy, China,
South Korea and Russia

3

Continental Championships
– Asia, Europe and North
America

4

European Cups –
Slovenia, Slovakia,
France and Finland.

1

Youth World
Championships in
Liechtenstein

1

International Combined
Format Test Event in
France



World Cup winners from **RUSSIA, SOUTH KOREA** and for the very first time, **IRAN**.

SUPPORT FOR UIAA MEMBERS

The UIAA Ice Climbing Commission provides support to UIAA members regarding all aspects of staging ice climbing competitions – whether related to infrastructures, venues, organising events,

athlete training, anti-doping, results systems and technical aspects. A key resource is the *PractICE Climbing guide* published in 2016. The UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour provides a platform for athletes from member

associations to perform on a global stage complete with exposure through the UIAA's international channels.

2018 UIAA

UIAA Ice Climbing World Youth Championships Malbun, Liechtenstein

6-7 January, 2018

The World Youth Championships gave young athletes the opportunity to compete against the world's best in three age categories; U16, U19 and U22. Malbun has a strong ice climbing pedigree having hosted a round of the Swiss Cup since 2015 and through its annual 'Ice Night' which provided a wonderful atmosphere for competitors. The Liechtenstein Alpine Federation did a fantastic job in organising the event; accommodation and meals were provided for all teams at the hotel.

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PHOTOS AND RESULTS: 2018 UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

<https://www.theuiaa.org/ice-climbing/photos-and-results-2018-uiaa-world-youth-championships/>

72

ATHLETES (+1.4% from previous Championships)

ICE CLIMBING WORLD TOUR EVENTS

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup, Saas-Fee, Switzerland

18-20 January, 2018

One of the more unique and atmospheric ice climbing venues, Saas-Fee has two decades of experience as a World Cup location offering athletes fantastic technical routes and great training facilities. The ice dome itself located at the foot of the resort parking with its spiral levels offered numerous vantage points for spectators to watch athletes ascend the wall.

The event was organised by Kurt Arnold, President of the Organising Committee for the Swiss leg of the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour in collaboration with the Swiss Alpine Club (SAC) and provided athletes and spectators with an enjoyable weekend, mixing top level climbing with musical entertainment. During the final ceremony, the Swiss Cancer Research Foundation were presented with a donation of £25,000 by [Climbers Against Cancer \(CAC\)](#), a charity supported by the UIAA. [Full story](#).

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BLISTERING OPENER TO 2018 UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD TOUR

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98

ATHLETES

228K

288,430 LIVESTREAM VIEWS (+71% from last year)

2M

Total **REACH:** 1,900,744



Final Day Highlights. 2018 UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup Saas-Fee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RrIt8sL4Vsc&feature=youtu.be>

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup, Rabenstein, Italy

25-27 January, 2018

History was made during Round 2 of the 2018 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour in Rabenstein when Mohammadreza Korouyeh Safdarian claimed gold in the men's lead competition to seal a first ever success for an Iranian athlete in the competition's 16-year history.

The event organised by Reinhard Graf, under the wing of the AVS (Alpenverein Südtirol), has proved popular among competitors; its spectacular ice tower taking the climbers not only vertically but also horizontally.

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<https://www.theuiaa.org/ice-climbing/ice-impressionists/>

98 **ATHLETES**

270K **269,861 LIVESTREAM VIEWS** (281% increase)

2.6M **Total REACH: 2,569,778**

 Speed Final | UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup 2018 | Rabenstein, Italy
<https://youtu.be/JdmxU8hs08g>

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup, Hohhot, China

2-4 February, 2018

Following a highly successful event in Beijing last year, China continues to become an important presence on the World Tour stage. Hohhot, located in the Inner Mongolia region was the next stop on the UIAA Ice Climbing Tour. Despite some difficulties with the livestream as well as with athlete isolation, it proved an enjoyable event and provided some excellent insight into Mongolian culture. The event was organised by the Chinese Mountaineering Association (CMA).

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FIRST SEASONAL GOLDS FOR THREE
ATHLETES IN HOHHOT

<https://www.theuiaa.org/ice-climbing/first-seasonal-golds-for-three-athletes-in-hohhot/>

70 **ATHLETES**

370K **370,740 LIVESTREAM VIEWS** (264% increase)

4M **Total REACH: 3,831,263**

 Lead Final Male & Female | UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup 2018 | Hohhot, China
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFJofjaoA2U&feature=youtu.be>

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup, Cheongsong, South Korea

9-11 February, 2018

A terrific event organised by the Korean Alpine Federation (KAF). The state-of-the-art building in front of the ice structure provided excellent viewing possibilities for spectators. The competition site featured local crafts and markets, entertainment and shops making it a splendid community event.



2018 UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup, Cheongsong
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FEMALE WORLD CHAMPIONS
CLAIM CHEONGSONG PLAUDITS

<https://www.theuiaa.org/ice-climbing/female-world-champions-claim-cheongsong-plaudits/>

91 **ATHLETES**

340K **342,489 LIVESTREAM VIEWS (+607%)**

3.5M **Total REACH: 3,519,758**

 Nikolai Kuzovlev speeds to gold!
<https://youtu.be/NrtiG3pKDNQ>

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup, Kirov, Russia

2-4 March, 2018

The season ended with a well organised event underneath the imposing ski jump in Kirov. A feast of relentless, technical ice climbing was provided with the lead final in particular a terrific spectacle with each athlete having their own ice blocks to swing into.

The event was organised by the Russian Mountaineering Federation (RMF).



Photo : 2018 UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup, Kirov
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IN KIROV

https://www.theuiaa.org/uiaa/kirov_2018_review/

101 **ATHLETES**

330K **333,153 LIVESTREAM VIEWS**

270K **Total REACH: 720,062**

 Lead Final Male & Female | UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup 2018 | Kirov, Russia
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TgPnBnrNpsU&feature=youtu.be>

MEDIA COVERAGE

There was a strong international media coverage with articles featuring in a variety of prestigious titles such as *L'Equipe*, *The Times*, *GQ*, *Monocle* and *Outside Magazine*.

Livestreaming coverage was enhanced by partnerships with EXTREME's Facebook channel and The Olympic Channel. These opportunities opened up the sport to a broader audience and a younger demographic. The livestream also provides an opportunity for the UIAA to showcase all aspects of its work. During the 2018 season, video clips related to the UIAA's work in mountain protection and mountain safety were played during the livestream intro and during breaks in competition.

857,000

Estimated digital reach

402,000

Estimated print reach

1,259,000

Estimated combined reach

ADDITIONAL EVENTS AND PROJECTS

For the first time, the UIAA organised a European Tour with European Cup events in [Domzale](#), [Bratislava](#), Champagne and [Oulu](#). These events are designed to provide young ice climbers with the opportunity to experience the competition environment and provide established World Tour climbers the chance to prepare for World Cup events. The event in Champagne featured a test event format with a Combined competition with athlete's results decided by their performances across both lead and speed. This format was then developed at the inaugural [World Combined Championships held in Moscow](#) in December (this was the first event of the 2018-2019 season and will therefore be covered in the 2019 Annual Report).

The [annual Training Camp](#) for ice climbers was held in Kirov, Russia organised by the Russian Mountaineering Federation.

Members of the UIAA Ice Climbing team were part of the federation's delegation at two international trade shows: ISPO in Munich, Germany and the Outdoor in Friedrichshafen, Germany.

ANNUAL MEETING



ICE CLIMBING COMMISSION REFLECTS ON SUCCESSFUL SEASON

<https://www.theuiaa.org/ice-climbing/ice-climbing-commission-reflects-on-successful-season/>

2018-19 UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD TOUR CALENDAR

The 2019 calendar was announced in the summer of 2018, the earliest the new season schedule has ever been confirmed. Featuring six World Cups, three World Championships and four European Cups the season is the biggest yet.



2018-2019 Calendar UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour
https://youtu.be/MPtA_xpq_8E

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Thomas Kahr (UIAA Executive Board), Chairman Sung (YoungOne Corporation), Christian Pae, (Director of Korean Alpine Federation International Relations), Nils Glatthard (UIAA Director of Operations)

OTHER INNOVATIONS

In 2019, a new results system will be developed for use across all UIAA events, featuring online live result submissions and a more interactive experience. This will be launched in 2020.

A new technical service fee will be established in order to create a more sustainable future for ice climbing, while a single production company will be mandated to handle the production and distribution of the World Tour livestream.

The Commission will seek to develop ice climbing as well as the UIAA brand, across the world, both in new countries as well as continuing to support national federations. Following the success of the European Tour, there will be an attempt to develop similar tours in Asia and North America.

OUTDOOR RESEARCH: NEW TITLE PARTNER

In October 2018, it was confirmed that Outdoor Research (OR) will succeed The North Face Korea as World Tour title sponsor until 2023.

A dedicated press release can be found [here](#). The UIAA thanks The North Face Korea for its support and partnership and looks forward to working with OR to explore new opportunities.



Durchstiegene Kletterrouten und Gipfelerfolge treiben uns an - sie sind die Sahnehäubchen auf unseren Erlebnissen. Wir leben für die Momente, die unsere Reisen besonders machen; gemeinsam mit Freunden gelebte Herausforderungen, Abenteuer und High-Fives. Wir sind hier für diese besonderen Momente, die uns das Leben spüren lassen, und für die Vorfreude auf alle zukünftigen Trips.

JOHN PRICE
CHINA



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for the
journey
ahead



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Rock Climbing

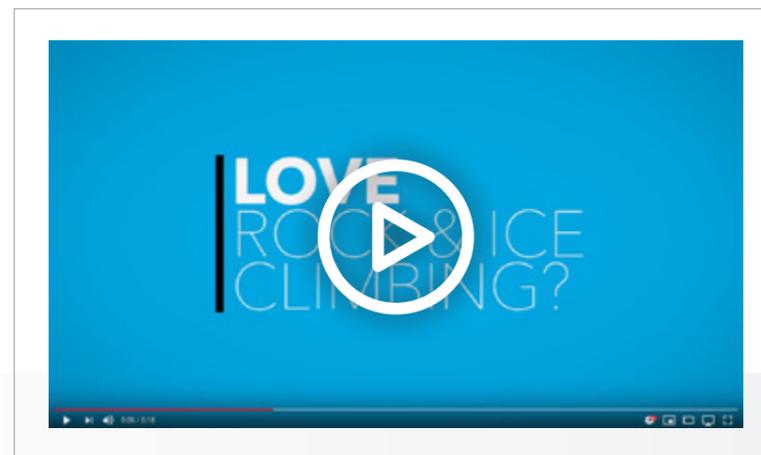
UIAA ROCK CLIMBING FESTIVAL AWARD

The UIAA is proud to reward those who promote responsible rock climbing. Ever since its foundation in 1932, the UIAA has supported and developed mountain sports and rock climbing in parallel with its commitment to protecting the environment in which they are practised. High

mountains, big walls, bouldering, ski mountaineering, ice climbing and rock climbing; these are all activities in the DNA of the UIAA and run in parallel to its commitment to sustainable practices. Since 2015, the UIAA has organised a dedicated annual Award for rock climbing festivals worldwide.

NEW UIAA TOOL

As part of its commitment to supporting international rock climbing events, the UIAA recently launched a tool for organisers to showcase their festivals and for climbers to seek out festivals held near them. The calendar is available to view [here](#).



**INTRODUCING:
UIAA ROCK AND ICE FESTIVAL CALENDAR 2019**

<https://youtu.be/eKDoLz0gEGo>

2018 UIAA ROCK CLIMBING FESTIVAL AWARD

During the Gala dinner which concluded the 2018 UIAA General Assembly, the winners of the [2018 UIAA Rock Climbing Festival Award](#) were announced.

UIAA Rock Climbing Panel representatives, Anne Arran (BMC), UIAA Management Committee, and Marc Beverly, UIAA Executive Board, presented the concept of the Award which was launched in 2015 and is dedicated to a different continent each year. The focus in 2018 was South and Central America with three festivals recognised. Given the strong profile of each of the candidates, the Award Panel decided to recognise all three shortlisted projects, splitting the overall prize money.

[Festival de Boulder de Mar del Plata](#) in Argentina was announced as the overall winner (1000 USD) with Bolivia's [BLOQUEando](#) handed the development prize (1000 USD). The [Capixaba Climbing](#)

[Festival](#) in Brazil was awarded runner-up (500 USD). "All three Festivals demonstrated enormous potential and are committed to developing rock climbing activities in their respective regions and in accordance with the UIAA values, focusing on safety, sustainability and sport development," explained Arran. The 2018 editions of all three festivals were held before the turn of the year.

Shortly after the GA, Anne Arran visited BLOQUEando to observe the festival's 2018 edition. A full report can be found [here](#).

In 2019 the Award will focus on Asia.

SUPPORT FOR UIAA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

Festivals recognised as part of the Award must be endorsed by a UIAA member association in that country. The Award

provides an international platform for festivals run by, or supported by, UIAA members. Benefits not only include

additional international exposure but the opportunity to collaborate with the UIAA and its different Commissions.

FURTHER READING



UIAA ROCK CLIMBING FESTIVAL AWARD:
SUPPORTING THOSE WHO EMBRACE
ROCK CLIMBING

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PAST AWARD WINNERS



2015 - INAUGURAL UIAA ROCK CLIMBER'S
AWARD: SOUTH AFRICA

<https://www.theuiaa.org/home/inaugural-uiaa-rock-climbers-award-south-africa/>



2015 - UIAA ROCK CLIMBERS' AWARD: THE
AGGTELEK (HUNGARY) CLIMBING FESTIVAL

<https://www.theuiaa.org/rock-climbing/uiaa-rock-climbers-award-the-aggtelek-climbing-festival/>



2016 - KALYMNOS (GREECE), A ROCK
CLIMBER'S PARADISE

<https://www.theuiaa.org/rock-climbing/kalymnos-a-rock-climbers-paradise/>



2017 - A TRUE COMMITMENT TO ALL
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UIAA Rock Climbing Festival Award Panel



BLOQUEando 2018



UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup Rabenstein, 2018
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UIAA and Clean Climbing

THE UIAA ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION

The UIAA, through its Anti-Doping Commission, promotes Clean Climbing by adopting and implementing the World Anti-Doping (WADA) Code. This includes managing an anti-doping programme, in-competition and out-of competition testing and results management processes.

In parallel, the UIAA Anti-Doping Commission 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 WADA Code, including the education for successful prevention of doping in sport.

The UIAA contributes to the advancement of clean sport through scientific research and outreach initiatives under the name of Clean Climbing.

ANNUAL MEETING

The UIAA Anti-Doping Commission held its annual meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland on 20 March 2018. This was organised during a visit to the annual WADA meeting. Key themes were athlete biological passports and the WADA Code.



Video: The UIAA Clean Climbing animation
<https://vimeo.com/143351991>

Clean Climbing and the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour

4

During the 2018 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour, the UIAA Anti-Doping Commission conducted four doping controls per competition and four doping controls out of competition. **All came back negative.**

180

Number of ice climbers to successfully pass the **UIAA Anti-Doping education test**, a mandatory component of the athlete's competition licence.

SUPPORT FOR UIAA MEMBERS

The expertise of the UIAA Anti-Doping Commission is at the service of all UIAA members requiring support in implementing doping controls, education initiatives or support in following the WADA code.

IN A UNIQUE POSITION

The UIAA makes it mandatory for every competition athlete in the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour to pass an anti-doping education test before registration. The UIAA is one of few international federations to insist on this practice.



COMPETITION	IN COMPETITION	OUT OF COMPETITION
UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup Saas-Fee	4	
UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup Rabenstein	4	4
UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup Beijing	4	
UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup Cheongsong	4	
UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup Kirov	4	
	20	4

Only urine sampling took place. The 2019 season will probably be the first to feature obligatory blood controls. All UIAA doping control forms/tests are entered into ADAMS (world database of all WADA athletes), which is important for recognition by WADA and the IOC.

A day in the life of the UIAA Anti-Doping team

Photos: Nenad Dikic

WADA CODE COMPLIANCE - RECEPTION OF THE CORRECTIVE ACTION REPORT

Following communication from WADA regarding the Code Compliance Questionnaire (CCQ) review process, the UIAA received a Corrective Action Report (CAR) following a review of the CCQ submission. The non-conformities identified as part of the Code compliance monitoring process are categorized into three groups depending upon the importance of the programme area and the priority for implementation. The timelines for implementing are:

- Critical actions must be implemented within three (3) months
- High priority actions within six (6) months
- Important actions within nine (9) months

For the UIAA to be Code Compliant and continue to be recognised by WADA all actions need to be implemented. This is a big task for the UIAA, notably in terms of resources. It requires the creation of a registered testing pool - testing athletes out of competition a minimum three times/year - legal updates regarding rules and regulations, obligatory blood controls are just some of actions that need to be done with UIAA support.

2019: PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

- Reinforcing the online anti-doping education programme for all competition ice climbers.
- Doping controls will be conducted more intensively out of competition.
- Blood doping controls for the first time.
- Significant efforts in meeting new WADA demands.



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The UIAA and Youth Projects

UIAA YOUTH COMMISSION

The Youth Commission provides safe and exciting opportunities for young people to experience the mountains. The Commission encourages not only an individual's technical development in a given discipline but also an appreciation for the environmental, cultural and ethical aspects of the areas the UIAA is working in. Young people are the future guardians of our wild spaces and it is our mission to teach respect for, and understanding of, these places. UIAA Youth Commission events therefore have not only a technical focus but also an environmental and cultural emphasis.

ANNUAL MEETING

Hosted by the Andalucía section of FEDME, the UIAA Youth Commission held its annual meeting on the weekend of 17-18 November in Setenil de las Bodegas, Spain. The Commission had a very successful meeting discussing a number of important topics including the future of the Youth Commission and the strategic plan for the Global Youth Summit events for 2019.

An important aim of the Youth Commission is to continue to attract new members which it has continued to do throughout the year.

The Commission decided to place more emphasis on social media and to reach out directly to the target market of the youth themselves. To achieve this members of the Commission will work with the national federations and the UIAA Office in Bern to make this happen. The Commission paid tribute to Miguel Sánchez Cánovas whose term with the Youth Commission ends after a number of years of great service. His final act was the impressive hosting of the meeting. The Commission would like to thank Miguel for all his hard work over the years.

EXPANSION OF YOUTH CALENDAR

During the Annual Meeting, it was also decided to widen the number of youth events that the UIAA Youth Commission is involved with to allow national federations to register their local and national youth events, camps and meetings with the UIAA and allow for mutual promotion of these events, in a tiered system below the main Global Youth Summit events. An online tool will be developed for this, set for release in spring 2019.

Alongside that, efforts to seek opportunities to work with federations and national organisations to facilitate greater involvement with those from under-privileged and disadvantaged backgrounds, providing those who would not usually be able to do so climbing and mountaineering experience, which will in turn hopefully broaden their perspective of the world around them.

BENEFITS FOR UIAA MEMBERS

One of the main roles of the Youth Commission is to provide a pathway and make it easier, especially for member associations in developing countries, to put together a youth programme. The Youth Commission not only organises and promotes youth events organised by members but encourages information sharing between federations. "For a lot of

federations it is not about getting something out of the UIAA's work in youth but what they can give," explains Mark Dennison, Commission President. "Many federations have strong youth programmes in place and a clear pathway from when a young person first shows an interest in climbing or mountains to getting them to where they want to be."



GLOBAL YOUTH SUMMIT EVENTS

Six Global Youth Summit Events were held in 2018, in France (3), Georgia, Iran and Macedonia



International Youth Ice Climbing Camp

Guillestre Hautes Alpes, France

18-24 February

<https://www.theuiaa.org/youth/youth-report-2018-uiaa-ice-climbing-camp-in-guillestre/>



UIAA International Youth Climbing Camp

Ariege, France 7-12 July

<https://www.theuiaa.org/youth/ariege-gys-2018/>



Discovering Bouldering In Fontainebleau Forest

Fontainebleau, France 18-21 May

<https://www.theuiaa.org/youth/discover-bouldering-in-fontainebleau/>



International Mountaineering School

Mount Kazbek, Georgia July

https://www.theuiaa.org/documents/youth-events/Registration-UIAAYouth_Kazbek_MCAG_2330July2018.pdf



UIAA Youth Camp, Iran, June

Mt. Damavand, Iran June

<https://www.theuiaa.org/youth/registrations-open-for-4th-iran-summer-youth-camp/>



Int. Youth Event, Mountain Festival and Int. Rock Climbing

FYR Macedonia 24-31 August

<https://www.theuiaa.org/youth/international-youth-event-mountain-festival-and-international-rock-climbing/>



REMEMBERING ALEXANDER ZAILLER

During its Annual Meeting, the Commission paid homage to one of its longest standing representatives – honorary member Alexander Zaidler who was associated with the Commission for 25 years and sadly passed away in August 2018. His daughter Tatiana – who is now an expert for the Commission – gave a moving tribute to her father and his work with youth events around the world.



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INTERNATIONAL SKYRUNNING FEDERATION

The International Skyrunning Federation represents the governing authority of skyrunning – mountain running above 2,000m over extremely technical trails. Three disciplines define the sport and they are not just based on distance but on vertical climb and technical difficulty: Sky, Ultra and Vertical.

The principal aims of the Federation are the direction, regulation, promotion, and development of skyrunning on a worldwide basis. Safety in the mountain, clean sport and respect of the environment are the federation's main goals. The Federation has been a Unit Member of the UIAA since 2015.



ISF 2018 Report

In 2018 important steps were taken regarding the identity of skyrunning and can be visually summarized in three short films:

- 1) The Skyrunner World Series, with the World Skyrunning Championship in Scotland, represent the best of the classic skyrunning races in the World;



SWS- selection of Skyrunning "classic" images
<https://www.facebook.com/SkyrunningOfficial/videos/1024954287683969/>

- 2) The return to the sport's origins at high altitude, with the great success of the Monte Rosa SkyMarathon, 25 years after its first edition on the 4554m summit



MONTE ROSA SkyMarathon - Original skyrunning at ALTITUDE
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3rLIYeqlIU4>

- 3) The continuous growth of Vertical races in skyscrapers, perhaps the only specialty of skyrunning that could aspire to the Olympic discipline



VERTICAL - Skyscrapers indoor version
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4GRdNNTIIQ>

2018 AND NEXT STEPS

ISF MEMBERS & PROMOTION

Globally, the ISF increased its number of members by 20% and the ISF today counts 48 member nations, five associate members and nine aspirant members.

The number of athletes participating in Skyrunning competitions and active on social media grows every year (i.e. Facebook followers from 50k in 2014 to 116,000 in 2018, where the ISF is out performing many other federations and disciplines).

ISF MANAGEMENT

The ISF Management in 2018 encountered some difficulties due to the small number of staff in the office and due to the transition in the management of the Skyrunner World Series.

Increased activities always require a strengthening of the basic structure and more resources, better coordination with actual members and to offer more support and stimulate new countries.

2018 SPORTING EVENTS

The third edition of Youth Skyrunning Championship in August was an incredible success, thanks to the participation of many young teams and the commitment of the Italian federation.

SKYRUNNING AT ALTITUDE

The ISF supported a new edition of Monte Rosa SkyMarathon, an iconic race to the Capanna Margherita 4554m, last organized in 1993.

This event, part of skyrunning history, introduced a new safety format designed to enhance the true DNA of Skyrunning. In 2019, the ISF will support the promotion of this event by partnering it with another iconic race at altitude, Mount Elbrus in Russia.

1,830

athletes, 29 official teams

40

participating countries

27

9 nations share 27 medals

SKYRUNNING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

This event was announced as a difficult challenge and the ISF was happy with the enormous participation despite the challenging Scottish weather. As participation was higher than expected, with some problems related to accommodation, for which the ISF apologised on behalf of the organisers.

The event saw 1,830 participants from 40 countries, 26 official teams ranked and nine nations share the 27 medals.

The ISF is aware that the open formula can always be improved, but at the moment it's too early to plan for a championships open only to official teams. For the 2020 edition, some good ideas are being considered such as a single event without any connection to the Circuits and with the ISF General Assembly taking place during the same period.

SKYRUNNING VISION & FURTHER ACTIVITIES

The main goal is to affirm the skyrunning identity and to improve its mountaineering vision.

TECHNICAL CLASSIFICATION

The ISF is working on the technical classification of competitions on three rating levels (such as the UIAA scale for mountaineering) and an identification label (ISF Certified Course) for all international races, based on many factors (average incline, altitude, terrain, total climbing, course profile, rules, etc..). This point will be in close connection with safety standards and the use of materials.

ENVIRONMENT

Regarding environmental aspects, the ISF has already published the Sport and Environment Manual. Unfortunately, it only exists in Italian for the moment. The ISF's first step will be to eliminate the use of plastic in competitions at various levels. The final goal would be the definition of a "Sky Green Label" for race organisers at an international level.

SPORT IDENTITY

It's very important to clarify with the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) the mountaineering identity of the skyrunning versus the athletic vision of trail running.

The statement of the regulations, technical classification and Certified Course label should help the national members versus in discussions with athletic federations.

In this matter, another goal could be the future recognition of the disciplines by the IOC.

BUSINESS PLAN

To support all these projects, including the anti-doping test and the campaign to comply with the new WADA standards to keep the sport clean, it is clear that the ISF will have to reinforce the structure and budget, and needs to develop a "sustainable" business plan.

At the end of December, the final version of a "Vademecum" for federation is available for members as a guideline to clarify member positions, roles and opportunities to expand the activities.



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To discover more about the International Skyrunning Federation, please visit:

www.skyrunning.com



Free Access to the World's Mountain Areas

THE UIAA ACCESS COMMISSION

The mission of the UIAA Access Commission is to promote the idea of responsible free access of mountain environments to mountain users.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Commission held its annual meeting in Canmore, Canada on 25 August, hosted by the Alpine Club of Canada. The Commission welcomed members from Azerbaijan, Canada, Iran and Taiwan together with President Juan Jesús Ibañez Martín (FEDME, Spain) and UIAA Executive Board member and Commission link Peter Farkas. Among the key topics discussed were the recent, and temporary, access restrictions imposed by French authorities on Mont Blanc ([see more here](#)), the developing situation in Nepal following the UIAA discussions with the Government of Nepal and the ongoing access situation in Argentina and Chile. The Commission will host its next meeting in May 2019 in Malta.

FURTHER READING

The UIAA and Access in 2018



ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA WELCOMES UIAA ACCESS COMMISSION

<https://www.theuiaa.org/home/alpine-club-of-canada-welcomes-uiaa-access-commission/>



SAFETY CONCERNS: ACCESS RESTRICTED TO MONT BLANC

<https://www.theuiaa.org/mountaineering/safety-concerns-access-restricted-to-mont-blanc/>



DISCUSSING ACCESS TO THE MOUNTAINS OF NEPAL

<https://www.theuiaa.org/uiaa/safe-access-to-the-mountains-of-nepal/>

SUPPORT FOR UIAA MEMBERS

The UIAA Access Commission is on hand to support requests for action and assistance from UIAA member

associations, especially those from new members. To help fulfil this mission, the Commission recently agreed to increase the scope of its activities, to be achieved by working more closely with UIAA's largest member federations and those already represented in the Commission.

Photo : Mountain Club of South Africa





2019: The Year ahead

Looking ahead to 2019, the UIAA Access Commission will focus on developing a number of existing initiatives.

This includes:

- To continue to provide support for the new Iranian Access Project, one which has been given the brief to lead matters related to access to Iranian mountains, protection of nature and ensuring all paths and routes are as safe as possible for climbers and mountaineers.
- A focus on the new legislative initiatives regarding access in Argentina and Chile. Since 2017, UIAA member association Federación Argentina de Ski y Andinismo (FASA) has worked on implementing a law which would set certain guarantees about the practice of mountaineering in Argentina, access to the country's mountain ranges, and put in place agreements on concepts related to rescue.
- In Chile, the Federación de Andinismo de Chile (FEACH), another UIAA member, has conducted a national survey about mountains and mountaineering, the results of which are being used to shape discussions related to access.
- Supporting member associations in challenging unreasonable restrictions on climbing and mountain sports in protected areas.



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EVENTS

The Commission will attend the International Conference of Hiking and Mountain Sports in Valencia, Spain, 24-26 January. This event will be organized by the Faculty of Physical Activity and Sports, from the Catholic University of Valencia.



Mountain Protection

THE UIAA MOUNTAIN PROTECTION COMMISSION

The protection of the mountain environment has always been a chief concern for the UIAA. Since it was founded in 1969, the UIAA Mountain Protection Commission (MPC) has worked to protect the mountains – one of the last natural, unspoilt and free spaces on earth. The Commission's goal is to ensure that the mountains will still be there to enjoy for future generations of mountaineers and mountain people.

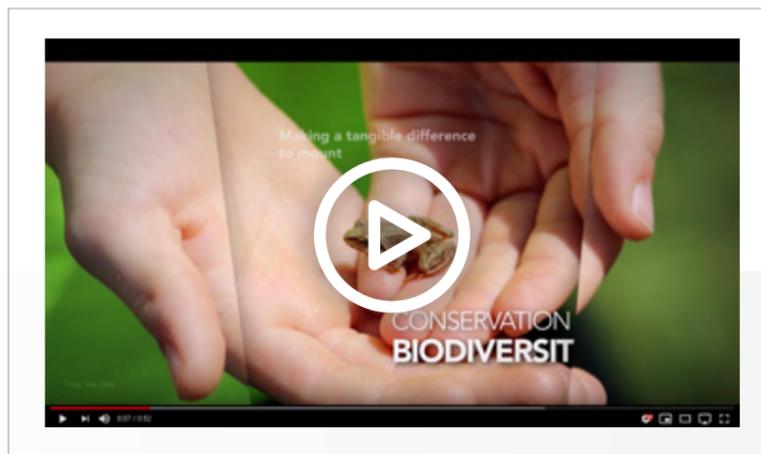
The UIAA MPC believes all those who have a stake in the well-being of the mountain environment should collectively work to raise awareness about the fragile nature of the mountain ecosystems and encourage responsible and sustainable behaviour and practices.



FURTHER READING

OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS, A NUMBER OF GROUNDBREAKING PAPERS AND DECLARATIONS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE UIAA TO ADDRESS CRITICAL SUBJECTS AND CONCERNS IN THE CLIMBING AND MOUNTAINEERING WORLD:

<https://www.theuiaa.org/declarations>



Promo:

2018 UIAA Mountain Protection Award

<https://youtu.be/4wVbM0yfnNo>

MOUNTAIN PROTECTION AWARD (MPA)

One of the UIAA's principal activities in the field of mountain sustainability is its annual Mountain Protection Award, a platform designed to showcase, support and promote projects which strive to unite tourist, or other, organisations engaged in protecting the mountain environment with mountain communities and mountaineers.

These initiatives support local people, encourage economic growth, provide improvements to infrastructure, education and health services, promote the practice of sustainable climbing and mountaineering and have mountain protection at their core.

Submissions for the 2018 UIAA Mountain Protection Award came from all corners of the globe with the project's dedicated assessment team confirming the nomination of eighteen projects from 17 different countries.



UIAA

Mountain Protection Award

SUPPORT FOR UIAA MEMBERS

The Mountain Protection Commission creates and promotes international declarations and supports initiatives designed to protect the mountain environment. It supports action from,

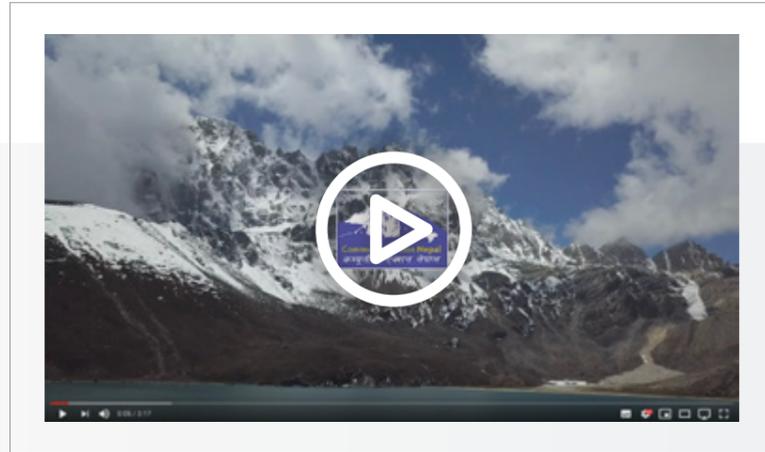
and works closely with, UIAA member associations and is open to collaboration with other international organisations on specific projects. For UIAA members, the Commission supports collective actions

which not only have intrinsic rewards that help us 'feel good inside' but also deliver tangible results to ensure we can count on a clean and protected mountain environment for all.



THE 2018 AWARD WINNER

Community Action Nepal (CAN), a charity and NGO/INGO founded by former UIAA Management Committee member Doug Scott and his wife Trish, which has been operating in Nepal for over 20 years, was announced as the sixth winner of the annual UIAA Mountain Protection Award at the 2018 UIAA General Assembly in Ulaanbaatar. The 2018 MPA Trophy was collected by Trish Scott and Murari Gautam, CAN UK's country representative.



SHOWREEL: COMMUNITY ACTION NEPAL

https://youtu.be/c_q03FhJhsI

RESPECT THE MOUNTAINS (RTM)

The calendar for the 2018 Respect the Mountains series comprised events in Italy, Wales, Austria, France, Spain and Romania.

Since 2016, the UIAA, in collaboration with its member federations, sustainability branches of local tourism offices as well as local charitable partnerships, has organized 26 RTM events, where nearly 2,000 volunteers have covered over 10,000 kilometres (a return trip from Alaska to Patagonia!) in collecting almost ten tonnes of waste. At the close of the 2018 series, the 1,000th garbage bag was filled.

Looking forward to the evolution of RTM, in 2019 the UIAA will develop a global calendar of local and national clean-up events



organized and hosted by members, similar in concept to the rock and ice climbing festival calendar launched earlier in 2018. Visiting climbers and mountaineers will also have the opportunity to refer to the calendar and join events. The MPC will also conduct a root and branch review of the project with the aim of a future RTM Series or programme having a more strategic and educational vision, with the support of a wider number of partners and sponsors, including UIAA members.

The UIAA thanks all partners, local organisers and volunteers who have organized or taken part in the events since 2016.

2016-2018 UIAA RESPECT THE MOUNTAINS SERIES IN NUMBERS

26

Number of **events**

1942

Total number of **participants**

11

Cumulative **distance covered:** 10,940km

1000

Garbage bags collected

9.2

Tonnes of waste collected



PARTNERSHIPS

The UIAA announced a partnership with the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)'s 10YFP Sustainable Tourism Programme (STP), a process led by the MPC. This provides an opportunity for us to promote mountaineering and responsible mountain recreation and tourism for sustainable mountain development, and to gain recognition for these efforts.

Following on from the MoU signed between the respective environmental commissions, the MPC and the IFMGA's Environmental Commissions conducted a joint survey with our respective member associations to learn more about their needs and priorities with regards to environmental and mountain protection matters. The survey was conducted between March and April, with 22 members of the UIAA and 13 from the IFMGA taking part.

ANNUAL COMMISSION MEETING

The annual UIAA Mountain Protection Commission meeting was held across two days in mid-May in the Lake District, (UK) with key agenda items discussed in detail by conducting small workshops.

The meeting was hosted by the Alpine Club at the George Starkey Hut right at the heart of the Lake District. Representing the Commission President Carolina Adler, NZAC-New Zealand, together with full members Hussein Bagirov (FAIREX, Azerbaijan), Michael Maunsell (MI, Ireland), Joop Spijker (NKBV, The Netherlands) as well as Stephen Goodwin of The Alpine Club who acted as event host. Hélène Denis represented the UIAA Executive Board and Gloria Scarano the UIAA Office. Many of the subjects discussed at the meeting are addressed as part of this report.

The MPC also discussed prospects for collaboration and dialogue with other

UIAA Commissions, in particular the Mountaineering Commission through the work of the Training Panel, providing input and updates to elaborate on environmental best practices in the Skills guide. The MPC has so far contributed to the updated version of the UIAA Alpine Summer Skills handbook, ensuring extracts focused on the environment and mountain protection are in line with current best practices and the vision of core UIAA projects in this field. Other opportunities to connect with other Commissions were identified, for example the UIAA Youth Commission with the scope of mutual collaboration and sharing of some best practices as part of their events programme.

The MPC has also kick-started a process to review and update the current [UIAA Environmental Guidelines of \(2002\)](#), to bring them in line with current state-of-the-art knowledge and recommendations for

sustainable practices in the mountain space. Other projects and ideas for future work will be defined once the joint UIAA/IFMGA (International Federation of Mountain Guide Associations) environmental survey results are jointly revised at the IFMGA's GA in November 2018. The next MPC annual meeting will be held in May 2019 in Azerbaijan.



EVENTS ATTENDED

ISPO Munich, 28-31 January

UIAA Director of Operations Nils Glatthard and Sustainability Coordinator Gloria Scarano attended ISPO Munich to promote the UIAA's core projects in mountain protection.

4th Sustainable Summits Conference (SSC), 12-14 June

At the 4th Sustainable Summits Conference (SSC) in Chamonix, France in June, the UIAA was represented by Mountain Protection Commission President Dr Carolina Adler and Commission members Stephen Goodwin (Alpine Club, UK) and Irena Mrak (PZS, Slovenia). Furthermore, among the pool of expert speakers, Björn Alfthan (GRID-Arendal) and Matthias Jurek (UN Environment) are external assessors for the UIAA Mountain Protection Award while Roger Robinson (USA) runs [Clean Climbing on Denali](#), a UIAA Mountain Protection Award nominee in 2017. Full report [here](#).

Mountain Research Initiative (MRI) Scoping and Networking Workshop, Chamonix-Mont-Blanc, France

This workshop, hosted by UIAA partner, the MRI, continued conversations and debates presented at the SSC 2018 conference, to identify and prioritise key and relevant topics for novel collaborative research between scientists and practitioners on the role of mountaineering in support of sustainable mountain development. Full report [here](#).

OutDoor, Friedrichshafen, Germany - 17-20 June 2018

The UIAA hosted a dedicated presentation on mountain protection at this event. With the support of IOC Sustainability Manager Julie Duffus and Sunday Afternoons (RTM partner) Brand Manager Chiara Bonollo, the UIAA discussed the implementation of the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals in the context of climbing and mountaineering, presenting the UIAA's core projects - MPA and RtM and how the outdoor community can get involved with these global causes. Full report [here](#).

IFMGA's Environmental Commission, November 2018

The UIAA MPC also attended IFMGA's Environmental Commission workshop as part of the IFMGA's annual GA programme which was held at the end of November 2018, in Austria.

International Mountain Day, 11 December 2018

The theme of United Nations' [International Mountain Day](#) (IMD) was #mountainmatter, a subject which provided institutions, communities and organisations with freedom to dedicate their IMD focus towards topics such as water, tourism, disaster risk reduction, food, indigenous peoples and biodiversity.

Profiling a number of this year's nominated MPA initiatives, the UIAA revealed how a number of these projects are creating a lasting legacy by ensuring #mountainmatter for youth, the focus of the UIAA's commitment to IMD 2018.

Full story:

<https://www.theuiaa.org/uiiaa/how-the-uiaa-mountain-protection-award-ensures-mountainmatter-for-youth/>

2019: The Year ahead

Over the coming year, the MPC looks forward to continuing to develop and evolve the MPA and RtM projects.

The MPC also looks forward to strengthening its relationship and collaboration with UN Environment, who have acknowledged the efforts led by the MPC for sustainable mountaineering and for mountain protection more generally in this past year. To this end, UN Environment has invited the UIAA MPC to sign a MoU between its organisation and the UIAA MPC, thereby playing a central role in UN Environment's mountains campaigns in future.



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CONTINENTAL BODIES

**Africa, North America, Central and South America,
Europe, Asia and Oceania**

This chapter is dedicated to the reports produced by the Continental Representatives of the UIAA Management Committee.



AFRICA

As the smallest continental body, in terms of number of member associations, Africa presents special challenges and opportunities for the UIAA.

At this point South Africa, through the [Mountain Club of South Africa](#), is the driving force in the push for the UIAA's "entry" into Africa. The challenges relate to the small membership base (other than the MCSA) of most of the clubs and associations on the continent and the often transient, ex-patriate nature of the membership. This has been largely due to the socio-economic disadvantages of the majority of the countries on the African continent and the concomitant lack of opportunity/desire for the "local" populations to both access and enjoy the mountains. This factor then presents itself as the opportunity in that, as socio-economic conditions improve, people will look for recreational outlets with the mountains being in a prime position. Considerable "education" will be necessary and this is proceeding in a number of African countries and local membership appears to be steadily increasing.

It is for these reasons that Africa is a growth opportunity for the UIAA with up to half a dozen countries considering membership at some stage in the short- to medium-term future. The membership fees are undoubtedly a problem as most of the clubs and associations are currently pleading poverty.

A common feature of areas in the East African mountains is the need to pay National Park fees, such as the high Ruwenzori, Mount Kenya and Kilimanjaro. Whilst there is an obvious need for developing countries to maximize revenue, it is unfortunate that the mountains are seen as something of a cash cow by governments.

Membership

South Africa is currently the only UIAA member nation in Africa and the Mountain Club of South Africa continues to excel. The MCSA currently boasts around 4,500 members and supports a number of activities, ranging from rock climbing (traditional, adventure, sport climbing and bouldering), hiking, mountaineering and ice climbing.

South Africa has proved a popular destination for mountaineers, offering excellent value for money for visitors. The MCSA has helped organize numerous climbing events and exchanges with climbers from other associations. This saw an exchange meet with [The American Alpine Club \(AAC\)](#), while similar programmes have taken place with the [British Mountaineering Council \(BMC\)](#) over the last couple of years.

A significant development this year was the formation of the Confederation of African Mountain Clubs (CAMC). The organisation currently comprises the mountain clubs of Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zimbabwe and South Africa. The MCSA has lobbied the UIAA for greater recognition of the African clubs and associations.

A memorandum of understanding has been signed between these clubs, which effectively states that the organization is "set up to foster closer co-operation between the like-minded

mountaineering clubs and individuals on the African Continent". It is imperative to support these countries as at least three are at significant risk owing to climate change and the loss of high mountains with tropical glacier systems.

A "Pan African Meet" was held in Uganda in January. Several African countries were represented at the meeting, which saw visits made to the remote Karamoja area of northern Uganda and several peaks were climbed.

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NORTH AMERICA



North America's full UIAA members are the American Alpine Club (AAC) and the Alpine Club of Canada (ACC) and UIAA associate member Federation Quebecoise de la montagne et de l'escalade (FQME, Province of Quebec, Canada) do not have a continental organisation. The two main clubs operate on a system of co-operation and mutual benefit as do the ACC and FQME within Canada.

Membership

American Alpine Club

The AAC launched a campaign to address grief in the climbing community. This is to be implemented by pairing professional athletes with professional grief counsellors at events. They will host a discussion about their own personal experiences around grief. The AAC will publish the formal Grief Project Grant and in turn make those services available to all climbers.

The AAC Universal Belay Program surpassed the anticipated number of belay cards for the fiscal year. The program currently has over 4368 data points in the UBP database. The club continues to progress with MQL program, with implementation underway for Summer and Winter Mountain Leader certifications, as is the design of four sets of single pitch standards (trad, sport, top roping, and top-site certifications).

Events

The AAC held its annual Climb the Hill event in May 2018. Climb the Hill began in 2016 to give climbers a stronger voice in Washington, D.C.. The event brings together more than 60 professional climbers, industry leaders and partner organizations to advocate for public lands and a robust outdoor recreation economy. The third annual Climb the Hill brought together more than 60 athletes in 62 meetings.

On 10 May, an elite team of professional climbers, outdoor industry leaders, and grassroots partners charged the Hill to advocate for outdoor recreation and improved climbing management, with a specific focus on the Antiquities Act, the Land Water Conservation Fund and the Recreation Not Red-Tape Act.

The Club continues to highlight, sponsor and host a number of functions, events and activities.

<https://americanalpineclub.org/aac-events/>

[Alpine Club of Canada](#) (ACC)

Approved by the ACC Board, the ACC entered a new strategic plan for 2018-20 which will underpin the Club's direction over the coming years.

The ACC's flagship publication, the [110 year old Canadian Alpine Journal](#) was successfully digitized. Access to it is free to those across the globe as part of Canada's sesquicentennial anniversary in 2017.

Organised by Ottawa ACC volunteer Renee Diamond, the club held a session of its 'Take It Outside' initiative, which is aimed at younger climbers. Participants learnt some basic instructions on safety use and witnessed many of the University of Ottawa climbers mastering routes.

The ACC partnered with the University of Alberta to help develop and launch Mountains 101, a substantive open online course (MOOC) that highlights the club's culture, history and facilities. By the end of the year the course saw over 20,000 registered participants from over 150 countries.

The ACC Access portfolio continues to work on key initiatives which begun under the

Club's 2017 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. As a result, the 'State of the Mountains Report' will become an annual publication providing a snapshot of current knowledge and understanding of the changing state of Canadian mountain environments, alpine ecosystems and human communities.

https://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/web/ACCMember/Environment/State_of_the_Mountains_Report.aspx

Events

In August, the ACC hosted the 31st annual meeting of the UIAA Access Commission in Canmore, Canada. Please refer to the [Access chapter](#) for further details.

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CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

Latin America is a vast continent with large mountain ranges. Despite this, in general terms mountaineering is not widespread compared with other sports. The region is made up of twenty-four countries, with only Argentina, Chile, Brazil and Guatemala being full members of the UIAA.

The national federations have small structures in all countries and the support at government level is generally poor. Almost all national federations have included mountaineering and their related sports to UIAA, along with competitive sports climbing.

The biggest issue for these countries remains the problems of access to the mountains, conservation and environmental issues. The rapid advance of mining and

the over-exploitation of mountainous areas has been a growing problem. Some of the national federations continue to make great efforts to promote environmental laws for public use of mountains.

Membership

ARGENTINA

[Federación Argentina de Ski y Andinismo \(FASA\)](#)

The national federation includes a diverse range of activities from mountaineering, sports climbing, mountain skiing, alpine skiing and snowboarding. The sports are grouped in the Ski Secretariat and Mountaineering Secretariat, the leading authority on mountaineering and climbing in the country.

A new law, the 'National Mountaineering Promotion Law' is being worked on in National Congress. The law, presented by FASA and several clubs in Argentina aims to highlight the sporting, cultural and socio-recreational benefits of Mountaineering.

The National Wall of Andinism, a natural rock built on a concrete structure in Buenos Aires operates as a training facility and remains an icon of Argentine mountaineering. There are attempts underway to protect it lawfully as there is a real threat to its existence from real estate.

Events

The National Youth Climbing meet had its fifth edition which continued to consolidate it as the largest children's mountaineering meeting in the continent. More than 500 people attended from various mountain clubs in Argentina and Chile.

The Boulder Festival of Mar del Plata was held in Sierra de los Padres. It brings together more than 500 climbers from across the region. The festival won the [2018 UIAA Rock Climbing Festival Award](#).

For the third consecutive year, the 'National Course of Rock Route Setters' was held. The aim of the course is to train rock route setters and to develop new climbing areas.

BRAZIL

[Confederação Brasileira de Montanhismo e Escalada \(CBME\)](#)

The Brazilian confederation brings together 36 regional federations throughout the country.

Brazil and its national mountain federation, is one of the most active countries in terms of access and conservation issues.

Events

More than 130 people attended the third meeting of Mountain Parks in Rio de Janeiro. The specific issues in the National Parks such

as Pico da Neblina and Sao Joaquim were addressed.

The CBME also works intensively in the Brazilian System of Classification of Mountaineering, which aims to consolidate a process of professional qualification of mountain guides and specific work in paths and vertical techniques.

The "Golden Carabinier" national prizes were awarded with six categories in the different mountain activities and climbing, expeditions. More than 400 people participated in the event.

CHILE

[Federación de Andinismo de Chile](#)

The Chilean federation also shares its mountain activities with competitive sports climbing. Its structure is made up of environmental, safety and cultural commissions. They have integrated the National High Mountain School (ENAM).

GUATEMALA

[Federación Nacional de Andinismo de Guatemala \(FNA\)](#)

This federation, like all national sports federations in Guatemala, is directly funded by the National Sports Ministry. It's formed by ten departmental associations and has activities including mountaineering, sport climbing, and trekking.

Events

The 58th edition of the Mexico-Guatemala Confraternity Meeting was held in March in Mexico, in the Tacaná Volcano. The event saw a large number of mountaineers from both countries as well as from other Central American countries.

In September, the Salvador-Guatemala Confraternity was also celebrated. Held at the Chingo Volcano, this was the 38th edition, with five summits over five days.



During this period meeting were held with the Institute of Tourism of Guatemala -INGUAT- to develop a joint project, which allows to certify mountain guides in Guatemala.

Other countries

In BOLIVIA, the BLOQUEando Climbing Festival was held in October 2017. This was its 11th issue and brought together more than 150 Bolivian climbers in Pomani, La Paz. In this edition the focus fell on rock climbing. The Festival won the development prize at the 2018 UIAA Rock Climbing Award.

Countries such as Colombia, Ecuador and Peru have strengthened mountain activities. However, owing to economic problems and a lack of mountain sports leaders, are not currently members of the UIAA.

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EUROPE

A new organisation EUMA (European Union of Mountaineering Associations) was formed which was an historic moment for relations with the European Union. All European countries were welcomed.

EUMA engages in the promotion of the interests of its members as well as their collaboration in responsible mountaineering that balances the interests of the mountaineers with the requirements of a prudent use and a sustainable development of the mountain regions and their life-forms.

EUMA promotes responsible access and conservation of mountain and climbing areas.

EUMA will collaborate with the

UIAA in a number of developing areas, including mountain protection, access, safety and youth programmes.

See dedicated EUMA/UIAA press release:

<https://www.theuiaa.org/home/euma-and-the-uiaa-start-collaboration/>

There are 23 member associations, with an office set up in Germany. A EUMA logo and website were developed, with more content set to be added. EUMA business registration in Belgium is still a target. In May 2018 there was an EUMA Board Meeting in Puerto De la Cruz, Tenerife. This was hosted by the Tenerife Walking Festival. A further Board meeting followed in Innsbruck in September.



European Member News

There has been protocol for the mutual collaboration, development and promotion of mountaineering and mountain sports in the Balkan region. A series of events have been held, including the celebration of the 123rd anniversary of organised tourist movement in Bulgaria (August 6) as well as the Balkan Youth Championship, Boulder Prosotsani in Greece on the 7/8 September.

The Swiss Alpine Club (SAC) successfully launched a new version of their website in October, as well as the digitalization of all the routes published in its guide books. The SAC faced more and more limitations on free access to the mountains due to new protected areas. That means a lot of challenges and more intense lobbying. In June 2018, Daniel Marbacher was named the new CEO of the SAC.

A key priority for the British Mountaineering Council (BMC) is to develop the BMC's strategy and business plans. This is being worked

on by the CEO and myself, in partnership with the Board. Our Mend our Mountains campaign is a call to everyone who values the hills, mountains and landscapes of Britain. Throughout a year long appeal, we aim to raise £1million in total for a range of vital projects within the UK's entire family of 15 National Parks. The World's first Youth Climbing Symposium returned on 24/25 November.

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ASIA

The Union of Asian Alpine Associations (UAAA) stands for friendship, unity and promotion of mountaineering activities in Asian members. We contribute to International Mountaineering on a global scale related to UIAA. We aim to promote and exchange mountain culture in Asian members. A great effort is made to maintain the mountaineering environment and support the International Mountain Museum as a centre of mountaineering worldwide.

The UAAA is pursuing a long-term goal of linking mountain museums around the world and building alliances that promote mountain cultural exchange, artifact preservation and mountain education through museums.

MEMBERSHIP

There are a total of 20 members from 15 countries. The full list can be found in the dedicated [chapter of this Annual Report](#).

The China Mountaineering Association successfully held the UIAA International Ice Climbing World Cup event in Hohhot between 2-4 February 2018. Please refer to the dedicated chapter on ice climbing.

The Kyrgyzstan Alpine Club (KAC) successfully organised the MS project 2018 to climb Lenin Peak with Asian climbers, commemorating the 90th anniversary of its first ascent. There was also a change of members name, with the addition of Sport Climbing.

The UIAA Management Committee meeting was hosted in March by [Nepal Mountaineering Association](#) at the same time as the Global Adventure and Mountaineering Expo conference.

The UAAA council meeting was held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, 22-25

May. Twelve members attended. Topics discussed included the traditional rock climbing festival in 2019.

Fifteen members attended the Annual UAAA Meeting in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in October. Topics discussed for the coming year included plans to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the UAAA. The 2019 General Assembly is set to be held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan in October.

There was a tragic accident in October 2018, on Gurja Himal, Nepal resulting in the death of five Korean and four Nepalese climbers owing to high winds and snowstorms.

Delegates from UIAA member Japan Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Association (JMCSA) [visited](#) areas of Nepal affected by April 2015's devastating

earthquake to assess the recovery in person. Together with several other mountaineering and outdoor organisations in Japan, the JMCSA has helped raise significant funds in the aftermath of the disaster.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the UAAA, a Himalayan expedition to Paldor peak is under preparation from 5-19 April, 2019. A dedicated, joint expedition is held every year under the UAAA umbrella.

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OCEANIA

Oceania includes Australia, New Zealand and the many island states scattered across the vast ocean of the South Pacific. The New Zealand Alpine Club (NZAC) with 4,000 members is the principal mountaineering organisation in the region, established in 1891 and with geographical sections in both NZ and Australia.

NZAC operates both high and base huts, delivers instruction at all levels, publishes guidebooks and on-line route guides, a quarterly magazine and annual Journal, and advocates on behalf of climbing with access and other issues. NZAC is a founder member of the UIAA.

Summary of 2018

Following a review and vote by members, The NZAC is undertaking a major reorganisation

of its Governance structure. In order to set the Club up for continuing success and better engagement with members, the existing Committee is being replaced with a smaller National Board, with most Board members directly elected by the membership for two-year terms.

Particular areas of focus for much of the Oceania climbing community are the following:

- *Glacial recession impacting physical access to traditional mountain areas;*
- *The increasing difficulty crossing non-public land to access both crags and high mountain areas owing to changing expectations of land owners;*
- *Rapid growth in backcountry visitors (tourism) which is putting significant pressure on both the environment and facilities. For instance, noise pollution from heavy use of helicopter and*

fixed wing aircraft for sightseeing is becoming a major source of debate within the NZ outdoors community.

Individual Members

Although not much of it is always reported, there has been lots of individual activity in the Oceania mountaineering and climbing world.

Particularly notable has been the increasing popularity of backcountry ski-touring and ski descents of faces previously thought off limits. The "NZ Alpine Team", a group of mentored young climbers has been active both in New Zealand as well as overseas, including two new routes on the classic Sheila Face of Aoraki-Mount Cook and first ascents on more remote peaks in the New Zealand backcountry. As is common in New Zealand, these ascents require long and challenging walk-ins to the bottom of the climb. This group has also made a number of impressive ascents in places as

diverse as Peru, Patagonia, Yosemite and the French Alps.

New Zealand and Australian climbers are regularly active in many of the world's major climbing locations; including climbing and guiding the high Himalayan peaks, in Antarctica, the Karakorum, Denali and elsewhere.

Events

The Remarkables Ice and Mixed Festival was successfully held again by the Expedition Climbers Club in Queenstown, South Island. This event is a mixture of workshops, on site tuition on the Remarkables range coupled with talks, films and bonhomie.

NZAC was a sponsor of the 4th Sustainable Summits Conference held in Chamonix France June 2018. A particular highlight being the attendance by a delegation of NZ Maori Iwi,

(tribal groups), who delivered a strong message regarding the spiritual importance of mountains.

2019

Members will continue to ask the NZAC, as a respected mountaineering body to engage more strongly with the many issues facing the outdoor community, particularly those centred around the impact on the environment arising from climate change along with increasing tourist numbers. In the same way Oceania climbers expect the UIAA to be an advocate at the international level for climbers on issues such as access and protection of mountain environments.

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