REPORT OF THE UIAA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
2 - 6 October 2013, Pontresina, Switzerland

Participants:
1. Zimba Zangbu Sherpa, President - Nepal Mountaineering Association (NMA)
2. Purna Chandra Bhattarai - Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Tourism & Civil Aviation, Nepal Government
3. Ang Tshering Sherpa - IP President, NMA & Honorary Member of UIAA
4. Deebas Bickram Shah - General Secretary, Nepal Mountaineering Association (NMA)

Program details:
3 October 2013
The team led by NMA President Z.Z. Sherpa & arrived at Ponteresina. Due to the various airlines route we all arrived separately. There was a free time where we met other delegates followed by welcome dinner, in which most of the delegates were present.

4 October 2013
Meeting with Petzl Foundation
I led the meeting with Petzl Foundation, which was also participated by Purna Chandra Bhattarai- Joint Secretary of Ministry of Culture, Tourism & Civil Aviation, NMA General Secretary, Pierre Humblet, Phillipe Decampe., & one other representative from Petzl. In the meeting we discussed about Petzl Trainings & also informed about plan to publish book named Alpine Skills : Summer in Nepali language. Petzl Foundation also asked to initiate the necessary procedure to get accreditation for NMA Training from UIAA. We also explained them about the HITT training conducted with joint coordination of SNV.

Summit Conference: This was a open door conference took place at Rondo Convention & event center. In this conference all the commission members was the main speakers where others could join from the floor. Out of all the commission the Access & Expeditions, Medical & Mountaineering & Training standard panel commission were of special interest for NMA, Because it involves direct Himalayan mountaineering. Of course there was a talk about "Everest Fight" where various people had their own views. Some causes about the result of the fight where some just blamed the Nepalese.

Tea Break:
The response which A.T. Sherpa wanted to give right there & then from the floor, even when his hand was up was not acknowledge. But after the break Mr. A.T. Sherpa was given 5 minute in which he not any explained the whole scenario but also mentioned the way in which it was handed & also laid out the ways for future in which such circumstances were avoided & never repeated in the future.
(Attached Ang Tshering Sherpa's speech).

End Session:
Followed by Dinner : Free time :

5 October 2013 - General Assembly - 8 : 30
Call of order. After few changes in the agenda there was a welcome speech by President followed by approval of minutes of General Assembly 2012. The UIAA office report was
also presented in which there were few new employees & the update of the new website was also presented, and the new formation of contact progress of every commission will be there in the future.

Regarding the new membership - Austria, Germany, Bangladesh & Jordan were accepted and last reminders are to be sent to 8 non paying country and action to be taken in the next General Assembly and exclusion of few nation from UIAA was accepted.

There was presentation of UIAA strategic plan 2012 - 2014 for the future of the UIAA.

Tea Break

**Meeting with Lluis Lopez Leiro, President, Int'l Ski Federation**

We also had an opportunity to meet with President of International Ski Federation Mr. Lluis Lopez Leiro during General Assembly. We discussed about the possibility of developing ski activities in Nepal and extended our request for the necessary support from the federation for its development in Nepal. We also received assurance from International Ski Federation for the necessary support.

**Recognition of additional new peaks above 8000m**

Pakistan Alpine Club and Indian Mountaineering Foundation requested to give them some time to discuss in their general assembly and get approval to proceed for international recognition of additional five mountains above 8000m. UIAA initiated the Agura project to identify and recognize new peaks above 8,000 metres. It identified five additional peaks in Nepal and one at the China-Pakistan border as new peaks above 8,000 metres. The six peaks are Yarlung Khang - 8,505m (also known as Kanchenjunga West), Kanchenjunga Central - 8,473m (Nepal-India border), Kanchenjunga South - 8,476m (Nepal-India border), Lhotse Middle - 8,413m (Nepal-China border), Lhotse Shar - 8,400m (Nepal-China border) and Broad Peak Central - 8,047m (Pakistan-China border).

**Himalayan Host Countries Meeting**

NMA delegates also had a side meeting with Retired Col. Chauhan of Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF) & Retd. Col. Monsoor Khan of Pakistan Alpine Club (PAC). In the meeting, we discussed about the importance of organizing Himalayan Host Countries Meeting in order to raise our voice in the platforms of UIAA and UAAA. The proposed date for the meeting to be organized in Nepal is November 2013. Earlier, the meeting was held in Nepal in 2006 during Himalayan Tourism Conference 2006.

**Members of Himalayan Host Countries Meeting**

Nepal, China, Pakistan and India

**Meeting with Access & Expedition Commission**

During the meeting with President of Access & Expedition Commission Juan Jesus Ibanez Martin, we explained about the rules and regulation of Nepal.

**Meeting with Matej Planko, General Secretary Alpine Association of Slovenia**

NMA has been conducting Basic Mountaineering Course in cooperation with Alpine Club of Slovenia (PZS) since so many years. In this context, we met with Matej Planko, General Secretary Alpine Club of Slovenia and discussed about the further cooperation that both the associations can exchange for the development of mountain human resources in Nepal. Mr. Purna Chandra Bhattarai, Joint Secretary was also introduced to him during the meeting.
Mr. Matjez informed us about the program Everest Diamond Jubilee Celebration to be organized on 6 Dec 2013 at Slovene Ethnographic Museum and Mountain Museum. They have scheduled to felicitate Everest summiteers from Slovenia in this program and requested for our active participation in the program.

**Discussion on financial report of UIAA**

On the financial report, after few question asked from the floor. It was approved along with the recommendations made by the management committee. The audit report 2012 was also approved. The current financial position was laid out. With the forecast of 2013 total budget & the budget for 2014 was approved. In this the rise in total liabilities & funds was identified. And the profit margin in estimated to be less in 2014 (expulsion of non paying countries) and it was also identified that 52% of total budget is spent on operating expenses of UIAA.

Lunch Break

**Commission Report :**

- Access & Expedition
- Medical
- Mountaineering/Training Standard
- Mountain Protection
- Safety
- Youth
- Ice Climbing
- Anti Doping
- Discipline & Appeal Commissions.

There was a separate report by each commission where details are in UIAA website. Lastly, there was a election for Oceania, North America & African representative on which all was voted unanimously. And Mr. Claude Eckhard of (FFCAM) was elected as a new honorary member of UIAA.

**Nomination of NMA President in Mountain Protection Commission**

NMA President Zimba Zangbu Sherpa was nominated Access Expedition Commission.

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General Secretary

Zimba Zangbu Sherpa
President