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PRESIDENT'S PREFACE

What should the future course of our activities and the future setup of our organisation be like ?

This is the question which is at present keeping occupied the Management Committee and has made it decide to ask the Executive Committee to give this problem the necessary intense consideration in the light of the report submitted by Hans Höhener, convener of the working group on the reorganisation of O.I.T.A.F.

After 50 years of activity most of which has been supported by the voluntary commitment of O.I.T.A.F. members and the Supervisory Authority of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano the time has come to ask what should be the organisation's mission in the future.

Nobody can deny that with the years O.I.T.A.F. has gained prestige and influence far beyond Europe and hence we ought to see whether with its present organisation and available financial resources it is properly equipped for its international vocation.

I do hope that we will use to our best possibilities the time left till the congress in Rio de Janeiro to find an answer to this question and suggest the best possible solution.

Note of the Secretary General

In the first six months of the year most of the organisation's time had been taken up by administrative activities. This is also the reason why the Management Committee has decided to call no more than one meeting in the first half of the year. Readers will find a report on its activities further down.

That notwithstanding O.I.T.A.F. have organised this year's seminar in conjunction with the SAM exhibition in Grenoble. Readers will find a report on the seminar further down.

The organisation of the 10th International Congress to be held in Rio de Janeiro in 2011 has of course been one of the most important subjects which had been dealt with by all involved parties. This international congress is indeed the first international congress to be organised by O.I.T.A.F. in a country which has no ropeway industry having an equivalent

importance and size as the ropeway industry of the most important European Alpine, Pyrenean and other countries or last, but definitely not least, the USA. The choice might also be a promising signal for future developments, or at least, a chance to give the Latin American continent a glimpse of information about our profession.

Particular care has been given to all the details of the congress programme, the call for papers (see enclosure) has been circulated to many addressees who might be interested. Readers will find a report on arrangements so far made further down.

Besides that O.I.T.A.F. members have had an intense in depth exchange of ideas on the organisation's future. A special working group has indeed been set up with the assignment to weigh several possible alternatives and possibly suggest an acceptable and promising new setup of O.I.T.A.F, its organisation and financial sources. Readers will find a brief interim report on the work of this working group further down.

O.I.T.A.F. study committee 3 "Electrical Equipment and Components of Ropeway Installations" chaired by Fredy Lang has drawn up tables of hazardous scenarios of electrical components and published them in the form of an O.I.T.A.F. recommendation yet to be approved by the Management Committee at its next meeting.

O.I.T.A.F. study committee 6 "Optimisation of ropeway and ski-tow operation" has produced a Guideline for the evacuation and rescue of ropeway passengers.

Readers might have known that for many years ETH, the Federal Technical University in Zürich has housed the most important European, and may be even worldwide, Ropeway Library .i.e. the most important collection of the ropeway literature set up, assembled, attended to and managed by Prof. Oplatka. The Technical University having however decided in the meantime to discontinue this service, the assembled literature has been moved to and housed in the Swiss Ropeway Training Centre in Meiringen and is being now managed by the Swiss Association of Ropeway Operators. Wishing to contribute to the preservation of this important collection

of documents and facilitate its management and offer possibilities of access to all persons having an interest for subjects related to ropeway installations and considering that O.I.T.A.F. has been assigned by its statute the mission to collect technical, legal, administrative and economic literature on subjects related to ropeway installations, the O.I.T.A.F. Management Committee has decided to support the library by granting an one off subsidy amounting to 10 000 Euros and an annual subsidy amounting to 1 000 Euros and by so doing to delegate to the training centre the statutory mission O.I.T.A.F. had not been able to perform so far for lack of personnel and financial resources.

The EU Commission has requested its Standing Committee for the Application of the EU Directive relating to ropeway installations designed to carry persons to draft a questionnaire on the transposition of the EU directive i.e. the different aspects and problems of application arising in member countries and to invite all member countries, as well as all interested stakeholders to let the Standing Committee have their response. It should be pointed out that the Standing Committee always invites the President and Secretary General of O.I.T.A.F. to attend in the quality of observers the meetings of the Standing Committee. O.I.T.A.F. is hence regarded as a stakeholder who is expected to compile the questionnaire. The Management Committee has therefore invited all members to compile the questionnaire and has let the EU Commission have the final response.

Seen that 2011 is the year of the O.I.T.A.F. International Congress in Rio de Janeiro O.I.T.A.F. will not organize a seminar in 2011, which means that the next annual seminar will take place in 2012.

O.I.T.A.F. ACTIVITIES

Meetings of O.I.T.A.F. managing bodies.

The Management Committee met on April 20, 2010 in Grenoble at the eve of the SAM Exhibition. No meeting of the Executive Committee has been convened in the first half of 2010.

Meeting of the Management Committee

The meeting has addressed the following important subjects :

- Organisation of the International Congress in Rio de Janeiro (Cf the enclosed special report). The composition of the Reading Committee and the appointment of its members has been one of the important issues addressed by the meeting. The Management Committee has decided to assign to the convenors of O.I.T.A.F. Study committees and two representatives of ropeway manufacturers, i.e. one representative of Doppelmayr and one representative of Leitner, the task to review the proposed papers. Coordination of the Reading committee's work has been entrusted to two officers of the Austrian Ministry on Transport, Innovation and Technology, i.e. Jörg Schröttner and Peter Sedivy. The Management Committee has also approved the draft Call for Papers (Cf Enclosure).
- Acknowledgment of the receipt and discussion of the interim report submitted by the convener of the Ad hoc working group on the Reorganisation of O.I.T.A.F. Hans Höhener, a member of the Management Committee.
- Arrangements for the annual seminar 2010 on "Environmental Management of Transportation by Rope" which has been scheduled to take place on April 21, 2010 in Grenoble
- Approval of the balance sheet 2009
- Subsidy to be granted to the Ropeway Library in Meiringen.
- Approval of the Guidelines for the Recovery and Rescue of Ropeway Passengers* produced by O.I.T.A.F. Study committee 6
- Response to the questionnaire of the EU Commission.

O.I.T.A.F. Worldwide International Congress on Transportation by Rope to be held in Rio de Janeiro from October 24 to 27, 2011

The Management Committee has approved the social programme of the congress and has also approved the draft of the Call for Papers which has been submitted by the General Secretariat. Readers will find here

the provisional general and social programme of the congress.

Monday, October 24, 2011

Afternoon

Registration of participants and distribution of documents and papers to participants (O.I.T.A.F. members only : O.I.T.A.F. General Assembly)

Evening

Welcome cocktail at the intermediate station "Morro da Urca"

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Morning :

**Registration of participants and distribution of documents
For accompanying persons: visit to the H. Stern Museum**

Official Opening Session of the Congress

1st working session (Part 1)

"ROPE DRIVEN TRANSPORTATION IN URBAN SETTLEMENTS"

- Practical experience with building projects of urban ropeway installations
- Operation of urban ropeway installations
- Prospects of future economy and social aspects
- Technical solutions - today – tomorrow
- etc.

There is no call for papers for this working session

Break for Lunch : Buffet Luncheon at the Congress Centre at the intermediate station "Morro da Urca"

Afternoon :

1st working session (Part 2)

and

2nd working session

"TRANSPORTATION BY ROPE AND TOURISM

- Latin American ropeway installations designed as a means of transportation for tourists, YESTERDAY – TODAY – TOMORROW

- The Alpine Winter Tourism in the World
- Planning and Operation of Ski Areas in the light of current trends and general conditions
- Electronic on line ticket selling systems – future trends
- etc.

A Call for papers on the above subjects has been circulated.

Evening : RIO SAMBA NIGHT

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Morning

Technical visit of the gondola ropeway "Morro do Alemão" (urban ropeway in Rio de Janeiro)

Afternoon :

Historic city tour
Sightseeing flight in helicopter (not included in the fee)
Visit of Corcovado and beaches (not included in the fee)

Evening

Free

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Visit to the Sugar Loaf
Visit to the H. Stern Museum (for accompanying persons)

3rd working session

"SUSTAINABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION BY ROPE, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASPECTS, ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY"

- Environment
- Social aspects
- Economic efficiency
- Etc

A Call for papers on the above subjects has been circulated

Break for lunch : Buffet luncheon at the intermediate station "Morro de Urca"

Afternoon

4th working session

“TECHNOLOGY AND SAFETY”

- Latest technical developments of ropeway installations designed to carry persons
- The importance of material handling ropeways and likely future development trends
- Ropeways for material handling ropeways and ropes for ropeways designed to carry persons. Different fields of application and different systems of inspection
- Etc

A Call for papers on the above subjects has been circulated

Evening : GALADINNER

Friday, October 28, 2011

Morning

Boat trip (not included in the fee)

Additional information may be loaded down from the O.I.T.A.F. homepage www.oitaf.org or the Congress homepage <http://oitaf2011.com.br/>

O.I.T.A.F. Seminar

„Environmental management of ropeway installations“

The annual O.I.T.A.F. seminar 2010 organized and chaired by the convener of O.I.T.A.F. Study committee 7 “Environment” Julien Noël has taken place in conjunction with the SAM Exhibition in Grenoble on April 21, 2010.

More than 80 participants have attended the seminar.



President Faraudo opened the seminar with the following opening address :

I have the pleasure to welcome you to the SAM, the Salon d’Aménagement de la Montagne and to open the O.I.T.A.F. Seminar on Environmental compatibility of Transportation by Rope.

O.I.T.A.F. which by this time I have been presiding for four and a half years, has celebrated in 2009 its fiftieth anniversary. It is the only organisation in the world the members of which represent all branches and categories concerned with transportation by rope : ropeway manufacturers, ropeway operators, national ropeway supervisory authorities, ropeway experts, men of research and men of science. They all meet around one and the same table to discuss problems of the profession.

Their exchange of information and experience encompasses all branches concerned with transportation by rope : tourism, and in particular winter tourism, public rope driven transportation, as for instance the Grenoble ropeway installation, the “spheres”, airport transportation systems and urban rope driven transportation systems, material handling ropeway installations, for instance the systems operated in mines.

In principle most activities are entrusted to 6 study committees each of which has been given a special assignment and depending on that assignment address technical, operational, economic, legal, statistical or environmental issues. Their work is fundamental for the development and progress of transportation by rope. Besides that they are expected to draft international recommendations and guidelines and organize seminars having the purpose to spread information on past experience and new developments of the technology to all interested parties in the world.

This is also the reason why Julien Noël, convener of O.I.T.A.F. study committee 7 has been asked to organize this year’s O.I.T.A.F. seminar on “Environmental Management of Ropeway Installations”.

He has been successful in winning top-class experts and convincing them to deliver lectures to the seminar. I would like to thank all of you for coming to this seminar even though traffic problems have created many a problem these last days.

I would like to bid a special welcome to M. Manhart, who has unswervingly tried to convince us and has been successful in convincing our organisation of the necessity to address not only the problem of safety but also problems of environmental protection and management of ropeway installations. For many years he has continued to discuss with the members of his working group representing member countries of O.I.T.A.F. issues related to the protection of our environment and has last but not least published in 2008 the Recommendation on Environmental Protection of rope driven transportation”.

By now environment and environmental management have become an integral part of the strategy of all companies which operate their ropeway installations in a unique natural area. Water, plants and animals, i.e. the whole ecosystem have with the time become an integral part of their way of thinking, while latest findings of scientific research and technology provide fundamental elements for future development.

The lectures to be delivered will no doubt confirm that.

May I wish you full success of your work and activities.

J. Noël delivered the following introductory address



Dear President Faraudo, Secretary General Brugger and President Simiand
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen

Dear friends

May I thank all of you for attending the first seminar on Environment organized by an O.I.T.A.F. study committees.

But first of all I would like to thank M. Manhart for his unswerving commitment and support and I do hope I will gain his and my committee's confidence. But I also hope that my committee's work will indicate solutions for the environmental problems of ropeway operators.

Last, but not least I do hope that subjects addressed by this seminar will improve our information and knowledge of environmental problems.

I wish you a pleasant stay in Grenoble during SAM 2010 and thank you in advance for your attention.

Thereupon, in his function of moderator of the seminar J. Noël opened the proceedings of the seminar.

Part 1

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS AND DATA

“What does environmental management stand for ?”



Prof. Dipl. Ing. Dr. Ulrike Pröbstl – University on Agriculture and Forestry, Vienna – Institute for Landscape Development and Planning of Recreational and Nature Conservation Areas (Austria)

“European legislation and its transposition in member countries”



Marc-Jerôme Hassid, environment expert, France

“Data Management : Planning future development with the help of currently available data”



Dr. Gunther Suetter, Styria Local Government, Austria

PART 2

OPERATORS' EXPERIENCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SCHEMES

“Skilifte Lech : An Austrian certified company's environmental management scheme : how and why”



Technrat DI Michael Manhart, Skilifte Lech, Ing. Bildstein Gesellschaft m.b.H LECH, Austria

„New approach to Environmental and Energy Management“



Martin Hug, responsible head for building activities and member of the executive committee of the Weisse Arena Group Laax

“Railway Connection link to the Plan de Corones Ski Area”



Dr. Ing. Andreas Dorfmann, Manager, Funivie Plan de Corones, Italy (South Tyrol)

O.I.T.A.F. GUIDELINES FOR THE RECOVERY AND RESCUE OF ROPEWAY PASSENGERS

O.I.T.A.F. Study Committee 6 "Optimization of ropeway and ski-tow operation" has focused in the last years its intensive thoroughgoing attention on problems of ropeway passengers recovery and rescue. The results of the committee's discussions has been put down in a draft guideline for the recovery and rescue of ropeway passengers which the committee submitted to the approval of the Management Committee. Members of the Management Committee have expressed their appreciation for the quality of the document and have approved unanimously the submitted draft. The convener of study committee 6, Mauro Joyeusaz availed himself of this opportunity to make the following statement:

Study committee 6 has produced the guidelines in three language versions, i.e. German, French and Italian. These guidelines are primarily intended for ropeway operators who are faced by situations in which they have to rescue ropeway passengers. Having examined the whole life of a ropeway installation, starting from its planning till the moment in which a rescue operation has become necessary the study committee has become aware of the fact that the rescue plan must be regarded as an integral part of the installation and hence given due consideration in the earliest stage of the project, i.e. when the installation is planned and designed. The plan gives guidance for the execution of rescue operations, the assessment of its real need and specifies requirements which have to be met, as well as guidelines an objective feedback. These guidelines include several parts. i.e. a preface, definitions, generalities giving guidance for the sequence in which the different steps of the plan ought to be carried out, as well as dedicated specifications. Having given due consideration to the time needed to prepare a rescue operations and the time needed to carry out the operation, the study committee recommends a maximum limit for the execution of the operation of no more than 3,5 hours, a limit which is conform with the overall rescue time specified in CEN standard. Yet these guidelines allow for the necessary flexibility and hence possibility to comply with more stringent time specifica-

tions of some countries which are in contrast with EN standards.

According to the principles laid down in the guidelines the choice of the rescue method ought to be considered as being subject to the topography, the type of ropeway installation, its operating conditions, the type of passengers etc. Having established this principle the guidelines list thereafter the different types of equipment operators have to procure in order to be able to rescue, recover and assist passengers after their recovery. Additional issues dealt with in the guidelines are questions related to the staff, i.e. number of staff and availability of rescue teams.

Guidelines specify rescue instructions and information about methods to be used to calculate the time required to complete a rescue operation and determine the necessary number of rescue teams, their composition, to assess the site of action and other important aspects of the rescue operation.

The chapter on evacuation proper contains guidelines for the action to be taken to face different arising problems, such as stoppage of the installation, the decision to be taken to proceed or not proceed to an evacuation, execution of the evacuation and the recovery of passengers.

The last chapter of the guidelines is concerned with evacuation exercises and provides information on acceptable variants of the suggested methods should such variants be deemed to be necessary to achieve best possible results.

To conclude M. Joyeusaz pointed out that members of the study committee have tried, wherever possible to use a language close to everyday language and practice, a language which can be understood by operators who have little or no experience in this field. This is also the reason why these guidelines are very detailed and include 7 annexes and an Excel table having the purpose to help concerned operators to calculate the time which is necessary to complete the evacuation and to calculate the necessary number of rescue teams.

M. Joyeusaz did not miss this opportunity to thank all members of the study committee for their commitment and Mrs. Brink for her excellent interpretation of discussions and translation of documents.

Ad hoc working group on the Future Financial and Organisational Setup of O.I.T.A.F.

For some time now the Management Committee has given many a thought to and has discussed possible solutions for the organisation's future setup, in particular solutions permitting to achieve self-sufficiency, independence and autonomy of its secretariat. Ever since its foundation in 1959 till 1984 O.I.T.A.F. had its headquarters in the premises of the Italian Ministry for Transports in Rome. In 1984 the organisation's headquarters have been moved to Bolzano and are housed in the premises of the Ropeway Supervisory Authority of the autonomous administrative province of Bolzano. Work is based on the voluntary help of officers of that authority who are paid a rather modest remuneration for the work they are doing for O.I.T.A.F. This is also true for the Secretary General of O.I.T.A.F. Thanks to this solution O.I.T.A.F. is in the position to reduce considerably its operating cost seen that the cost of the secretariat (staff remuneration, office rooms, office equipment etc.) are being paid for by the provincial Government of the autonomous province of Bolzano (and have been paid for in the past by the Italian Ministry for Transports).

In addition O.I.T.A.F. has the statutory duty to organize every year a seminar, exception being made for every sixth year in which O.I.T.A.F. organizes its international congress. Thanks to the generous help granted by the Innsbruck Fair, the Grenoble Fair and the Bolzano Fair and the offer to organize seminars in conjunction with the INTERALPIN, SAM and ALPITEC exhibitions O.I.T.A.F. has been given the financial and organisational support it needed to organize seminars, get meeting rooms, the necessary technical equipment and provide interpretation into four languages, i.e. English, German, French and Italian.

The Management Committee is perfectly conscious of these advantages and hence asked itself if O.I.T.A.F. would be able to continue to perform its mission if the decision were to be taken to adopt the approach of a totally independent organisation, with its own secretariat and an own employed staff for which the organisation would have to pay room rental, wages and social allowances, i.e. a secretariat which would also be assigned the responsibility for the administrative

work and the organisation of annual seminars. Besides that the Management Committee also asked itself whether O.I.T.A.F. will be able to face the challenge of the general global development which is taking place in the world and within the ropeway profession and what is needed to face this challenge.

This is why the Management Committee has decided in 2007 to assign to a special working group the task to proceed to an in-depth perusal of all facts mentioned above. In the meantime the working group chaired by Hans Höhener has met three times and has submitted an interim report in which the ad hoc working stressed the fact that total independency could only be achieved if members were willing to pay a heavy increase of their membership fees without having the benefit of a corresponding improvement of the services offered to own members i.e. drafting of recommendations, study committees, organisation of seminars and international congresses, exchange of information etc.). The ad hoc working group has also exchanged views on what ought to be the future role of O.I.T.A.F. in a globalized ropeway industry.

The ad hoc working group has discussed the following possible options :

- To preserve the present cost-saving situation
- total independency with special responsibilities for specific fields of interest assigned to members of the leading bodies of the organisation
- a mix of both these options

The Management Committee has taken note of the interim report and has decided to refer the question to the enlarged Executive Committee with the assignment to draft recommendations to be submitted to the views of the Management Committee.

Approval of the balance sheet 2009

The Management Committee have discusses, as they always did in the first meeting of the year first the accurate and perfectly presented balance sheet 2009 which the Treasurer of O.I.T.A.F., Claudio Canessa has submitted and having discussed it and having seen that the organisation has closed the year with an operating surplus amounting to 16 843,23 Euros, moved the approval of the balance sheet. This positive result is no doubt the result of a very wise and thrifty manage-

ment of expenses. The amount will be added to the organisation's reserve fund.

The overall expenditure of O.I.T.A.F. amounts to 94.643,55 Euros.

It should be pointed out that translations and interpretation provided in meetings of managing bodies of O.I.T.A.F. and of O.I.T.A.F. study committees make up to approximately 60 % of the total expenditure, while printing of O.I.T.A.F.-NEWS and postage, internet and contribution to the congress in Rio de Janeiro make up to approximately 40 %, out of which the running of the secretariat amounts to approximately 10 %.

INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION

Standing committee on the application of the EU Directive 2000/9/EC relating to ropeway installations designed to carry persons

The Standing committee chaired by Mrs Alexandra Jour-Schröder, Jean-Jacques Woeldgen and Mrs. Sveva Barbagallo has met for its 9th meeting on March, 9, 2010 in Brussels.

The meeting has addressed the following issues :

Approval of RfU n° 005

The revised draft n° 4 of the RfU (Recommendations for Use) relating to the review of certificates, conformity declarations, quality system approvals for safety components and subsystems and compulsory minimum content of information to be listed in the certificates has met the final approval of the Standing committee and has been released as RfU n° 005, after having been returned by the Standing committee held on October 21, 2008 to the working group N-CSG – Cableway Sectoral Group of Notified Bodies.

The Standing committee announced in the meeting that RfU n° 006 on safety components conformity assessment modules has been withdrawn.

CIRCA members are granted the right to accede to the CIRCA internet homepage and load down all RfU recommendations. So far the following RfU recommendations have been approved :

RfU no. 001

Design Review

Principle Definition of the fundamental principles of the design review

RfU no. 002

Design Review of EDP supported dimensioning calculations

Definition of criteria for the execution of the review of the design and EDP supported dimensioning calculations

RfU no. 003

List of certificates, EC type examination certificates, quality systems approvals for safety components and subsystems

Procedure for the exchange of information between notified bodies according to Annex V and Annex VII of the Directive 2000/9/EC

RfU no. 005

Review of certificates, conformity declarations, quality system approvals for safety components and subsystems

Minimum information to be given in certificates

RfU no. 007

Technical files for the assessment of the conformity of safety components according to modules B, G and H

Minimum information to be given in conformity assessment technical files

Progress report on the transposition of the EU Directive

The meeting has addressed the following issues

Report of the Commission to be submitted to the Parliament

The EU Commission has required to submit to the Parliament a report on the transposition of the EU Directive in EU member countries and has therefore compiled a questionnaire which has been circulated to all member countries of the European Union and to all stakeholders the intention being to analyse all responses and summarize the results in the report to be submitted to the European Parliament. This report might eventually be referred to as a useful source of information if the decision to revise the EU Directive on ropeway installations were to be taken. O.I.T.A.F. has circulated the questionnaire to all members of the Management Committee and summarized responses in the report submitted to the EU Commission.

Transposition of whereases listed in the EU Directive relating to ropeway installations designed to carry persons.

A question had been raised regarding the transposition of the whereases 25 and 28 of the EU Directive relating to ropeway installations (the EU Commission envisages the possibility to draft recommendations for the assessment the extent to which the results of the safety analysis are given due consideration and resulting requirements met which are expected to guarantee a high safety level of passengers, operatives and third parties of ropeway installations in service (compliance of existing ropeway installations with requirements laid down in the Directive) as well to assess the consequences of non compliance with the essential safety objectives of the Directive. The question is to know whether the suggested recommendations of the Commission are necessary or desirable. The meeting has been informed that so far the EU Commission has taken no identifiable initiative.

- Legal provisions relating to inclined planes and funicular railways

The meeting has been informed that EU member countries have diverging views on the applicability of enforced legal provisions to inclined planes and funicular railways. So far there is no clear definition of either system. This is why the EU Commission has been asked to suggest a uniform way of action, by assigning this task, should the need arise, to a special working group.

- Fairground ropeway installations – Application of the EU Directive

The meeting has been given descriptions of the different types of fairground ropeway installations, for instance, “rope skids”, “Zipriders” and “Flying Fox”, (systems used to convey passengers down to the ground level along a sloping rope by the action of gravity) and the position adopted that these systems cannot be regarded as systems that comply with the definition of ropeway installations as defined in the EU Directive relating to ropeway installations designed to carry persons.

Progress report on the transposition of the New Legal Framework of the New Approach

Readers may know and recall that in O.I.T.A.F.-NEWS issue 2008-2 we have reported that the European Parliament has

passed the following decisions and regulations

- Decision no. 768/2008/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 9 July 2008 on a common framework for the marketing of products repealing Council Decision 93/463/EEC
- Regulation (EC) 764/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 laying down procedures relating to the application of certain national technical rules to products lawfully marketed in another Member State repealing Decision No. 3052/95/EC
- Regulation (EC) No. 765/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products repealing Regulation (EEC) No. 339/93.

In principle the above documents define among other things a new legal framework for accreditation procedure of Member States, increase the stringency of market surveillance, define the formal recognition of the principle of marketing of technical products which conform to prescriptions of Member State without being conform to the requirements of a Directive on the Internal Market.

As for Regulation No. 764/2008 of 9 July 2008 the EU Commission has confirmed that the Regulation is not applicable to the placing on the market of new installations nor applicable to the purchase of spare parts for existing installations. It is only concerned with new products which are not subject to a Directive relating to the Internal Market.

The Chair of the Standing committee informed the meeting that transposition of the New Legislative Framework is progressing very rapidly in all Member States. Accreditation is one of the issues which have been mentioned as an example of speedy transposition. The EU Commission has already expressed its great appreciation about these satisfactory efforts which are being made to transpose within the shortest delay possible regulations and decisions. The meeting has also been informed that the due date January 1, 2010 has been complied with in most countries. It is however obvious that despite the swift progress the procedure has not yet been completed. Even the Commission needs to complete many a pending step of the procedure.

These latest development trends which have the purpose to establish a New Legal Framework for the New Approach might also result in a revision of the EU Directive 2000/9/EC relating to ropeway installations designed to carry persons, which might have more significant consequences in the case of some aspects which are not purely technical safety aspects.

Having examined both these major items of the agenda, participants have been given updated information on the activities of NB-CSG – Cableway Sectoral Group of Notified Bodies, of CEN TC 242 and of the ADCO group.

NB-CSG – Cableway Sectoral group of Notified Bodies informed the meeting that Hans-Ulrich Zbil, TÜV SÜD Industrie Service GmbH, ropeway control body, has been elected to the function of new chairman of the group. Having completed, at least temporarily, discussions on RfUs, the group has decided to address Annex 7 of the Directive (conformity assessment of subsystems).

CEN TC 242 informed the meeting that Andrea Marocchi, Italy, has been appointed as successor to Monsieur Soury Lavergne and will, in his quality of a ropeway expert, keep up contacts between the EU Commission and CEN. The meeting has also been informed that some working groups of the Technical Committee have been activated and have started to revise the standards.

Meeting of the ADCO Group on Ropeway Market Surveillance

Chaired by president Daniel Pfeiffer the meeting of the ADCO Group, Administrative Cooperation Group, set up for the EU Directive relating to ropeway installations designed to carry persons, has taken place in Brussels on March 8, 2010.

Right at the beginning of the meeting participants have been informed that Jean Jacques Woeldgen is taking the succession of Mr. Renders, while Mrs. Barbagallo's field of competence in matters related to ropeway installations has been confirmed.

Monsieur Sion, STRMTG, has explained the setup of the French market surveillance system. With reference to clauses 5, 8, 14 and 18 of the EU Directive 2000/9/EC relating to ropeway installations designed to carry per-

sons and their transposition into the national legislation he clarified the specific competence of the involved authorities i.e. the French Ministry for Transports, STRMTG, the prefect (the chief administrative officer of an administrative department) and BCRMTG with its 60 officers. In order to illustrate the actual situation he referred to the example of a specific case in which the authority has come upon one of the cases referred to in art.14. As a consequence the manufacturer had to modify the concerned safety component and submit a new conformity declaration and relative technical documents for the modified safety component.

Similar cases having been observed in other Member States and hence reported the ADCO Group asked itself in which cases the procedure specified in the chapter on safeguards shall have to be complied with and the Commission accordingly informed.

After a lengthy exchange of views the group agreed to institute a safeguards procedure only if the manufacturer does not react in the proven existence of an effective risk. The next issue the group addressed was the problem of a timely exchange of information on observed irregularities. Another problem the group discusses was the choice of a convenient platform (CIRCA, RAPEX, ISMS).

After a lengthy exchange of views the group decided to use for the time being the services offered by CIRCA to exchange information on irregularities and circulate relative documents.

Thereafter the floor has been given to all participants who were invited to describe their national system of market surveillance.

The next meeting of the ADCO group has been scheduled to take place in Brussels in 2011 after the meeting of the Standing committee.

ACTIVITIES OF O.I.T.A.F. STUDY COMMITTEES

STUDY COMMITTEE 1

Ropeway Engineering and Technical Recommendations

Chairman : Dipl. Ing. Dr. Peter Sedivy, Austrian Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology.

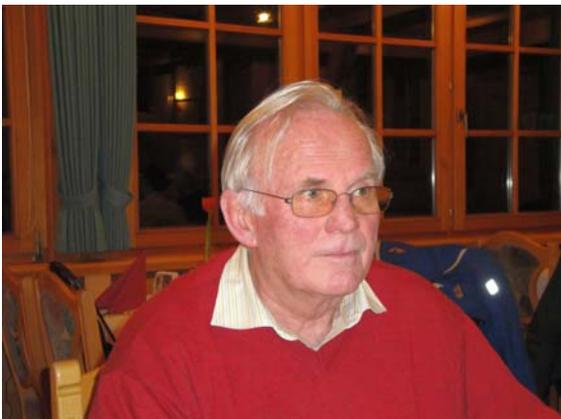
Accepting an invitation extended by the ropeway manufacturer Doppelmayr the first meeting convened in 2010 by the O.I.T.A.F.

Study Committee 1 has taken place in Brezgenz (Austria) on February 23 and 24. The meeting has been perfectly organized by Ing. Egon Böhler who has also organized a dinner combined with a somewhat unconventional night toboggan party (of course after the meeting).

Several member of Study committee 1, actually 18 members, have felt they ought to take advantage of the fortuitous fact that the place of venue is not far away of the headquarters and the factory of Doppelmayr. Neither did Dipl. Ing. Fritz Meyer, who has served for many years on this committee feel he ought miss this opportunity to accept an invitation of Doppelmayr. A good reason to attend being also the fact he had to do but a short trip from his home place to the place of venue.

The attendance of 3 French delegates may be regarded as highly gratifying fact. The chairman was pleased to welcome the new members of study committee 1, Gaetan Rioult, representative of the French Ministry for Transports (STRMTG). Jean-Luc Thomasset, technical manager of ropeway installations in Valmorel and Christian Vibert, technical manager of ropeway installations at La Plagne.

Unfortunately the study committee is losing one of its old valuable members who has always supported all committee's activities with his unswerving commitment and wide knowledge and experience: Dipl. Ing. HTL Walter Bolliger. W. Bolliger has given up all activities in the ropeway industry and is now fully committed to a new branch, i.e. technical application of methods which are being developed to measure the fields of energy of the human body (radionics and medionics). We wish him the best success of his new activities.



Dipl.Ing. HTL Walter Bolliger

W. Bolliger has availed himself of his last presence in a meeting of study committee 1 to introduce personally his successor, Dir. Norbert Patt-Graus, who will no doubt let the committee benefit from the vast knowledge of ropeway installations he has built up during his professional life.

At this two days meeting the committee has discussed its future work programme and having taken a decision on the subjects to be addressed has also discussed the best possible way to organize its future activities. All members of the committee have unanimously decided to discard the proposal which made by the Secretary General to revise O.I.T.A.F. Book 2/Part 1 – Technical recommendation for the construction and operation of fixed grip monocable unidirectional aerial ropeways and Book 2/Part 2 – Technical Recommendations for the construction of detachable grip monocable unidirectional aerial ropeways because the subject and content of these recommendations has become in the means the subject of European standards which are being regularly updated and hence if the committee were to decide to revise these recommendations their work would end in a duplication of existing standards. Members felt that O.I.T.A.F. ,being a worldwide organisation, ought to withdraw both these recommendations and by way of compensation issue a framework recommendation listing all fundamental prerequisites future sponsors, manufacturers and operators living in countries that do not have own national legal and technical regulations ought to know before they launch a ropeway project in their country, i.e. detail all design and planning documents, procedures, operational requirements (staff, environment) which have to be met. Besides that the recommendation ought to survey also all available technical regulations, (such as for instance standards) which might be helpful as a possible reference permitting to meet the legal and technical specifications.

The meeting was followed by a guided visit of the Doppelmayr plant.



A view of the Doppelmayr plant

Next meeting

The next meeting in which the committee is to start work on this new project has been scheduled to take place on September 23 and 24, 2010 in Vienna.

WORKING GROUP

Set up by O.I.T.A.F. study committee 1: Non public ropeways

Material handling ropeways and cable cranes.

Convener of the working group: Dr. Ing. Achille Bonini, Rome

A. Bonini has sent us the following report :

After an interruption of three years the working group has convened for a meeting in Näfels (CH) on May 31 and June 1, 2010

The main item of the meeting's agenda was the exchange of information on the application of the recommendation for the construction and operation of material handling unidirectional and reversible ropeways, cable cranes and material handling funicular railways and a discussion on amendments to the recommendation that appear to be necessary in order to bring the recommendation in line with the latest development of these systems.

Next to the regular members of the working group the meeting has also been attended by the following gentlemen :

- Alberto Contin, Agudio,
- Raffaele Antoniazzi, Seik
- Mathias Spanke, Krupp
- Roman Parth, Parth
- Christian Kaizler, Government of the federal Land Vorarlberg, who is expected to take the succession of Mr. Wohllaib, who has taken his retirement.

The safety level of track rope of temporary material handling ropeways has been actually

the first item the meeting has addressed and having discussed it has agreed to recommend one value only, i.e. 2.8 for the minimum safety factor of track ropes.

The minimum safety level for cable cranes has not been amended, and hence is equal to 2,7, a value which coincides with the formula shown in clause 2.2.5.1.6 of the recommendation. Ing. Graziano has been asked to draft a new text for that clause with the help of other members of the working group and in particular with the help of the experts of Krupp.

Thereafter the working group discussed Annex B (risk analysis) for which F. Meyer has submitted a proposal for amendment. In annex B reference is made to EN standards, which however have been replaced by other standards which are in line with the latest developments. It has also been decided to amend the wording of clause 13 – Risk acceptability.

A. Bonini asked F. Meyer to update the wording of the annex and have his proposal circulated to all other members. For the calculation of the fatigue strength A. Contin suggested to use the method specified in Eurocode 3. It has been agreed to ask A. Contin to draft detailed proposals with the help of the technical experts of Krupp and Seik. In this context it has been recalled that the reference to an Eurocode ought not be regarded as a compulsory specification, but simply as an indication of a possible solution.

As for rollers the working group agreed to recommend a deflection of 5° instead of 4° and to make minor amendments to the text.

Last but not least the working group agreed to have the recommendation updated and reprinted in time for its submission to the approval of the Management Committee at its next meeting to be held in October.

A. Bonini suggested to convene the next meeting in Portugal and accept Agudio's offer to organize the meeting in Port. He also invited all members to give a thought to the choice of his successor seen that he would like to resign his office as convener, yet remain an active member of the working group.

O.I.T.A.F. STUDY COMMITTEE 2

Characteristics and Inspection of Ropes

Chairman: Eric Premat, STRMTG – Supervisory Authority (F)

E. Premat has let us have the following report:

Study Committee 2 has met in Wolfurt on March 11 and 12, 2010 in the office rooms of Doppelmayr. The meeting which has been organized with the generous help of Joseph Sutter, has been attended by 19 members of the committee.

The study committee wishes to express their thanks to DOPPELMAYR for entertaining participants with food and drink on both days of the meeting and for the excellent dinner offered on Thursday night in a typical restaurant.

Participants have also been offered the possibility to visit the DOPPELMAYR plant, a visit which has been very much appreciated by all participants.

In Wolfurt two new members joined the study committee and have of course been heartily welcomed by all members of the study committee. They are : Mrs. Laura Lombardi (Redaelli) and Nilsen Frode who will step in as successor of B. Norberg.

The following main issues have been addressed by the meeting :

1. Round Robin MRT-Test

Round robin tests are being carried out for a specific reason, i.e. that one to assess the limits of MRT tests, compare reports on measurements and reports on tests that have been carried out. Seven up to eight test laboratories have accepted to take part in this exercise. It had been agreed that the two chosen test pieces would be opened during the SAM Exhibition.

Parallel to this first campaign the study committee would like to have the opportunity to carry out measurements on ropes which are still in service yet are about to be discarded in order to have a possibility to compare MRT test results with measurements made on the spot on ropes which are still in service. (For this comparison the following ropes ought to be made available: closed coil ropes : maximum diameter 55 mm, 50mm strand ropes, minimum diameter 40 mm)

2. Qualification of the staff assigned to the socket pouring shop

The explanations supplied at the last meeting have been completed by the presentations made by Italy and Austria. Members of the study committee pointed out that apparently all countries have the same opinion on the quality of qualification that can be expected. That notwithstanding qualification procedures differ from one another even within one and the same country and between countries. The committee is hopeful to be able to prepare a general survey in one of its future sessions.

3. Qualification of the staff assigned to MRT tests

A first survey of the present situation was based on the reports submitted by Italy, France and Switzerland. Germany and Austria are expected to supply the information which is necessary to round up the real situation. Thereafter the committee expects to be able to draw up a general survey of the situation with regard to the MRT test qualification and should it appear to be necessary suggest a revision of EN 12927-8..

4. Characteristics of ropes

In a first approach the committee members have tried to draw up a list of all parameters which affect in a significant way the life of strand ropes.

There was general consensus on the fact the life of a rope does not only depend on its manufacturing process, but is also affected by the methods of installation and operating conditions of the ropeway.

The purpose pursued is to provide operators with more precise information on parameters which can be positively influenced in service conditions.

The committee members intend to complete this first enquiry by additional assessments of parameter of track and hauling ropes.

5. Inspection of ropes

The committee has carried on the work it had initiated and done in past meetings. Having as a first step made an inventory the committee intends to establish next the priorities which ought to be given to the suggested actions and see how the

work can be best shared out to members of the study committee.

Round Robin MRT test carried out in April 2010.

Pursuant to the discussions during their meeting in Wolfurt (Cf. item 1) study committee 2 has carried out in April 2010 with the help of POMA a round robin MRT test of two test pieces of a closed coil rope from Saulire (F) the intention being to compare results of MRT tests and the number of wire breaks that could be counted once the two test pieces had been opened. The purpose of this exercise has of course been to improve our knowledge of the performance of MRT test procedures, in particular knowledge of wire break nests in closed coil ropes.

Four French test laboratories, one German and one Italian test laboratory, have taken part in the round robin test

The commitment of all involved laboratories ought to be pointed out, they have worked hard to the best of their possibilities and – a fact which needs to be stressed in particular – contributed to an open and frank exchange of data resulting from their analysis of test results and of the knowledge gained by the tests they have carried out. These data and new knowledge have in turn given rise to many new questions. Members have agreed to discuss details of their test results and off these questions during their next meeting.

Next meeting of study committee 2

Accepting an invitation extended by Redaelli the committee decided to meet again on September 16 and 17, 2010 at Riva del Garda (Italy) their intention being to continue the exchange of information on test results and to discuss the future organisation of the committee's work, as well as the work programme for the years to come.

O.I.T.A.F. STUDY COMMITTEE 3

Electrical equipment and components of ropeway installations

Chairman : Dipl. Ing. Fredy Lang, IWM Glattbrugg, Switzerland

F. Lang has let us have the following report :

The study committee has met on April 19 and 20, 2010 at Alpes d'Huez (F). On April 21 members of the committee have visited the SAM Exhibition and attended the O.I.T.A.F.

seminar on Environmental Management of Transportation by Rope.

Subjects examined at the committee's last meeting :

O.I.T.A.F. – Hazardous scenarii.

The committee has decided that the draft recommendation on hazardous scenarii of the electrical equipment of ropeway installation, in particular hazardous scenarii of unidirectional ropeways, which had been approved by the committee at one of their previous meetings ought to be regarded as being applicable to all ropeway systems.

CEN standards – Progress report on the revision of standards

Many members expressed their dissatisfaction about the poor dissemination of information by the Technical Committee's secretariat. They mentioned the fact that for instance the minutes of the last meeting of the Technical Committee in March 2009 had been circulated only one year later, i.e. in March 2010.

Signaling and storage of disorders and states. Progress report on the work of the Ad Hoc working group.

The revised final document has been released for submission to the CEN Technical Committee 242 in July 2009. The Technical Committee is expected to take a decision on the status to be given to the document. Members have pointed out that ten years have elapsed since the time the work on this document had been launched and that in the meantime many of the requirements specified in the document are regarded as being an integral part of the state of the art.

Exchange of information on disorders and incidents originated by the electrical equipment of ropeway installations.

Members discussed an incident occurred during the revision of a chairlift in Italy. As a consequence of the incident the responsible authorities have decided to check all similar chairlifts and require the necessary changes to be made to prevent similar incidents in the future. Following to that discussion delegates have been asked to provide information about the nature, extent and frequency of the recurring periodic inspections imposed by the supervisory authority or requested by controlling bodies.

O.I.T.A.F. Recommendation n° 6.

Electric and electronic equipment of ropeway installations - Studies and proposals

Part 1 – Automatism and Remote Control (published in 1976)

Pursuant to the proposal made by the Secretary General at the committee's meeting in Bolzano the committee has exchanged views on the suggested revision of recommendation 6. It appeared from this exchange of views that the fundamental principles have preserved their validity.

During that meeting members of the committee have been taken to a visit of the chairlift Marmotte 1 (detachable 6 seater lift, capacity 3300 passengers per hour) and Maarmotte 3 (only existing reversible Funitel)

The next meetings have been scheduled to take place on

- October 4 to 6 2010 in Switzerland, region Glarus
- 11 to 13, April 2011 in Germany

O.I.T.A.F. STUDY COMMITTEE 4

Legal, administrative, economic and statistical matters

Chairman : Dr. Peter Vollmer, Manager of the Swiss Ropeway Association, SBS

Dr. Vollmer has let us have the following report :

The meeting of the study committee has addressed amongst other matters the following issues : updated list of subjects to be addressed by study committee 4, recommendations of the joint working group of committee 4 and committee 6 (Transportation of handicapped passengers) and the application of the EU Directive 2000/9/EC.

Membership

Study committee 4 has decided to take Franz Perathoner and Guy Faure of the list of members of study committee 4.

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The next that all details of the organisation will be settled by the end of January 2011. The study committee 4 has discussed own proposals for lecturers and its members will submit their own proposals.

Reorganisation of O.I.T.A.F.

Hans Höhener, president of the Swiss Ropeway Association, is the convener of the working group on the Reorganisation of O.I.T.A.F. The working group has already addressed several subjects. The annual budget of O.I.T.A.F. amounts to 100 000 Euros plus an equal amount for O.I.T.A.F. The working group has also discussed possible solutions for a future reorganisation of O.I.T.A.F. and submits regularly interim reports on the progress of the discussions.

Guidelines for the recovery and rescue of ropeway passengers

Study committee 6 has produced and submitted a first draft of its guidelines for the rescue and recovery of ropeway passengers. A revision is in progress.

New assignments of the Study Committee

The Management Committee has assigned two new missions to committee 4. First assignment : to examine and formulate its position on the questionnaire of the EU Commission. Second assignment : study committee 4 has been requested to submit within a reasonable period of time a proposal for the fundamental framework structure of statistical surveys.

Study committee 4 also intends to draft a position paper on several reactions and proposals and submit its work programme for information.

Updated working programme of study committee 4

Study committee 4 has decided to produce a revised work programme in which due consideration is given to several proposals that have been made in the meantime.

The next meeting has been scheduled to take place on October 27, 2010 in Barcelona.

O.I.T.A.F. STUDY COMMITTEE 6

Optimisation of ropeway and ski-tow operation

Chairman : Dr. Ing. Mauro Joyeusaz, Technical manager of Cervino AG (Aosta)

M. Joyeusaz has let us have the following report.

Study committee 6 has met twice in the first half of the year 2010. The first meeting has

been organized in Engelberg on March 22 and 23, 2010. Ten members have attended the meeting which has been perfectly organized by Bruno Britschig, SUVA (CH) and Fulvio Sartori, Swiss Ropeway Association and have thus created a perfect atmosphere for the committee's work.

At that meeting the member of the study committee's have focused their attention on the new work item "Operation of ropeways in extraordinary conditions", actually a topic which members had already started to discuss during their previous meeting in Annecy. The purpose pursued by this work item is actually the wish to provide operators with sound information on ways and means to provide safety and continue to operate a ropeway installation in situations in which disorders or external factors (such as bad weather) negatively affect normal operating conditions.

As a first step the committee has drawn up an inventory of likely situations that might arise and then has asked some members to submit proposals for some of the situations that have been identified. Their proposals have been actually the working documents members referred to for the discussion of the following factors :

- wind
- high humidity level of the air
- snow and ice
- building sites and work carried out in the neighbourhood of the ropeway installation

Members have agreed to continue work on this work item in future meetings.

The second meeting has been organized by M. Joyeusaz has on behalf of ANEF, in Perugia on June 7 and 8, 2010. Ten members of the committee have attended the meeting. Participants have also been given a chance to take part in a visit of the urban transport system MINIMETRO guided by representatives of the manufacturer Leitner and of the operator of MINIMETRO. The rope driven fully automatic installation has become an integral part of the urban transport system and connects not only several parts of the town but in particular the upper part of Perugia with its downtown.

In the first part of the meeting the committee discussed comments to the "Guidelines for the rescue and recovery of ropeway passengers" raised by the Management Committee

which had nevertheless approved these guidelines by a unanimous vote taken at the Management Committee's meeting in Grenoble on April 20, 2010. Having made a careful in-depth perusal of these comments the committee approved some editorial and several fundamental amendments to the document. The revised documents will then be sent to the secretariat in several language versions for validation.

Thereafter study committee 6 addressed the draft recommendation on "Access to ropeway installations and transportation in extraordinary service conditions" produced by the joint working group of committee 4 and committee 6. The document specifies recommendations for extraordinary service conditions (transportation of handicapped passengers, children, animals, bulky goods), i.e. specific cases of transportation for which the ropeway installation must be equipped with special items of equipment and / or require special care, attention and operating procedures.

Study committee 4 is also expected to discuss the draft of the joint working group. Thereafter the drafts that have been revised by committee 4 and by committee 6 will once more be submitted to the joint working group for discussion and final approval.

Study committee 6 has first examined comments raised by some of its own members who serve on the joint working group. In principle it has been agreed that only ropeways which have been designed for passengers affected by a form of restrained mobility have to meet special recommendations for the arrangement and setup of access, boarding and disembarking areas which are specified in the draft. Having taken this decisions members started an in-depths discussion of specific features which a ropeway installation must possess to be regarded as an installation suited for the transportation of passengers affected by a form of restrained mobility. Thereafter the meeting agreed to postpone actual drafting and editorial work till the next meeting.

The next meetings have been scheduled to take place on September 20 and 21, 2010 in Bregenz – Wolfurt A) and thereafter on January 27 and 28, 2011 in Barcelona(E).

O.I.T.A.F. STUDY COMMITTEE 7: Environment

Chairman : Julien Noël, MONTAGNE & MANAGEMENT SAS

J. Noël has let us have the following report :
15 members of the committee have attended a meeting which has been organized in Grenoble on April 20, 2010.

Marc-Jérôme Hassid, a French scientist, has attended for the first time a meeting of this study committee. His nomination as new member of the committee meets the wish expressed by the former chairman of the committee, M. Manhart, who has always pleaded for an equilibrated representation of all involved parties, i.e. operators, authorities and research..

True to the rule which has been observed so far, meetings are held by rotation in one of the member countries and this is why the autumn meeting has been scheduled to take place on October 20, 2010 in Interlaken (CH)

Pursuant to the report on the activity of the committee in the year 2009 the study committee intends to address in the future the following subjects :

1. Water

- Snowmaking / snowmaking ~~technique~~ / storage ponds
- Legislation (EU / national legislation) on water drawing and drawing authorization

2. Energy

- Consumption of energy (CO2 balance)
- In operation saving of energy

3. PR action to promote the O.I.T.A.F. recommendation on environment and knowledge about dedicated essays on environmental issues among operators and guests

Seen that the committee has decided that the term of office of the committee chairmen should be limited to three years I will not, said J. Noël, have the necessary time to address all these questions, but only some of them. And they will be PR Actions, consumption of energy and the pre-drafts on water. Hence it will be my successor's function to complete the work.

In the first six months of 2010 the committee has completed work on the following issues :

- In early 2010 the committee completed the French translation of the dedicated annexes to the O.I.T.A.F. recommendation (the drafts will be submitted to the approval of the Management Committee at its meeting in Barcelona)
- Proposals for the dissemination of information on environment (dissemination of information on the recommendation on environment and dedicated essays) to the target public consisting of operators and guests
- Arrangements for the O.I.T.A.F. seminar scheduled to take place in conjunction with the SAM Exhibition
- First investigations on energy during the meeting in Grenoble, in particular decision on the method to be followed to draw up a CO2 balance. The committee intends to carry on this study and refer to reports on experience made so far. The purpose of this exercise being to develop a method of determination of CO2 values.

FUTURE EVENTS OF O.I.T.A.F. BODIES

Meetings of O.I.T.A.F. bodies (so far agreed)

Committee: October 26, 2010 in Barcelona

Executive Committee: October 7, 2010, in Zürich

Congress Organisation Com.: January 20, 2011 in Paris

Study Committee 1: September 22 to 24, 2010 in Vienna

Study Committee 2: September 16 and 17, 2010 in Riva del Garda (I)

Study Committee 3: October 4 to 6, 2010 in Glarus (CH)

Study Committee 4: October 27, 2010 in Barcelona (E)

Study Committee 6: September 20 and 21, 2010 in Wolfurt (A)

January 26 and 27, 2011 in Barcelona

Study Committee 7: October 20, 2010 in Interlaken (CH)

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	<p>ISPO CHINA/ALPITEC CHINA IN PEKING</p> <p>February 23 to 25, 2011</p>
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- The Alpine Winter Tourism in the World
- Planning and Operation of Ski Areas in the light of current trends and general conditions
- Electronic on line ticket selling systems – future trends
- Etc.

2) Sustainability of transportation by rope, Environment, Social aspects and Cost EfficiencySubtitles

- Environment
- Social aspects
- Cost efficiency
- Etc.

3) Technology and SafetySubtitles

- Construction of ropeway installations designed to carry persons - Latest development trends
- The importance of material handling ropeways and their development trends
- Ropes for material handling ropeways and ropeway installations designed to carry persons: Difference between ropes for material handling ropeways and ropes for installations designed to carry persons which depend on their specific field of application and difference of methods of inspection
- Etc.

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Acceptance and publication of papers

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