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Sichuan Tourism University

Sichuan Tourism University is the first independent undergraduate university for tourism in China. There are more than 9000 students and about 460 teachers include 63 professor and 186 associate professors in the campus. The campus covers an area of 637 acres. A national AAA-level tourist scenic spot has been built based on the campus which provide a good learning and living environment. Sichuan Tourism University is consisted of 11 schools which include Culinary School, Food College, Hilton Hospitality Management School, Sports and Leisure School, Tourism and Culture Industry School, Economics and Management School, Foreign Languages School, Information and Engineering School, Art School, Marxism Theory School, and Continuing Education School.

Sports and Leisure School is one of the representative schools with specialized major and advanced concept. The aim of the school is to make the students become the person with both management service ability and sports technique. The teachers who is profession in theory, technique and industry management are included in the teaching group to provide the students comprehensive and practical knowledge. Amount which, the outdoor sports teaching group has been titled with ‘the outstanding teaching group of Sichuan province’ and their course of Orienteering has been selected as excellent course of Sichuan province.

(The following pictures taken on October 29, 2018 supplemented by Tom Nakamura)
Cultural center (left) and class room building (right)

Lunch time in the campus
Young teachers in the garden of campus, back is Xuebao Ding.

Climbing wall in the campus
Dormitory for teachers and students in the campus

Daliu moderates Tamotsu (Tom) Nakamura's lecture
Nakamura's lecture (above and below)
TAMOTSU (TOM) NAKAMUA

Mt. Siguniang the 2nd International Mountain Outdoor Experts Forum
(Photos of Shuangqiao Valley supplemented)
Mt. Siguniang the 2nd International Mountain Outdoor Experts Forum

1.1 Organizer:
- Siguniang Mountains Scenic Area Management Bureau
- Aba Sports Bureau
- Xiaoqin People’s Government

1.2 Operators:
- Sichuan Leisure Sports Science Management Association
- Sichuan Tourism University
- Outdoor Sports Institute of Sichuan University

1.3 Supporter:
- Competitiveness-enhance Collaborative Innovation Center of Sichuan-Tibet Tourist Industry

1.4 Forum Information
Date: 18th to 20th, Oct. 2018.
Position: Siguniang Mountains Scenic Area Management Bureau

Introduction of Honored Guest

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<td>the president of Hengduan Mountain Research Association of Japan</td>
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<td>Takeshi Nagai</td>
<td>Japan</td>
<td>the member of Hengduan Mountain Research Association of Japan, member of the first Japanese team which reached the peak of the Yaiomei Mountain</td>
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<td>Hong Kong</td>
<td>the president of Hong Kong Ngok Fung Rock Climbing Society, expert of rock climbing</td>
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<td>Everline Jepchirichir Kosgey</td>
<td>Kenya</td>
<td>professional cross-country race runner</td>
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<td>Martin</td>
<td>Germany</td>
<td>researcher in Tibetan culture and mountain culture</td>
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<td>CHENG Li</td>
<td>China</td>
<td>professor of Sichuan University, research in mountain expedition and the culture of Himalayas</td>
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<td>YUAN Tian</td>
<td>China</td>
<td>expert of outdoor gear</td>
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<td>ZHANG Weizhong</td>
<td>China</td>
<td>vice president of Chengdu Geliangrui Sport Cultural Diffusion Co., Ltd, researcher of Research Centre of Tourism Planning and Exploitation</td>
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<td>Xu Shidong</td>
<td>China</td>
<td>vice professor of Sichuan Tourism University, executive deputy secretary-general of Sichuan Leisure Sports Science Management Association</td>
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Mr. Zho, chief of the Bureau cordially received guests near Siguniang town

Mt. Siguniang Museum in Siguniang town
Mt. Siguninag Museum

The Forum was held at the New Siguniang Mountains Hotel (above)
Nakamura's talk on Southeast Tibet and Sichuan Mountains
Mt. Siguniang 4300m high 100km mountain run

The following pictures were taken in Shuanqiao valley on October 19, 2018

(left) Se’erdenpu 5592m (right) Potala Shan NW face 5428m
Potala Shan 5428m north (left) and west (right) face

Queen’s Tower 5404m
Abi 5694m south face (above and below)
Niuxin Shan 4942m south face

Hunter Peak 5360m east face
Shuangqiao valley in autumn

Peaks over 5000m south face in the headwaters of Shuanqiao valley
STEPHANIE STETTBACHER
UIAA OFFICE COORDINATOR & SAFETY LABEL ADMINISTRATOR

2018 UIAA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ULAANBAATAR: FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE
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 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 in 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.
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 at the benefit of members and 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 first quarter of 2019.
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.
Presentation of the 2018 UIAA Rock Climbing Festival Award winners. Photo: UIAA

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. Further details on the Award winners and the opening of the 2019 Award will be available soon.
Stephane Lozach’ meur, Petzl Foundation, third left and Steve Long, UIAA Training Panel chair are joined by delegates from member federations who have translated the UIAA Alpine Summer Skills handbook. Photo: MNCF

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.
Carolina Adler, UIAA Mountain Protection Commission President, leads an exchange during the World Cafe workshop

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.

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, will be uploaded to the relevant UIAA portals in due course.