

Review of: "Solving tensions within Technical Rescue in England and Wales"

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Interesting article on improving standardization in technical rescue in England&Wales. Some good point, mainly comparing the E&W situation with the English speaking world. Besides the four UK and some US-based organizations, the author should discuss the role of the International Commission of Alpine Rescue (ICAR-CISA):

<https://www.alpine-rescue.org>

Since the late 1950s ICAR-CISA with its four subcommissions (avalanche, terrestrial, air rescue, medical) is developing and publishing guidelines, see for example the publications of ICAR MEDCOM. Also in terrestrial rescue recommendations are given and regularly updated. Thus, best practice could be derived from this international pool of knowledge.

In many continental European countries MR services are based on local voluntary teams such as in E&W, but there is a central governing body, which wields less or more power, but in most circumstances will issues best practice regulations, also for technical rescue, based on ICAR recommendations. The German MR service runs a simulation centre open to national but also international teams and could be a role model for other countries too (German only, sorry, but short movies may give an impression): <https://bw-zsa.org>

Such facilities certainly help with standardisation and regular simulation is already warranted in other high risk fields, such as aviation and critical care medicine

Figure 3 seems incomplete. Difference between Figure 2 and 3?