ISCAR

International Scientific Committee on Research in the Alps
Internationales Wissenschaftliches Komitee Alpenforschung
Comité scientifique international recherche alpine
Comitato scientifico internazionale ricerca alpina
Mednarodni znanstveni komite za preučevanie Alp

Official Observer of the Alpine Convention

The Committee's objectives

The Committee

- ... promotes **interdisciplinary research on the Alps** as well as the transfer of scientific knowledge to responsible authorities and the general public.
- ... ensures the continuity and the scientific quality of the bi-annual **ForumAlpinum** to promote international cooperation in Alpine research.
- ... stimulates cientific research of relevance for the Alps as well as their implementation within **international or mountain research** programmes.
- ... takes up research topics in the interest of the **Alpine Convention** and advises the responsible authorities for that Convention.

The Committee has been founded in 1999, based on a Convention* between the following partners:

Austria	Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna
France	CEMAGREF et Université Joseph Fourier, Grenoble
Germany	Bavarian Academy of Sciences, Munich
Italy	Ente Italiano della Montagna EIM, Rome
Slovenia	Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana
Switzerland	Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences, Berne

*Convention in German, French, Italian and Slovenian : www.alpinestudies.ch/iscar/convention.html

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Previous Events	Publications
ForumAlpinum 1994, Disentis CH	Aktionsplan Alpen-Forschung. *Schweizerische Akademie der Naturwissenschaften, Bern, 1994. 72 Seiten, D, F, I oder Engl.*
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ForumAlpinum 2000, Castione della Presolana I	Alpi: Spazio di transito – spazio di vita. *Centro Documentazione Alpina, Torino, 2001. 419 pagine, I/F/D*
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Alpweek 2004, Kranjska Gora SI	The Alps of the Next Generation. From Forecast to Action. *Electronic edition: http://epub.oeaw.ac.at/alpweek2004*
ForumAlpinum 2007, Engelberg CH	Landscape Development in Mountain Regions. *Electronic edition: http://epub.oeaw.ac.at/forumalpinum*
Alpweek 2008, L'Argentière La Bessée F	Innovating [in] the Alps. *La revue de géographie alpine / Journal of alpine research, L'Argentière La Bessée, 2009. 140 pages, F/Engl. Online edition: http://rga.revues.org*

Event 2010

ForumAlpinum 2010, München D: The Metropoles and „their" Alps

http://www.forumalpinum.org/2010

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The Committee's actions

Research Agenda In 2005, ISCAR took up key issues of the work programme of the Alpine Conference to analyse from a scientific perspective. The Research Agenda identified 22 topics, for which research goals and stakeholders were specified. For each of them, a specific project or action is planned. These activities also implement the GLOCHAMORE research strategy of the Mountain Research Initiative.

Research in Protected Areas ISCAR and the Network of Protected Areas (ALPARC) joined in 2006 by establishing a common scientific board called ISCAR-P. This board provides scientific support to research activities within ALPARC, such as the four-yearly research symposium in Kaprun, the journal eco.mont and the database on research projects "Mountain Pool".

Ecological networks In 2007, ISCAR together with WWF, CIPRA, ALPARC initiated "the ecological continuum project" (supported by the Swiss MAVA foundation for Nature) to establish ecological networks in the Alps; see http://www.alpineecological- network.org.

Expert Network & Assessments ISCAR represents a large network of scientists from all alpine countries and beyond, and from all scientific disciplines active in the ALPINE SPACE. ISCAR organises evaluations and assessments, mainly on scientific issues (methodologies for establishing ecological networks) and on topics driven by the Alpine Convention (e.g. climate action plan).

ForumAlpinum Since 1994, ISCAR has organised the bi-annual ForumAlpinum with national partners. The ForumAlpinum is primarily a scientific conference aiming to promote international research cooperation on topics of relevance across the entire Alpine arc. The ForumAlpinum has also been designed as an interface between the scientific community and the general public, providing opportunities for dialogue among various groups.

AlpWeek In 2004 (Kranjska Gora) and 2008 (Argentière La Bessée) the ForumAlpinum concept was extended to include AlpWeek. Important Alp-related organisations, networks and observers of the Alpine Convention – CIPRA, ALPARC, Alliance in the Alps, Club Arc Alpin and ISCAR – meet every four years to discuss issues of common interest.

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