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ISCAR annual report 2025

In 2025, ISCAR was able to remain active and visible under the presidency of Janez Nared (ZRC SAZU, Slovenia), the vice-presidency of Andrea Omizzolo (Eurac Research, Italy), and with the support of the office in Berne (hosted by the Forum Landscape, Alps, Parks (FoLAP), a unit of SCNAT with the support of SAGW) headed by Elisa Frank. After a very intense year in 2024 with two major activities (ForumAlpinum organized by ISCAR and AlpWeek co-organized by ISCAR), 2025 saw smaller activities on the agenda and preparations began for the ForumAlpinum 2026 week to take place at the end of May 2026 in Aosta, Italy. These preparations were also the reason why Janez Nared handed over the ISCAR presidency to Andrea Omizzolo already on 1 December 2025 (see paragraph "Changes in the Committee incl. Presidency").

The objectives of ISCAR are specified in the [ISCAR Convention](#) of 1999 and are further detailed in the [ISCAR focus activities 2023-2026](#), which are aligned with the Multi-Annual Work Programme 2023-2030 of the Alpine Convention. In the following paragraphs, selected ISCAR 2025 activities are reported in detail. Further information can be found on the [ISCAR homepage](#), including a [list](#) (see also p. 9) of all founding partners and committee members of ISCAR.

Activities and Collaborations

Preparations for ForumAlpinum 2026 week

[ForumAlpinum](#) is an interdisciplinary conference, organized by ISCAR in collaboration with national partners, aiming to promote international research cooperation on topics of relevance to the entire Alpine Arc. The conference aims at connecting natural sciences, humanities and society for sustainable development in the European Alps. Since 2008, the Alpine Convention has joined the ForumAlpinum with different back-to-back formats to foster science-policy dialogue.

ForumAlpinum usually takes place every four years and alternates with the equally quadrennial AlpWeek, an international event co-organized by various Alpine organizations who are observers of the Alpine Convention. For various reasons, both ForumAlpinum and AlpWeek took place in 2024. Thanks to the commitment of the Italian ISCAR committee members Andrea Omizzolo (Eurac Research, Bozen) and Massimo Pecci (DARA) and the generous support of the Italian ISCAR founding partner DARA (Department for Regional Affairs and Autonomies), it will be possible to organize another ForumAlpinum in 2026, thereby separating the rhythm of ForumAlpinum and AlpWeek so that the events will again take place in different years in the future.

Under the leadership of Andrea Omizzolo, preparation work on ForumAlpinum 2026 began in 2025. This included in particular:

- Project outline (topic, planned activities within the scope of ForumAlpinum 2026 week, targeted back-to-back events, etc.) and corresponding agreement with DARA on the organization and financing of the foreseen activities.
- Setting up an organizing and scientific committee and establishing collaborations to implement the planned activities, anchor them locally/regionally, and coordinate back-to-back events. Among the collaborating institutions are: DARA, Italian Presidency of the

Alpine Convention (Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security), Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention, various thematic working bodies of the Alpine Convention (especially RSA 11 Working Group), Autonomous Region of Aosta Valley, City of Aosta, University of the Aosta Valley, AlpPlan Network (ARL), Eurac Research, Fondazione Montagna Sicura.

- Preparation of the Call for Contributions (oral presentations), Call for Posters for young researchers, Call for Project posters (calls launched at the beginning of 2026).

ForumAlpinum 2026 is dedicated to the topic "Alpine communities and territories in a time of glacier loss and climate change". The progressive retreat of glaciers, accelerated by climate change, is profoundly modifying the landscape, water resources, biodiversity and traditional activities of mountain communities. In some cases, this even includes the territorial structure created by humans over time through the construction of roads, settlements and pastures. Focusing on environmental challenges, socio-economic transformations and adaptation strategies, the conference positions itself as a moment of multidisciplinary technical-scientific and political reflection on the consequences of deglaciation in Alpine regions (and beyond). It aims to identify emerging challenges, land-use conflicts and the impact of climate change, while also exploring new forms of resilience, regional development, territorial planning and social innovation.

The ForumAlpinum 2026 week will take place in the last week of May 2026 in Aosta, Italy, and is integrated into the events calendar of the Italian Presidency of the Alpine Convention. Among the back-to-back events foreseen over the whole week are:

- Pre-ForumAlpinum Summer School for Young Academics
- ForumAlpinum Scientific Conference (29 May)
- Public Event (27 May)
- Political round table (Alpine Convention) (28 May)
- AlpPlan side event & meeting
- Meetings of various Thematic Working Bodies of the Alpine Convention
- Excursion guided by the Aosta Valley Region with technical and political discussions directly in the locations in Aosta Valley that reflect the Forum's contents (30 May)

Further Information: <http://forumalpinum.org/>

Article "30 Years of ForumAlpinum: Contributions of ISCAR to International Research Cooperation and Sustainable Development in the Alps and Beyond" in MRD 45-2

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of ForumAlpinum, Thomas Scheurer, long-term ISCAR office manager, was invited to deliver a birthday speech at the June 2024 edition of the conference in Kranjska Gora. In 2025, based on this speech, Thomas Scheurer and co-authors Elisa Frank, Valerie Braun, Irma Potočnik Slavič, Janez Nared, and Živa Novljan, compiled an [article](#) for the MountainPlatform Section of the journal Mountain Research and Development MRD (vol. 45-2). The contribution traces the ForumAlpinum's evolution in terms of its interaction with the scientific and political environment, highlighting some success factors and challenges throughout the 14 editions of this interdisciplinary conference.

Workshop at IMC 2025: The science-policy interface for regional mountain governance (17 September 2025, Innsbruck)

At the International Mountain Conference IMC, held in Innsbruck from 14–18 September 2025, ISCAR president Janez Nared co-convoked a workshop exploring [The science-policy interface for regional mountain governance](#). Under the lead of Raphaël Lelouvier (Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention), participants discussed the role of science and research in helping us understand the complex interactions of environmental impacts in mountain ecosystems, informing decision-making, and exchanging best practices.

Among the institutions contributing to the workshop were the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, the Andean Mountain Initiative, CIPRA International, the Caucasus Network for Sustainable Development of Mountain Regions, ISCAR, the Alpine Convention, Mountain Research

Initiative and the ARCOS Network. In an open exchange, participants tried to grasp the research needs of decision-makers and explored the benefits of inter-regional exchange. The panelists highlighted various regional and international perspectives, but one of the common threads was the importance of up-to-date information and scientific knowledge for effective decision-making. The need for strong monitoring as well as collaboration between decision-makers and science was also mentioned by several of the speakers.

Furthermore, several ISCAR committee members attended the IMC 2025 and hosted sessions and workshops on behalf of their home institutions (see paragraph "Activities 2025 of ISCAR Committee members in the field of Alpine research").

Young Academics Award and Workshop "Scientific writing for young researchers" (21 January 2025)

The biennial Young Academics Award (YAA) is a joint initiative of the Alpine Convention and ISCAR to award outstanding master's theses on Alpine-relevant topics. The 2024 edition, supported by the Slovenian Presidency of the Alpine Convention (2023/24), concluded with the award ceremony during the evening reception of the XVIII Alpine Conference on 21 January 2025 in Brdo, Slovenia. Three main prizes and six special prizes (by the Alpine Convention Infopoints) were awarded.

For the 13 participants of the final event of the YAA 2024 (7 finalists for the main prizes and 6 recipients of the Infopoint prizes, selected from 31 applications) invited to Brdo to present their work to the award jury, Valerie Braun (IGF/ÖAW), ISCAR committee member and editor of *eco.mont*, together with Rok Ciglič and Mimi Urbanc from *Acta geographica Slovenica*, hosted a workshop on "Scientific writing for young researchers". The workshop was also open to interested students from Slovenia. The young researchers were given the opportunity to discuss with the journal editors all questions and insecurities around the preparation of an article for a scientific journal, in order to facilitate their first steps in scientific publishing. Sincere thanks to the editors involved as well as to PSAC for supporting the event!

In 2025, preparations also began for the Young Academics Award 2026, which will focus on the topic of "The Alpine water cycle and cryosphere in a changing climate: dynamics, impacts, and responses". The 2026 edition is supported by the Italian Presidency of the Alpine Convention, hosted by the Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MASE), and the Department of Regional Affairs and Autonomies of the Italian Government (DARA). ISCAR will support the YAA 2026 by providing a jury member and experts from its network for the review.

Alpine Convention (AC) - Observer

With the start of Italy's Presidency to the Alpine Convention (2025/26), ISCAR, as an observer organization, was called upon to (re)nominate its delegates for the various bodies of the AC, including the ad-hoc working group for the elaboration of the 11th Report on the State of the Alps (RSA 11), that the Italian Presidency will dedicate to the topic of Alpine glaciers. The following people from the ISCAR committee, the ISCAR network, and the ISCAR office served as delegates in 2025: Valerie Braun (ABB), Špela Čonč (WISO), Elisa Frank (Permanent Committee), Stefanie Gubler (ACB), Blaž Komac (PLANALP), Janez Nared (Permanent Committee, SPSD, Compliance Committee), Samuel Nussbaumer (RSA 11), Andrea Omizzolo (Soil Protection WG, Permanent Committee and Compliance Committee from 12/25), Roland Pail (RSA 11), Massimo Pecci (PLANALP), Irma Potočnik Slavič (MAMF), Christian Rohr (ACB), Anaïs Zimmer (RSA 11).

At its meeting on 24 September 2025, the ISCAR committee held a discussion on the involvement and role of ISCAR delegates in the Thematic Working Bodies of the Alpine Convention, which allowed to contribute to the discussion at the PC meeting on 9-10 October, where the topic of observer engagement was on the agenda.

As mentioned in the paragraph on ForumAlpinum, Andrea Omizzolo stayed in close contact with the Italian Presidency of the Alpine Convention and the Permanent Secretariat in order to include ForumAlpinum into the events calendar of the Alpine Convention and coordinate back-to-back activities throughout the whole week.

To foster the exchange and cooperation between ISCAR and the Alpine Convention, ISCAR, at the end of 2024, officially invited the Alpine Convention to nominate a representative of the Permanent Secretariat as an observer to the ISCAR committee (in line with paragraph 2.1 of the ISCAR Convention). PSAC accepted the invitation and officially nominated Živa Novljan on 7 January 2025 to join the ISCAR committee as an observer. The mutual observer status will allow a rapid flow of information between the two organizations and strengthen synergies in areas of common interest.

In addition, ISCAR continued to maintain contact with other observer organizations of the Alpine Convention, such as CIPRA International, Alliance in the Alps, Club Arc Alpin etc., particularly in the run-up to upcoming PC meetings.

Alpine Research Journals

ISCAR maintains relationships with several journals relevant to alpine research. Valerie Braun (IGF/ÖAW), co-editor of *eco.mont - Journal on Protected Mountain Areas Research and Management*, as well as Cristina Del Biaggio (UGA), co-editor of *Journal of Alpine Research | Revue de géographie alpine* (JAR | RGA), are members of the ISCAR committee. Elisa Frank, ISCAR office manager, joined the editorial board of *eco.mont* in 2025.

Furthermore, ISCAR supports the journals *Mountain Research and Development* and *Journal of Alpine Research | Revue de géographie alpine* through a membership. In 2025, MRD published **two open issues** and two focus issues: **Woodland Resurgence and Sustainability in Mountains—Patterns, Drivers, and Social-Ecological Consequences** and **Innovation Pathways to Sustainability in Mountains**. JAR | RGA published one **Varia issue** and three special issue: **Ageing in the Mountains; Economy, Ecology and Conflict in Mountain Regions: New Experiences and Emerging Theoretical Perspectives**; and **Mountain Productive Landscapes in the Socio-Ecological Transition**.

On 11 June 2025, Janez Nared was invited to present ISCAR at the general assembly of JAR | RGA. In the ensuing discussion, participants exchanged views on Alpine-relevant topics and expressed the wish for further ISCAR support.

In September, together with the editors of MRD, Valerie Braun, co-editor of *eco.mont*, held a workshop at the International Mountain Conference IMC **"How to get your mountain paper published in a peer-reviewed journal"**.

Various Alpine research journals shall also be invited and involved in the ForumAlpinum 2026 week (journal editors meeting, workshop with journal editors for young researchers, special issues, etc.).

Activities 2025 of ISCAR committee members in the field of Alpine research

The ISCAR committee is composed of researchers who conduct Alpine research from different disciplinary perspectives. The following list contains selected activities in 2025 (publications, presentations, conferences, other events, etc.) of all committee members and the office, which show their broad inter- and transdisciplinary commitment to Alpine research:

- *eco.mont - Journal on Protected Mountain Areas Research and Management* (Valerie Braun, IGF/ÖAW, as co-editor): **Issue 17-1** and **Issue 17-2**
- *Journal of Alpine Research | Revue de Géographie Alpine* (Cristina Del Biaggio, UGA, co-editor): **Special issue 113-1 "Ageing in the Mountains"**, **Special issue 113-2 "Economy, Ecology and Conflict in Mountain Regions: New Experiences and Emerging Theoretical Perspectives"**, **Special issue 113-3 "Mountain Productive Landscapes in the Socio-Ecological Transition"**, **Varia issue 113-4**. JAR | RGA also maintains various other sections online: **Transitions**, **Book reviews**, **Localities**, **Mountains in fiction**.
- Session **Glaciers and deglaciation: multidisciplinary perspectives on its relevance for society** at the 23rd Swiss Geoscience Meeting, Bern, 5–6 Dec 2025, co-organized by CIRM, MRI and FoLAP (Elisa Frank, FoLAP, as co-organizer)
- **In luftiger Höhe - L'air des Alpes**, an evening event organized by several Swiss Alpine organizations at the ALPS Swiss Alpine Museum with contributions in Pecha Kucha style as

- part of the [Reading Mountains Festival](#) of the Alpine Convention on occasion of the International Mountain Day, 11 Dec 2025 (Elisa Frank, FoLAP, as co-organizer)
- Janez Nared (ZRC SAZU) hold a lesson at CIPRA Microphone to the Climate event, Ljubljana, 14 March 2025
 - Samuel Nussbaumer (UZH/WGMS) was involved in the International Mountain Conference IMC, Innsbruck, 14-18 September 2025, serving as a presenter ([talk on historical glacier changes in the Alps](#)) and as a convener of two sessions (on [using archival information to quantify environmental change in mountains](#) as well as on [reconciling recent glacier changes based of different methods](#)).
 - In October 2025, Samuel Nussbaumer (UZH/WGMS) published a new [book on Swiss glacier landscapes in the context of climate change](#), in collaboration with three other authors and graphic designers.
 - [BeyondSnow](#) - Enhancing the Resilience of Alpine Space Snow Tourism Destinations and Communities to Climate Change (2022-2025), a project in the Interreg Alpine Space Programme (Andrea Omizzolo, project manager for [Eurac](#), [lead partner of the Project](#))
 - Workshop [Transition processes of mountain resorts and tourism destinations: state of the art, levers and barriers. An international perspective](#) at the Interdisciplinary Mountain Conference IMC, Innsbruck, 14-18 September 2025 (Andrea Omizzolo, Eurac, as co-convener)
 - Workshop [The future of interdisciplinary mountain research](#) at the Interdisciplinary Mountain Conference IMC, Innsbruck, 14-18 September 2025 (Valerie Braun, IGF/ÖAW, as convener)
 - Focus Session [Addressing Challenges and Exploring Solutions in Alpine Protected Areas](#) at the Interdisciplinary Mountain Conference IMC, Innsbruck, 14-18 September 2025 (Valerie Braun, IGF/ÖAW, as co-convener)
 - ISCAR members Christian Rohr (Univ. of Bern) and Samuel Nussbaumer (UZH/WGMS) organised a session on "(Un-)Sichtbare Gletscher. Gletscherbilder als Fenster zur Vergangenheit und Zukunft für die Klima- und Tourismusgeschichte" ((In-)Visible Glaciers. Glacier Images as Windows to the Past and Future of Climate and Tourism History) at the [7th Schweizerische Geschichtstage \(Swiss History Days\)](#) on "[\(Un\)sichtbarkeit / \(In\)visibilité](#)", Lucerne, 8-11 July 2025.
 - Christian Rohr (Univ. of Bern) deepened the collaboration between the universities of Bern and Ljubljana and gave two lectures in Ljubljana on 20 and 21 March 2025, one dealing with "Potentials and perspectives of comparative historical flood research in the Alps" at the ZRC SAZU Anton Melik Geographical Institute - Research Center of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana.

Collaboration with various other mountain research networks

The ISCAR office in Berne stayed in close contact with the Mountain Research Initiative (MRI) office and participated in the activities of the Network for European Mountain Research (NEMOR), of which ISCAR is a member of the Steering Committee. NEMOR in 2025 submitted a proposal for an MSCA Doctoral Network addressing the future of mountain economies in the context of climate change, depopulation and socio-economic challenges, for which ISCAR was able to provide contacts to institutions from its network interested in participating in the application.

The ISCAR office also exchanged with Davnah Urbach, executive officer of GMBA, to discuss and prepare her nomination as ISCAR delegate to the ABB. Andrea Omizzolo was in contact with AlpPlan (alpine spatial planning network) from the Academy for Territorial Development in the Leibniz Association (ARL) in the context of organizing a back-to-back event during the ForumAlpinum 2026 week. Lea Reusser (head of FoLAP and as such part of the ISCAR office) participated in the [CIPRA Annual Conference 2025](#) in February, which CIPRA organized jointly with

AlpPlan on the topic of “Spatial planning perspectives for overcoming conflicts of use in the context of the energy transition”. She gave a presentation on “Planning renewable energies expansion in a biodiversity- and landscape-friendly way” and participated in the final plenary discussion.

ISCAR Founding Partners, Committee Meetings, Committee Members, Office

Founding Partners

The extension of the ISCAR Convention for the period 2023–2026 has been endorsed by the following founding partners: Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri, Dipartimento per gli affari regionali e le autonomie (Italy), Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften (Austria), Bayerische Akademien der Wissenschaften (Bavaria, Germany), Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (Slovenia), Akademie der Naturwissenschaften Schweiz and Schweizerische Akademie der Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften (Switzerland). Contacts with the French founding partners UGA and INRAE have been successfully re-established over the last 2-3 years, meaning that their financial support could once again be counted on in 2025.

Changes in the Committee incl. Presidency

Committee: Glaciologist Samuel Nussbaumer (Univ. of Zurich/World Glacier Monitoring Service) was nominated by SCNAT in December 2024 to join the ISCAR committee from 2025 onwards. Also joining the ISCAR committee at the beginning of 2025 was Marc Fuhr, director of the LESSEM unit (Laboratoire Ecosystèmes et Société En Montagne) at INRAE. On ISCAR's invitation, the Alpine Convention nominated Živa Novljan, PSAC employee, as an observer to the ISCAR committee in January 2025 (see paragraph “Alpine Convention – Observer”). At the end of 2025, Massimo Pecci (DARA), long-term Italian ISCAR committee member, left the committee due to his retirement.

Presidency: ISCAR committee member and vice-president Andrea Omizzolo (Eurac Research, Bozen) was designated to take over the ISCAR presidency from Janez Nared (ZRC SAZU) from 1 January 2026. One of Andrea Omizzolo's main activities on behalf of ISCAR will be the organization of ForumAlpinum 2026 at the end of May in Aosta Valley. In order to facilitate the organization of the conference, it was agreed by the ISCAR committee via circular procedure and with the prior consent of the Slovenian ISCAR partner SAZU and the Italian ISCAR partner DARA to hand over the presidency from Janez Nared to Andrea Omizzolo one month earlier, i.e. on 1 December 2025.

Committee Meetings

The ISCAR committee met three times: The first meeting on 30–31 January was held as an in-person meeting. German ISCAR committee member Roland Pail hosted the committee at TU Munich. Two more meetings took place online on 28 May and 24 September. At the end of November, the committee also decided by circular procedure to transfer the presidency from Janez Nared to Andrea Omizzolo (see above) one month ahead of schedule.

A number of other meetings were held in smaller groups to discuss and develop various ISCAR activities and matters.

ISCAR office

The office in Bern (hosted by the Forum Landscape, Alps, Parks (FoLAP), a unit of SCNAT with the support of SAGW) provided administrative and organizational support for the ISCAR committee and the main ISCAR activities through the office manager Elisa Frank (employment approx. 15% for ISCAR) as well as other collaborators of FoLAP (selectively, especially for the maintenance of the websites). The office has continuously seized opportunities for project coordination and collaboration.

Financial report 2025

Revenues (in CHF)

Revenues	Planned	Effective	Remarks
ISCAR Founding Partners	12'000	10'998	ÖAW (€ 4'000=CHF 3'676), DARA (€ 4'000=CHF 3'666), UGA (€ 2'000=CHF 1'823) INRAE (€ 2'000=CHF 1'833)
Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences (SAGW)	10'000	10'000	
Swiss Academy of Sciences (SCNAT)	10'000	10'000	
Total	32'000	30'998	

Expenditures (in CHF)

Expenditures	Planned (salaries + non- personnel costs)	Salaries (effective)	Non-personnel costs (effective)	Remarks
Management ISCAR	25'050 (20'000+5'050)	15'181.85	1458.05	non-personnel costs: travel expenses, bank fees
Contribution to ISCAR- Workshops	1'000	-	-	
Membership fees journals (Journal of Alpine Research JAR; Mountain Research and Development MRD)	4'500	-	4'132.95	JAR: € 2'200 Membership fee MRD (USD 5'000) divided half-and-half with FoLAP
Total		15'181.85	5'591.00	
Total (salaries + non-personnel costs)	30'550	20'772.85		

Balance (in CHF)

Balance by 31.12.2024	10'225.15	goes into ISCAR Reserves
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ISCAR Reserves (in CHF)

Reserves by 31.12.2024	30'467.44	
Balance 2025	10'225.15	
Reserves by 31.12.2025	40'692.59	Reserves for future ForumAlpinum, AlpWeeks etc.

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Janez Nared, Andrea Omizzolo and Elisa Frank

Members, national contacts and observers 2025

Austria	Jörg Böckelmann	Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW)	National contact
	Leopold Füreder	Department of Ecology, University of Innsbruck	Member
	Roland Psenner	Department of Ecology, University of Innsbruck	Member
	Valerie Braun	Institute for Interdisciplinary Mountain Research (IGF), Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW)	Member
France	Julie Sorba	Université Grenoble-Alpes (UGA)	National contact
	Cristina Del Biaggio	Institut d'Urbanisme et de Géographie Alpine, Université Grenoble-Alpes (UGA) / Labex ITEM	Member
	Marc Fuhr	Laboratoire Ecosystèmes et Société En Montagne LESSEM (INRAE)	Member
Germany	Bianca Marzocca	Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BAW)	National contact
	Roland Pail	Institute of Astronomical and Physical Geodesy, TU Munich	Member
Italy	Paola D'Avena	Dipartimento per gli affari regionali e le autonomie (DARA)	National contact
	Massimo Pecci	Dipartimento per gli affari regionali e le autonomie (DARA)	Member
	Andrea Omizzolo	Institute for Regional Development, EURAC Research	Member (vice-president, president from 12/25)
	Elisa Ravazzoli	Institute for Regional Development & Center for Climate Change and Transformation, EURAC Research	Member
Slovenia	Branko Stanovik	Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (SAZU)	National contact
	Janez Nared	Anton Melik Geographical Institute, ZRC SAZU	Member (president until 11/25)
	Irma Potočnik Slavič	Department of Geography, University of Ljubljana	Member
Switzerland	Jürg Pfister	Swiss Academy of Sciences (SCNAT)	National contact
	Lea Haller / Beat Immenhauser	Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences (SAGW)	National contact
	Samuel Nussbaumer	World Glacier Monitoring Service (WGMS) / Department of Geography, University of Zurich	Member
	Christian Rohr	Institute of History, University of Berne	Member
	Elisa Frank	Swiss Academy of Sciences (SCNAT)	Office manager
Observers	Živa Novljan	Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention (PSAC)	Observer