

## **IKAR 2009**

A summary of the proceedings of the September 2009 Congress of the International Commission for Alpine Rescue (IKAR) held in Zermatt, Switzerland. IKAR serves as an international forum for the exchange and development of alpine rescue techniques and protocols. The annual Congress is focused on presentations detailing alpine rescue incidents of significance, field research, and the development of IKAR recommendations regarding techniques and protocols to the international alpine rescue community and equipment developers. IKAR is comprised of four sub-commissions: Terrestrial Rescue, Avalanche Rescue, Air Rescue, and Alpine Medicine. Its membership includes more than 30 nations and numerous national organizations.