



# IFMGA

## International Federation of Mountain Guide Associations

Expertise, Standards & Competence

Who We Are, Our History & Core Competencies



300 YEARS OF MOUNTAIN GUIDE HISTORY  
60 YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPÉRATION

25 COUNTRIES ON 5 CONTINENTS  
7000 CERTIFIED MOUNTAIN GUIDES





# GUIDE EDUCATION

## Training Standards:

- Minimum of 94 days
- Winter, summer alpinism & ski mountaineering
- Rescue, first aid & high angle evacuation
- Snow and avalanche specialization
- Theoretical & country/region specific topics
- Environmental, minimum impact & client education
- Expedition, Trekking & High Altitude





# EXPERTISE

- Highest international training credential
- Only regulated guide qualification in many countries
- Risk Management in extreme environments
- Technical systems for ascents, descents & rescue
- Client care, client security & client education
- Knowledge of mountains & nature
- Logistics, planning, & execution
- Mentorship & training
- Communication & collaboration





# SECURITY

- Trainers & leaders in rescue organizations
- Direct communication with authorities & agencies
- Support local mountain rescue operations
- Advanced rescue & problem solving skills
- Client care, comfort & security
- Protection of nature & natural resources
- World-wide network of professional experts
- Comply w/ Insurance & regulations





# OUR GUESTS

- Enjoy small group experiences
- Seek nature-based experiences
- Adventurous but safety conscious
- Ski & climb with us for many years
- Relationship between us is based on trust
- Are successful professionals
- Ambassadors for nature and planetary health



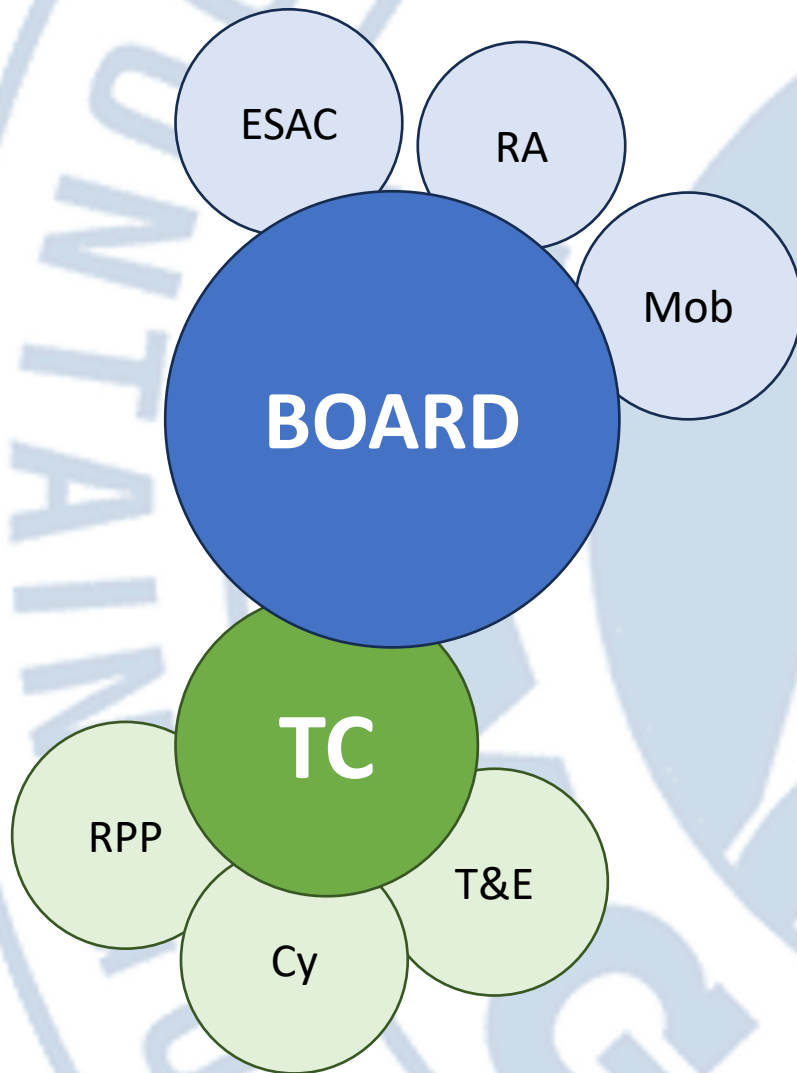


# IFMGA GUIDES

- Long tradition of small, low-impact expeditions in Svalbard
- Adhere to a Code of Professional Conduct
- Experts in unique, high-quality client care
- Networked world-wide community
- Respectful, experienced & competent
- Professional athletes & ambassadors







# OUR ORGANIZATION

**MANAGING COMMITTEE (BOARD)** – Urs Wallauer, President

- Environmental & Sustainable Access Commission
- Mobility Commission
- Rope Access Commission

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE** - Hervé Qualizza, TC President

- Responsible Professional Practice
- Canyoning Commission
- Trekking & Expedition commission – Walter Zörer

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