



# INTRODUCTION OF HUNGARIAN CAVE RESCUE SERVICE

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**13th International Cave Rescue Conference  
Le CAMP, Vaumarcus, Switzerland  
13-19 April, 2015**

# 1961 – Cave Rescue Service



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# ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND (1961-1991)

Hungarian Speleological Society

Hungarian Red Cross

Hungarian Nature Friend Federation



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first aid training  
equipment base  
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# 1991 - Hungarian Cave Rescue Service

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HUNGARIAN FREE FLYING ASSOCIATION**



# 5<sup>th</sup> International Cave Rescue Conference

Aggtelek, 1983.

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Budapest, 1989.

# Symposium of UIS Cave Rescue Commission on the occasion of 10<sup>th</sup> UIS Congress



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11. Nemzetközi Barlangi Mentő Konferencia  
Budapest 4, 2007. május 15. - 18.

# 11<sup>th</sup> International Cave Rescue Conference Aggtelek-Jósvafő, 2007



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26 countries



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CAVE RESCUE COMMISSION  
COMMISSION des SPÉLÉO - SECOURS  
KOMMISSION für HÖHLENRETTUNG

## AGGTELEK AGREEMENT

The representatives of the 26 countries present at the 11<sup>th</sup> UIS Conference of Cave Rescue support certain basic recommendations concerning cave rescue operations.

Les représentants des 26 pays rassemblés lors de la 11<sup>e</sup> Conférence de la Commission Spéléo Secours de l'UIS affirment quelques principes fondamentaux pour leurs actions de secours:

Los representantes de 26 países venidos a la 11 Conferencia de la Comisión de Espeleorescate de l'UIS estamos de acuerdo sobre algunos principios básicos de los actos de rescate:

1. Only experienced cavers should create cave rescue teams. The specific cave environment requires that all underground rescuers are experienced cavers.

Seuls les speleologues experimentés se forment et s'entraînent pour composer les équipes de secours. La particularité des grottes et gouffres oblige tous sauveteurs à être en premier lieu: speleologues.

Solamente los espeleólogos con experiencia deben formar equipos de rescate. El ambiente específico de las cuevas exige que todos los rescatadores bajo tierra sean espeleólogos experimentados.



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# Rescue trainings and educations

## Trainings

- 2 times in a year  
(spring and fall)
- in a real cave
- hypothetical event
- all members
- full operation
- usually 2-3 days

## Educations

- monthly (during winter)
- in room/cave
- specified tasks  
(e.g. first aid, GPS,  
communication etc.)
- not all members
- few hours
- repeatedly



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# Rescue activity in the past years

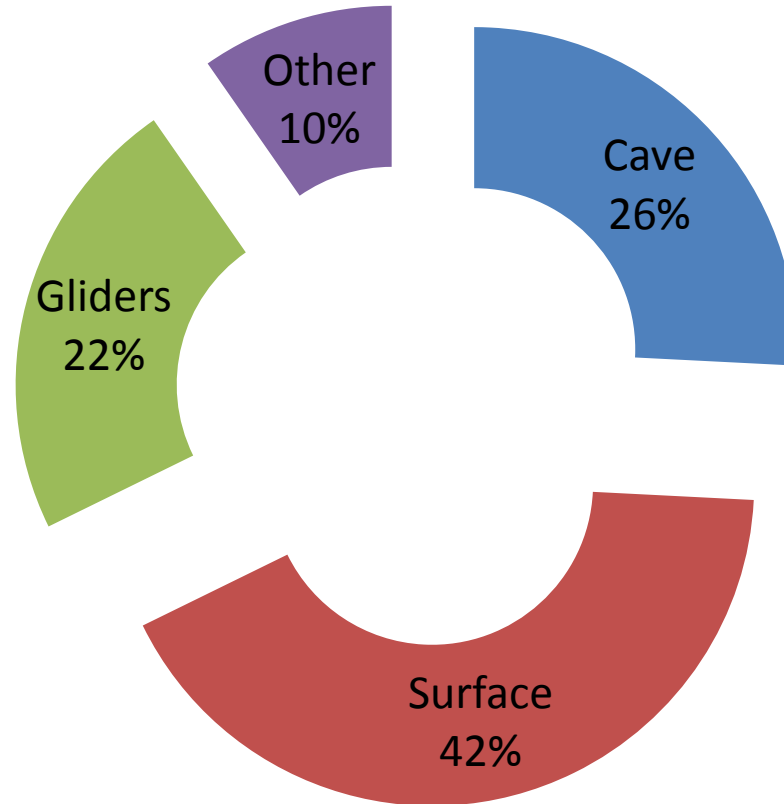


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# Total operations (2011-2014) = 31



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**Riasztási adatok:**

- Hol történt?
- Mi történt?
- Mikor történt?
- Hány sérült van?
- A sérülés jellege
- A sérült(ek) állapota
- A bejelentő neve
- A bejelentő elérhetősége
- Visszakérdezés !!!

**Teendők eszméletlen sérültnél:**

- A légutak kitisztítása
- Biztonsági oldalfektetés
- Sérült kihülés elleni védelme



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## Recovering 4 dead boys in 1975



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# Rákóczi Cave – January, 2002



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**289 persons participated**



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after 118 hours



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# Valea Rea Cave

(Padis Plateau – Romania)  
October, 2002



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# 40 hours rescue operation



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# 40 hours rescue operation

- 26 Romanian cave rescuers



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# 40 hours rescue operation

- 26 Romanian cave rescuers
- 52 Hungarian cave rescuers



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# 40 hours rescue operation

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- 52 Hungarian cave rescuers
- 14 other supporting organizations



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# 50 éves Magyar Barlangi Mentőszolgálat



During 50 years:

>200 rescue operations

>500 saved lives



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# HCRS branches



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**>100 cave rescuers**  
**(all are volunteers)**





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