In 2019, the International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG) network focused on:

- Exploring flexible response arrangements to stay relevant.
- Strengthening localization through advocacy on the National Accreditation Processes.
- Extending the IEC to include Light Teams classification. First IEC light will be taking place in Switzerland in 2020.

**THE INSARAG NETWORK**

**AMERICAS REGION**
- Troikas 2019: Argentina (Chair)
- Colombia
- Dominican Republic

**AFRICA, EUROPE & MIDDLE EAST (AEME) REGION**
- Troikas 2019: Italy (Chair)
- France
- Poland

**ASIA-PACIFIC REGION**
- Troikas 2019: Australia (Chair)
- Japan
- Singapore

**QUALITY STANDARDS**

- **NUMBER OF TEAMS**
  - 56 CLASSIFIED TEAMS FROM 46 COUNTRIES

- **REGION**
  - 4 AMERICAS
  - 11 ASIA-PACIFIC
  - 41 AEME

- **CLASSIFICATION**
  - 21 MEDIUM
  - 35 HEAVY

INSARAG welcomed USAR teams from China, Indonesia and Pakistan in 2019.

73% of the teams come from AEME region.

These self-equipped teams provide value-added support to augment national response in lives saving.
DEVELOPMENTS AND FLEXIBLE RESPONSE

Whilst INSARAG Teams provide specialised Urban Search and Rescue services, flexibility in response operations across other search and rescue activities and even beyond, is vital in meeting emerging challenges. Three responses demonstrate this potential of the INSARAG network in responding to different emergencies:

WHAT HAPPENED IN 2019

JUNE
- Romania Medium
- IER with Modex
- Bulgaria

JULY
- USAR Coordination Cell Course
- China

AUGUST
- Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting
- Australia
- SIMEX Preparedness Workshop
- Cuba

SEPTEMBER
- IER
- Ukraine

DECEMBER
- IEC
- Indonesia
- ERE
- Thailand

UPCOMING 2020

- First Light team classification (Germany)
- 13 classifications offered: 3 IEC and 10 IER
- Launch of the New Guidelines
- 3 Earthquake Response Exercises
- INSARAG Global Meeting 2020
- Launch of the Warsaw Declaration and Strategic Plan

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS

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