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The International Alpine Solidarity Award, scheduled for Saturday 19 September, will also take place this year, despite the pandemic and albeit with the necessary and due limitations. This was decided by the Organizing Committee after a careful and thoughtful examination of the situation and after evaluating the possibilities of carrying out the event in compliance with safety regulations. Instead of in the council chamber of the town hall, as usual, the ceremony for the delivery of the Silver Plaque and the Gold Medal in memory will take place at the PalaDolomiti, which can accommodate all guests.

Unfortunately, some foreign delegations will be missing, at least physically, but not in spirit and in the written participations, given the difficulties of moving between nation and nation. This will not prevent the 49th edition from being special, just as special is the person to whom the Silver Plaque was awarded: a woman, Mrs. Teresina Monegatti Casanova "exemplary figure of alpine refuge manager, a life generous with hard work and of sacrifices on the Mantova al Viòz refuge, the highest in the eastern Alps (3,535 m.), at the service of the family of mountain lovers and those who needed help ". With this choice, the Committee intended to recognize to the whole category of refuge managers the importance of their role and their work towards those who frequent the mountains: guardians of the environment, precious advisors, vigilant sentinels, day and night. , always available, always ready to help those in difficulty. Civil, military and religious authorities have already ensured their presence.

As per tradition, a Gold Medal is coined in the memory of those who lost their lives in rescue operations. This year it will be handed over to the family of Lukas Forer, 43, head of the Campo Tures mountain rescue station, who died in a tragic accident during an exercise.