

# ***European Underwater Federation***

## **Minutes of the EUF meeting, Vienna, 17/12/17**

### **Delegates**

Mark Caney	MC	PADI EMEA
Adrian Collier	AC	BSAC
Martin Denison	MD	RSTC
Deric Ellerby	DE	BSAC
Helitke Falk	HF	PDA
Michael Frenzel	MF	CMAS EU
Gerard Oijnhausen	GO	WOSD/IAHD
Ronny Margodt	RM	BEFOS-FEBRAS
Wolfgang Mehl	WM	FIAS
Oliver Mielke	OM	RSTC
Sari Nuotio	SN	FDI
Kevin O'Shaughnessy	KO	CFT/CMAS
Giuseppe Piras	GP	FIAS
Steffen Scholz	SS	VDST
Sophie Heptonstall	SH	BSAC

### **Associates**

Dror Bloch	DB	TIDF
Antero Joki	AJ	ADA International
Boaz Mayzel	BM	TIDF
Don McGlinchey	DMc	Actinia

### **Observers**

Svetlana Chizhova	SC	NDL Russia
Yan Ershov	YE	NDL Russia
Peter Jonas	PJ	AS+/EUF Cert

### **Apologies**

Alexandre Belskyi	AB	NDL Russia
Yuri Belskyi	YB	NDL Russia
Liubov Erskova	LE	NDL Russia
John Geurts	JG	NOB
Christian Krützfeld	CK	Actinia
Klaus Krützfeld	KK	Actinia
Richard Lucas	RL	NAUI EU
Jesper Rislov	JR	DSF
Arno Schrittwieser	AS	PDA
Fred Siebers	FS	WOSD/IAHD
Guy Thomas	GT	DAN EU
Guido Wätzig	GW	SSI EU

## Minutes

1. The President welcomed delegates.
2. **Previous minutes** – approved with no matters arising not covered on the meeting agenda.
3. **President's report** – MC reported the ISO workgroup has completed the drafts of the two environmental standards and they have now gone to the DIS stage. It is important that all EUF members adopt the philosophies and content of these standards to show leadership on these important issues. WRSTC met recently and are taking steps to make the organisation more meaningful and dynamic. The RTC has been very active and has published its first standard and largely completed its second standard. MC arranged for Martin Denison to attend their last meeting and there is interest in having the standards eventually become ISO standards. Pleased to see the EUF Lavanchy Award moving towards its second nomination and we have secured time on the prestigious Boot main stand to present the award at 14:45 on 20 January.
4. **RSTC EU** – OM reported on the WRSTC in Orlando and the revision of RSTC standards. RSTC EU is also modernizing its systems and policing standards He reported on the Spanish diving law making it difficult for diving organizations to operate legally especially with different regional interpretations and implementations. He understands Catalonia will use ISO standards until end 2017.
5. **CMAS EU** – MF reported CMAS EU has adopted an IOC organization definition with its Belgian registration. John Geurts Marine Biology course has been widely welcomed and is freely available (with acknowledgements). A list of European recompression facilities is being drawn up along with access procedures. Moves to adopt ISO Standards are currently being resisted by the French Federation.
6. **Finance / membership** – MD submitted financial reports/records for scrutiny and annual audit. A correction was made regarding AIDA/Actinia payments and the two auditors recommended the accounts be approved – nemcon. MD requested members ensure contact details are kept updated and members check they use the correct EUF payment details and include payee reference identification.
7. **EUF Certification International** – PJ reported RAID had been certified in October, PDA, NDL and TIDF re-certified and CFT had expired. BSAC was due for re-certification in 2018 and there was some interest in Spain, PTRD had requested certification. Egypt seemed to be renewing its interest in using standards and is working on re-establishing local inspectors. Both EUF and the UN Reef Environmental Federation now have NGO ISO liaison status. MD reported ISO Sustainable Diving Practice standards were now out for voting following comments resolution and hoped for completion Q3 2018. RM asked for standards information to be circulated and supported by members and a discussion followed on the use of standards. All members are reminded on the correct use of registered logos and certification claims. A working group led by WM and GO volunteered to refresh the website in this and other respects.

8. **Membership** – DE - NDL Russia was accepted for full membership under the revised geographical membership rule.
9. **EU Lavanchy Award** –two nominations (Michael Hansen/Don McGlinchey jointly and Martin Parker individually) were being carried forward from 2016. There being no other nominations these were discussed and it was decided to make the award to Martin Parker. The presentation was planned to take place at the BOOT show 2017 at a date to suit Martin, BOOT and MC.
10. **Spanish certification recognition** – Catalonia appears to be easing the qualification methods for initial registration but overall there seems still no uniform approach. A proposal by MC to offer a further 3k€ to support legal action in Spain was not accepted.
11. **Next meeting** – it was confirmed the next meeting will be held 16 June 2018 in Frankfurt hosted by VDST. The following meeting is planned for 08 December 2018 in Vienna.
12. **AS+, PJ and MD** were formally thanked for both organising and providing hospitality for the meeting.