

Minutes of a meeting of the Association's Asia Pacific Committee held on 14 August 2024 from 07:00 GMT via videoconference

Those present or joining via videoconference:

Darren Brunton	KB Associates	Chair
Mike Meade	M3 Marine	Vice Chair
Shin Niwa	NWA	
Michael Spiers	Boskalis	
Debbi Garreffa	MMA Offshore	
Shane Ford	Shelf Subsea	
Martijn Elbers	Seaway7	
Rhys Jones	IMCA Technical Advisor	
Jason Veerasingam	IMCA Director of Client Engagement - Asia-Pacific	

1 Safety Briefing

The IMCA site safety and familiarisation briefing was not required as the meeting was held digitally

2 Competition law compliance policy

The IMCA Competition Law Compliance Policy, was drawn to the attention of all present.

3 Welcome and apologies for absence.

The group were welcomed by the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from.

Hannah Crutchley	Global Maritime
Michael Spiers	Boskalis

4 IMCA Update

Rhys Jones provided an update of IMCA's event schedule for 2024, focused on IMCA remaining event schedule for 2024 including;

- IMCA Global : Utrecht 3-4 December
- IMCA Underwater Ship Husbandry: Singapore 10th October
- Lifting & Rigging: Amsterdam 12th September

The issue of ticket price at IMCA Global was raised. It was pointed that committed APAC committee members who have and continue to travel and contribute to IMCA work are being questioned internally regarding the cost of attendance at a European Global event. It was considered that given the cost of travel from the Asia Pacific region, IMCA would like to consider the cost of tickets for members of committees based outside of Europe.

The committee asked what contribution to the IMCA Global programme was expected of them. Rhys Jones confirmed that this was coordinated centrally by the IMCA events teams and that potential speakers had or would be contacted directly by them, rather than via the TA's and committee members.

Darren Brunton provided an update on planning for the Underwater Ships Husbandry event. The following was confirmed;

- 150 maximum capacity
- 130 registrations
- Keynote speakers
- The event is free to attend

5 Q3 APAC Regional

Rhys Jones reminded the committee that the event is booked for 9th October 2024 at Marina Bay Sands, Singapore, and presented a draft programme for the event.

Rhys Jones also explained to the committee that we would have Iain Grainger (IMCA CEO), Jim Cullen (IMCA Technical Director) and Bill Chilton (IMCA Diving Manager) in attendance who could be utilised in the programme.

Darren Brunton suggested that APAC regional should, as far as possible reflect the full spectrum of members activities and interests. It was requested that the programme clearly set out which sessions relate to which IMCA divisions / functions / committees.

Action: Rhys Jones

Martijn Elbers asked for clarity regarding the aim of the regional events.

Darren Brunton provided an overview of the value of the regional event historically including; guidance updates, information sharing, and networking.

Darren Brunton with the support of the committee suggested a return to APAC committee and other APAC based members who are engaged with other IMCA committees presenting updates from those committees. The committee agreed and discussed this with particular reference to the HSSE committee and the safety data report.

Action: Rhys Jones

Jason Veerasingam updated the committee on progress with including IFC as presenters. The committee agreed this was to be included.

Action: Jason Veerasingam

The committee discussed the inclusion of a workshop at the regional event. It was agreed that this is a useful addition if it has a focused subject matter. The committee agreed that a workshop should be developed and would be used as a back up option in the event a speaker or presenter was unable to attend at short notice.

Action: Rhys Jones

Debbi Garreffa asked if the committee would be meeting the evening before the event. It was agreed that the committee would. Mike Meade would suggest an appropriate location.

Action: Mike Meade

6 APAC Engagement

Rhys Jones outlined IMCA's planned engagements in Taiwan and Japan for the remainder of 2024. Including a joint event with CR class in Taipei, attendance at Energy Taiwan, and the first online meeting of the Japanese focal group.

Jason Veerasingam outlined his activities in the region for the rest of 2024. Including; Thailand, Vietnam, China and Japan.

It was also highlighted that Darren Brunton will be speaking at OCS.

The committee also agreed to review the planned locations for 2025 Regional events following a discussion on the viability of regional in Perth in Q1 2025. It was suggested that Taipei maybe a viable location for a regional.

Action: Rhys Jones & Jason Veerasingam

7 Any other business

No other business was raised.

8 Summary of action items

Action	Responsible	Target
Regional programme to clearly set out which session relate to which IMCA divisions / functions / committees.	Rhys Jones	

APAC committee and other APAC based members who are engaged with other IMCA committees to present updates from those committees	Rhys Jones	30/08/24
Include IFC as presenters	Jason Veerasingam	06/09/24
A workshop to be developed as a back up option	Rhys Jones	30/08/24
Location to be suggested for a committee dinner	Mike Meade	06/09/24
Review the planned locations for 2025 Regional events	Rhys Jones / Jason Veerasingam	09/10/24

9 Date and location of next meetings

TBC.

Darren Brunton	Darren Brunton	18-01-2025
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