

# **Europe and Africa Regional Committee**

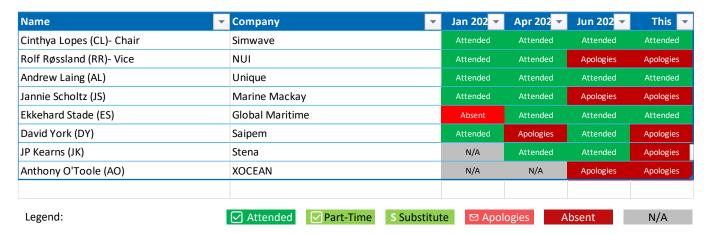
**Minutes** of a meeting of the Association's Europe and Africa Regional Committee held on 1 July 2024 from 10:00 BST via videoconference

#### 1 Competition law compliance policy

The IMCA Competition Law Compliance Policy, which had been circulated with the meeting agenda, was drawn to the attention of all present.

#### 2 Welcome and attendance

**MN** welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies for absence were recorded, with the latest meeting attendance now as follows:



Also present or joining via videoconference were:

David Bloom (DB) IMCA
Mary Ntamark (MN) IMCA
Grace Ellsworth (GE) IMCA

#### 3 Minutes of the previous meeting

## 3.1 Approval of the minutes

The minutes were agreed and were duly signed as an accurate record by the Chair.

#### 3.2 Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda

There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not covered by existing agenda items.

## 4 Next regional meeting

The committee discussed the next upcoming regional meeting in Europe. **MN** updated the committee that a date and venue have been chosen.

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The event will be held at the Global Underwater Hub (Global Underwater Hub) in Aberdeen on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2024. This venue has a maximum capacity of 60 attendees.

The committee agreed they were happy with this choice of venue and date.

The committee had a discussion on potential speakers and topics for the event. The following was discussed in this conversation:

- **DB** advised that there is a maritime batteries company in Aberdeen that could give a presentation on where they see the battery market going.
- **DB** recommended an energy research organisation called Energy Voice based in Aberdeen to give a talk on the future energy market.
  - o Energy Voice | Leading the Global Energy Conversation
- AL suggested a presentation on the sustainability of USVs
  - DB suggested getting a speaker from Fugro to give a live demo on 'The Rock' Fugro's USV operating station based in Aberdeen.
  - o AL also offered to see if there was someone from the Unique Aberdeen office to speak about USVs.
- CL/ES recommended Steven Cargill, based in Aberdeen, to give an update on DP
  - MN offered to reach out to the IMCA DP Technical Advisor, Richard Purser, to action this.
- DB recommended an update on diving safety for offshore wind and ship husbandry.
  - o **MN** offered to reach out to the Diving TA, Bill Chilton, to action this.
- ES suggested a presentation on marine warranty surveyors and offered to be the speaker.

The draft agenda for the event is as follows:

- \*Note: This is a draft and the topics and timings are still subject to change
  - 09:30 10:00: Registration and breakfast networking
  - 10:00 10:10: IMCA Introduction
  - 10:10 10:30: Presentation 1- Global Underwater Hub update
  - 10:30 10:50: Presentation 2- *DP update*
  - 10:50 11:15: Mid-morning refreshments
  - 11:15 11:35: Presentation 3- Diving update
  - 11:35 12:00: Morning Q&A and Slido Session
  - 12:00 13:00: Networking lunch
  - 13:00 13:20: Presentation 4- Future Energy Markets
  - 13:20 13:45: Presentation 5- USVs and Sustainability
  - 13:45 14:05: Presentation 6- Battery technology
  - 14:05 14:30: Mid-afternoon refreshments

- 14:30 14:50: Presentation 7- Marine Warranty Surveyor
- 14:50 15:15: Afternoon Q&A and Slido Session
- 15:15 15:30: Closing statements

It was agreed to have the event published and invitations sent out by the end of next week (19<sup>th</sup> July 2024). The event description can be updated later with speaker names, but the committee agreed it is best to have a save the date sent with presentation topics sooner rather than later. *MN* and *GE* will request a reminder email goes out to the mailing list again in August.

# 5 Summary of action items

Action	Responsible	Target
Contact marine batteries company about presenting	MN/GE/DB	19 <sup>th</sup> /07/2024
Reach out to Energy Voice about Energy Market presentation	MN/GE/DB	19 <sup>th</sup> /07/2024
Contact Fugro about USV presentation	MN/GE/DB	19 <sup>th</sup> /07/2024
Reach out to IMCA DP TA about speaker on DP update presentation	MN/GE	17 <sup>th</sup> /07/2024
Reach out to IMCA Diving TA about speaker on diving update presentation	MN/GE	17 <sup>th</sup> /07/2024
Work with IMCA Comms to get event published	MN/GE	19 <sup>th</sup> /07/2024

# 6 Date and location of next meetings

4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 10:00am BST

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Signed as a true record Name Date

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