

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:

Name	Company	Jan 2024	Apr 2024	Jun 2024	This
Cintha Lopes (CL)- Chair	Simwave	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Rolf Røssland (RR)- Vice	NUI	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Apologies
Andrew Laing (AL)	Unique	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Jannie Scholtz (JS)	Marine Mackay	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Apologies
Ekkehard Stade (ES)	Global Maritime	Absent	Attended	Attended	Attended
David York (DY)	Saipem	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Apologies
JP Kearns (JK)	Stena	N/A	Attended	Attended	Apologies
Anthony O'Toole (AO)	XOCEAN	N/A	N/A	Apologies	Apologies

Legend:

Attended
 Part-Time
 S Substitute
 Apologies
 Absent
 N/A

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.

The event will be held at the **Global Underwater Hub** ([Global Underwater Hub](#)) in **Aberdeen** on the **3rd 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.
 - [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.
 - **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.
 - **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 (**19th 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 th /07/2024
Reach out to Energy Voice about Energy Market presentation	MN/GE/DB	19 th /07/2024
Contact Fugro about USV presentation	MN/GE/DB	19 th /07/2024
Reach out to IMCA DP TA about speaker on DP update presentation	MN/GE	17 th /07/2024
Reach out to IMCA Diving TA about speaker on diving update presentation	MN/GE	17 th /07/2024
Work with IMCA Comms to get event published	MN/GE	19 th /07/2024

6 Date and location of next meetings

4th September 2024 at 10:00am BST

 Cinthya Lopes (Oct 14, 2024 15:43 GMT+2)	Cinthya Lopes	14/10/2024
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Signed as a true record

Name

Date

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