

Minutes of a meeting of the Association's Europe and Africa Regional Committee held on 4 September 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 202	Apr 202	Jun 202	Jul 202	This
Cintha Lopes (CL)- Chair	Simwave	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Rolf Røssland (RR)- Vice	NUI	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Apologies	Attended
Andrew Laing (AL)	Unique	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Jannie Scholtz (JS)	Marine Mackay	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Apologies	Attended
Ekkehard Stade (ES)	Global Maritime	Absent	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies
David York (DY)	Saipem	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Apologies	Absent
JP Kearns (JK)	Stena	N/A	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Absent
Anthony O'Toole (AO)	XOCEAN	N/A	N/A	Apologies	Apologies	Attended

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Also present or joining via videoconference were:

David Bloom (DB)	IMCA ,
Mary Ntamark (MN)	IMCA
Giulia Luerti (GL)	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. Fugro was not contacted to present at the upcoming EA as there is already a full agenda. All previous actions have now been met.

4 Changes within EA in The International Marine Contractors Association

Introduction of Giulia Luerti, new Assistant Technical Adviser – Environment and Sustainability in IMCA for Europe and Africa to the committee and vice versa. The Committee members gave their introductions.

5 Update on next regional meeting

The committee discussed the next upcoming regional meeting in Europe. **MN** confirmed to the committee there were no changes in the date, time and venue.

MN provided an overview of the companies that are attending the event. **DB** noted that some energy companies are attending the event and proposed whether they should be welcomed in the announcements considering it is the first time they are attending the regional meeting. Everyone agreed.

DB and **MN** discussed the possibility of a 10% allowance no show policy and it was agreed that critically we may be able to fit in an additional 5 or 6 people

6 Agenda for next regional meeting

6.1 Approval of the agenda

The agenda for the event was confirmed as follows:

- 09:30 – 10:00: Registration and breakfast networking
- 10:00 – 10:10: IMCA Introduction
- 10:10 – 10:30: Presentation 1- *Global Underwater Hub*
- 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- *The Road to digital success*
- 13:20 – 13:40: Presentation 5- *Future Energy Market*
- 13:40 – 14:05: Mid-afternoon refreshments
- 14:05 – 14:25: Presentation 6- *Marine Warranty Surveyor*
- 14:25 – 14:45: Afternoon Q&A and Slido Session
- 15:45 – 15:00: Closing statements

The committee discussed Joni Watt from the Professional Diving Academy presentation with suggested inputs as follows.

DB - how the Academy came about and why they are doing it considering they are the only now approved diving school other than the Tasmania one.

AL - how they're going to attract young people into the industry and how much involvement is there from the industry in shaping the curriculum so that when students come out of school, they are sufficiently equipped to deal with the operating philosophy.

RR - The topic of attracting young people should also be discussed by one or more of the diving companies possibly in the Q&A session after. Everyone agreed.

6. 2 Kongsberg site visit

MN informed the group that Kongsberg had offered their facility for a site visit after the main event as follows and suggested agenda:

- 15:30 – 16:00: Kongsberg Introduction
- 16:00 – 17:00: Site tour

DB proposed that visit to Kongsberg could be move to 16:00 so members have more time to network after the conference. More to be discussed on meeting with Kongsberg on the 5th of September to finalise details including the DNV's ward on DP trials. Everyone agreed on visiting Kongsberg .

CL raised the important point of making the speakers aware that their presentation should not be a sales presentation to promote the company but rather a discussion on topics that are relevant to the industry.

7 Next steps for regionals

Join invitations will be sent out on 26th of September and a speakers briefing will be taking place on the week commencing on the 25th of September. Date and time TBC.

8 Election

MN informed the committee that the election period will be on 4th of November and IMCA membership department will reach out to each of the representatives in the region. It was also discussed that Marine Solutions have expressed interest in joining IMCA regional committees and no one had any objections.

9 AOB

DB discussed the possibility of integrating renewable energy companies into the committees and everyone was in favour if possible and numbers allow it.

Possible locations for next year's Europe and Africa in person meeting were discussed such as Namibia, Ghana and Cape Town. This will be discussed and determined in future meetings.

10 Summary of action items

Action	Responsible	Target
Making speakers aware that their presentation should not be a sales presentation	MN/GL	14 th /09/2024
Include the planning for next EA as an agenda item	MN/GL	14 th /10/2024
Follow up with Joni Watt on the diving presentation topic	MN/GL	11 th /09/2024
Work with IMCA Comms for a smooth agenda for Kongsberg site visit	MN/GL	24 th /09/2024
Chase speakers for their EA presentation slides	GL	12 th /09/2024

9 Date and location of next meetings

16th October 2024 at 10:00am BST

<i>Cinthya Lopes</i> <small>Cinthya Lopes (Oct 14, 2024 15:50 GMT+2)</small>	Cinthya Lopes	14/10/2024
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Signed as a true record

Name

Date


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