

EUROPEAN SCIENTIFIC DIVING PANEL
(ESDP)

24th Meeting – 27th February 2020

Video Conference

MINUTES

		ACTIONS
1. Welcome and Present	<p>PRESENT: J-P Féral (J-PF; France), M Sayer (MS; UK), A Norro (AN; Belgium), P Fischer (PF; Germany), J Leinikki (JL; Finland), M Asplund (MA; Sweden), P Balazy (PB; Poland), S Acunto (SA; Italy)</p> <p>Apologies: W Plaiti / M Salomidi (Greece), Pernilla Marianne Carlsson (Norway), Borut Mavric (Slovenia)</p>	
2. Adoption of the agenda	Agreed – no changes were proposed.	
3. Approval of minutes from the 23 rd ESDP meeting	The revised minutes were discussed and accepted. The final version will be circulated.	
4. Matters arising	<p>To be done: “Welcome to dive for Science in xxx”</p> <p>Only Finland and France so far</p> <p>SE to submit by April; will be on new website</p> <p>DE finalising text following meeting of KFT</p> <p>UK finalising text following meeting of SDSC; will be on new website, waiting for approval of SDSC</p> <p>IT finishing text</p>	ALL: to submit the national text as soon as possible
5. Next Face to Face meeting of ESDP	<p>Advertised through MAR newsletter. After polling it was decided to hold the meeting Latvian Institute of Aquatic Ecology in Riga</p> <p>Dates: October (date to be decided by <i>Doodle Poll</i>; <u>quick replies please</u>)</p>	
6. National updates	<p>Italy – Working on a new document: Code of Practice for SD in Italy (as no legal regulations) – to meet standards of UNI (Italy standards group). This will be specific for SD in order to differentiate it from the UNI standard</p>	

defined for commercial diving in Italy. Another topic is on harmonizing and if possible coordinate different training courses to meet the standard of ESD.

Norway – no report

Belgium – No big changes - updating documents and website as normal.

Bulgaria – no report

Finland – Uplift of scientific diving in the universities including reinstating scientific diving training. Applying for funding to ... training, increase the profile of SD in universities, plus equipment. Finalising safety document; to be published later in 2020.

France – Final phase, writing practice instructions (general) and procedures manual (for each institution)

Germany – No major changes. New revision of scientific guidelines (Every 6-7 years; April/May 2020). National meeting two weeks ago - new members to KFT

Greece – no report

Slovenia – no report

Poland – Have produced the memorandum of understanding to set up the national committee. So far received the suggestions on how to adjust its text from four out of six institutions. The two missing are: the University of Gdansk (a key player since it hosts Oceanography and Marine Biology students) and Sea Fisheries Institute. They still working on it. It looks that unfortunately the National Maritime Museum won't be interested in this at least at the start.

Portugal – no report

Sweden – Proposed new short courses for SD (through funding for advanced competencies in any vocation). The dive school has applied for funding for a 8-week course for SD (based on ESD/AESD standards). If granted the first course will run in the autumn of 2020. An attachment of the outlay of the course has been circulated to the ESDP-members.

	<p>UK – New chair of SDSC. MS remains the elected representative of UK on ESDP. SDSC continue to revise their Guidance Notes – presently at third draft level. Still have to agree a version that will go to the national regulators for “recognition” (they cannot be approved legally but are recognised as industry best practice). Website has been revised; should be published.</p>	
7. ESDP information list	<p>To use it more:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> create a publishable list of countries where certification is 100% in accordance with ESD/AESD National / international training courses New grant opportunities / new positions Specific SD project announcement, results, etc. SD supported article of interest <p>How is it used, managed, moderated? Facebook group was rejected as an idea. Instructions of how to use it – should it be on website? How should posts be moderated to make sure that they conform to ESDP guidelines (positive answer of two moderators, negative response must be supported with an explanation) [where can it be found: link?]</p>	<p>J-P: to publish instructions and reset how it will be moderated. {to provide a link to where it is?}</p> <p>Representatives to provide links to the legal text where ESD/AESD are accepted.</p>
8. ESD/AESD verification	<p>How to provide factual evidence that ESD/AESD standards are in accordance with national regulations.</p> <p>Who is issuing the certification for each country and for what duration?</p> <p>Some suggested alterations were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be numbered (identification code) - Should have a “national side” and a “European side” - “National Side” – identity, authority issuing the certification, level, date of issue, period of validity - “European side” – equivalency with ESD or AESD standard - Contact details of the National authority <p>Some discussion as to how the cards would need to be revised and the need to phase in new versions.</p>	<p>J-P: to forward his presentation but national committees should consider revising how their cards are formatted.</p>
9. KFT/ESD certified research diver, Helgoland	<p>There is a need to make sure that the standards for ESD remain consistent with ESDP published standards. The number of dives required did not match.</p> <p>This was a misspelling and would be corrected. The KFT course was a competence test to permit crossover from</p>	<p>PF: to update the cross-over standards to make sure that the requirements is consistent.</p>

	<p>AAUS certification to permit nongermane divers to dive in Germany if not ESD certified.</p> <p>Examples of training schemes could be published on ESDP website.</p>	
10. 6 th ECSD Freiberg	<p>23-25 April 2020 [https://tu-freiberg.de/sdc/ecsd6-2020] Sessions on: Biology, Geoscience, Survey Methods, Deep- and Cold-Water Diving 3 presentations by members of ESDP</p>	
11. 7 th ECSD Roscoff	<p>Aimed for 28 Sep to 01 Oct 2021 (dates to be influenced by refurbishment of conference room at Roscoff). Organizer: French National SD committee who demands ESDP label (accepted). Outline programme and keynote speakers in place. Local organiser is L Lévêque and will be sponsored by EMBRC. Scientific Committee is being established.</p>	
12. Consultation documents	<p>Consultation document 1 is being revised to ensure that it is completely up to date.</p> <p>Medical review: Ongoing with new input received. Being written up now. Still no input from Slovenia or Canada; Sweden to check their content against what was originally submitted. Will need to catch up on X-ray. Email (regarding X-rays) coming soon.</p> <p>Members – SD requirements: should also contain some information on the training courses.</p> <p>IF>5 list: some discussion about what year is taken for the rating – latest IF, the IF in the year published etc. In addition there should be a citation analysis (MS to do this on the final list) but also request for people to propose articles with high citation numbers (>10 per year?) even if the journal doesn't have a high IF. This would have to be part of a "proposal" to be accepted onto the list. MS to review current IF>5 list.</p> <p>Rebreathers: Workshop planned for 2020. Mixed number of replied to emails from AN. Finland and UK to follow up for contacts.</p>	<p>MS: to send X-ray email and chase other countries</p> <p>MS: to carry out citation analysis on the papers on the IF>5 list at present</p>
13. Any Other business	None	
14. Date of next meeting	<p>Riga, Latvia. See above <i>FAST RESONSE TO DOODLE POLL</i></p>	ALL: complete Doodle