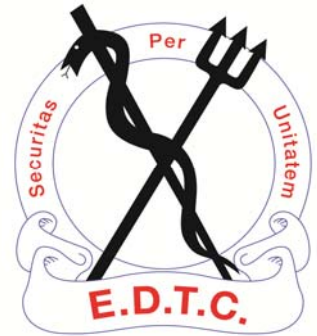


European Diving Technology Committee



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NEWSLETTER

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- * Jørn Ryberg has attended SLIC Machex Meeting that was held 2-3 March 2016 in Luxembourg
- * EDTC Board Skype meeting was held on 3rd May
- * EDTC 2016 Meeting will be held in Estonia on 6th-8th October 2016.

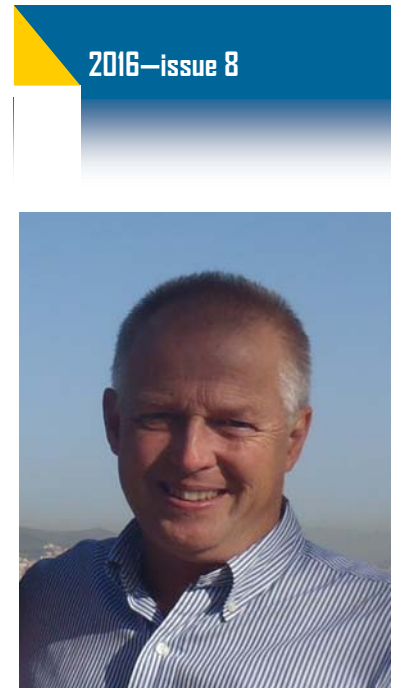
EDTC—Senior Labour Inspectors Committee (SLIC) - Unit of Health, Safety and Hygiene at Work (HSHW)

EDTC was invited by the by Unit of Health, Safety and Hygiene at Work (HSHW) in Luxembourg . The invitation was to attend the SLIC Machex Meeting 2 - 3 March 2016.

The Senior Labour Inspectors Committee (SLIC) is a committee of the European Commission (DG EMPL) with a mandate to give its opinion to the Commission on all problems relating to the enforcement by the Member States of Community law on health and safety at work. The mandate derives from a Commission Decision in 1995.

Why was this meeting important?

Although we are united within Europe, we have a vast variety within the rules, regulations and standards further knowledge amongst the different countries varies. It was obvious during the meeting that knowledge about professional diving activities amongst the delegates was pore to non existing.



Jörn Ryberg
Chairman of EDTC

“Its was absolutely clear that the diving community needs to help themselves

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Urgent need for the members to participate!

To make diving as a profession safer

The topic was discussed and it was obvious that there are vast differences within Europe and much more work has to be done within this sector.

It was highlighted that the inspectors, amongst other things, needed guidance within this sector and they reached to EDTC, as an independent organization, to provide help in this perspective.

EDTC can by being the forum it is, bridge over the existing gap between authorities, organizations and individuals enabling us, as common Europeans, to co-operate to make diving as a profession safe and prosperous.

In combination whit the recent realized directive on regulated professions, there is a urgent need to establish workgroups within EDTC to start up this very import work. TO PROVIDE GUIDENCE

To select a diving contractor and how do enforcement authorities perform and inspection at a dive site

These 2 are the main issues has been highlighted by HSHW and EDTC maybe can take initiative for a common workshop with SLIC, HSHW and other participants to take place in a near future.

Further it was discussed that through a combination between the forces of Commission of the European Communities—Euroforum—Luxembourg and EDTC, much would be gained in the overall goal to provide the free movement of labor within Europe and to enable this to be done in a safe and similar way wherever it´s done.



More guidance

There is a absolute need for more guidance documents on the 2 highlighted items, but first of all an inventory to avoid “re-inventing the wheel” should be performed.

EDTC can, by being the forum it is, bridge over the existing gap between authorities, organizations and individuals. It has been widely highlighted that changes grows out of commitment from many individuals and the “power of freewill”. EDTC sees its task to provide “help to help themselves” for those who are involved.

The road forwards

One task is to develop an information package for any legal entity that wishes to engage diving services in order that they request the appropriate level of service.

Another is for EDTC to a prepare a combined workshop with members of SLIC, HSHW and other interested participants to take place.

Different workgroups

It was reflected during the meeting, that a common goal was to provide documents with guidance of “good practice”. HSHW, stated that they see good possibilities for co-operation and proposed that EDTC could bring forward a “package” for the next steps.

Package within 3 workgroups:

1) To do an inventory

Avoiding re-inventing the wheel, work group 1. The objective is to research amongst existing rules/regulations/guidance to avoid re-inventing things and to make cross-references allowing to find the level that can be accepted by us all.

2) Create a guidance document

The objective is to create an achievable standard and information package, work group 2 (this can be complettery to the existing workgroup on competence standard),

3) Workshop

To realize the document with EDTC as forum, by inviting SLIC members and/or others, work group 3 (to organize the workshop).

YOUR ORGANIZATION NEEDS YOUR HELP!




























The 3 items above requires that all members participates and contributes to enable this to happen. Therefore it´s wanted that you enrol and tell the Secretary, Dr Akin Toklu, which workgroup you can participate within.

We need you reply no later than 2016-05-30

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