



## EDTC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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**Date:** February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Time:** 10:00, Local (SE)

### **Proposed agenda:**

1. Welcome and opening comments by Chairman
2. Review and approval of previous Board meeting minutes
3. Economic reports
4. Discussion about the EDTC activities during 2021
  - Topics for digital meeting - round table discussion
5. Any other business,
6. Next meeting

### **Those present** (alphabetical order)

Akın Savas Toklu  
Jean Lelievre  
Jörn Ryberg  
Jürg Wendling  
Pasquale Longobardi  
Phil Crombie

### **Welcome and opening comments by Chairman**

Chairman, Jörn Ryberg welcomed the board members and started the board meeting.

### **Review and approval of previous Board meeting minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by all members, without any comment. Chairman asked the secretary if there was an outstanding issue since the last board meeting. Akin S. Toklu reported no outstanding issue.

### **Economic reports**

Treasurer Phil Crombie stated that since 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2020, there was no money came to the account and reported the balance as 14,603 Euros. Chairman suggested sending a reminder to members regarding annual membership fee payments together with the announcement of the digital meeting planned.



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### Discussion about the EDTC activities during 2021 (Topics for digital meeting - round table discussion)

Chairman asked members to decide on a suitable date and time for the digital meeting previously planned. Pasquale suggested organizing meeting for 2 or 3 hours, not longer, in the morning or in the afternoon. Phil Crombie declared that any time and date was convenient for him. Jürg Wendling also noted that he might be flexible regarding the schedule. Jean Lelievre recommended to organize it in the afternoon. Akin S. Toklu stated that the number of the participants might be higher if the meeting is organized in the evening hours. Chairman suggested to organize the meeting between 14:00 and 18:00, and members agreed on. Chairman suggested 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 as the date for meeting, members accepted the suggested date.

Chairman asked the member's idea regarding the topics that should be included in the planned meeting. Akin S. Toklu noted that diving accidents in professional diving society might be a topic, and he suggested to form a template for the diving accidents, that has been already presented in the annual meetings. He stated that some data might be collected if members use a standard way/template, while reporting professional diving accidents, and these data might be evaluated to learn from the accidents, that may contribute the prevention of future accidents. Pasquale Longobardi agreed on the idea and added that it would be good idea to include safety measures in the agenda of the planned meeting. Pasquale Longobardi and Jürg Wendling mentioned about DMAC meeting that included a talk done by Jan Riesberg on oxygen toxicity and they suggested to invite him to the meeting. Phil Crombie noted that the language of the talk should be balanced for the people who are not native English speaker and are not medical or technical expert. Jean Lelievre proposed that the developments on national regulations might be a topic to include to the meeting. Jörn Ryberg reminded to the members the inventory work had been done on regulation/legislation of different European countries a few year ago and added that the Guidance on Safe Working Practices issued thereafter. He suggested to work another inventory that will include status and rules in each country's regulation/legislation regarding the movement of the professional divers between European countries. He added, thus there will be a document that will define which countries' professional diver can go which country. Pasquale informed board members that free movement of professionals between European countries is regulated by European law, which is updated with five years intervals, and he added that commercial diving was not included in the professionals listed in the mentioned law, 10-15 years ago. Jörn Ryberg suggested proposing to form a workgroup in the meeting, to work on an inventory. He stated that, after forming the inventory EDTC may get in contact to relevant authors dealing with regulations in EU, regarding free movement of commercial divers. It was intended to involve different members from different countries in the workgroup, thus various members will participate in the work of EDTC. Phil Crombie asked if the inventory would be regarding qualifications or



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regulations, Jörn Ryberg answered him that was intended to be a combination. He added that holding a commercial diving certificate is only a part of the issue, that shows the education of the diver, but there are some obstacles regarding working in another country. He described the aim of the workgroup to define/determine these obstacles. Akin S. Toklu noted that only an introduction can be done regarding the workgroup and its task, and chairman explained that the workgroup will work after the meeting, during which the participants of the workgroup will be determined.

Akin S. Toklu suggested that it might be a good idea to invite people to the online meeting other than EDTC members as well, since the meeting will include scientific lecture regarding diving safety and professional diving society can get benefit from the lecture. Chairman proposed to inform participating members that they can invite guests from their countries to the meeting, and he added that it will increase the familiarity of EDTC and its works. The idea was accepted by the board.

Chairman summarized the topics as “professional diving accidents”, “oxygen toxicity” and “free movement of divers”. Members agreed on the topics.

Akin S. Toklu was asked to prepare a document for announcing the meeting.

### **Any other business**

Pasquale noted that he joined a meeting with the authors from Italian National Health System about the Covid situation in Italy. He was informed that health workers, the older and fragile people will be vaccinated until the end of March 2021. They also noted that most of the Italian people would be vaccinated. He added that the situation might be better in Italy until the intended time for EDTC Annual Meeting in September.

No other business reported by other members.

### **Next meeting**

The date for next Board meeting was decided as 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 10:00 Local (SE).

Report compiled by Akin S. Toklu