



CONFERENCE 2013

Helsinki, Finland

## AGENDA

BPAC Conference 29-31 May 2013 in Helsinki, Finland

		Opening of the conference	Finlandf (host) & The BPAC President
Session	Information	Report from the Secretariat	The Secretariat
Session	Information/	HELCOM	The President
Session	Information	Revision of Res A.480 and Res A.486	The President and UK
Session	Discussion	Future of BPAC	Plenary
Session	Discussion	Module BPAC education for deep-sea pilots -presentation of final paper	Monica Sundklev STA Sweden
Session	Decision	MoU / ToR	Plenary
Session	Discussion	Country Questionnaire	Germany
Session	Information	North European Deep Sea Pilotage Authorities	Trinity House Roger Barker
Session	Information	Mutual information: Plans and development in the member states since the last conference on national level. (Approx. <b>10-15 minutes</b> per member state)	Authorities and providers  <b>Please inform the secretariat not later than 20 May if presentation of information will be provided at the meeting.</b>
Session	Information	Information from EMPA & IMPA	Jan Magne Fosse Vice-president EMPA Stig Thomsen /IMPA
Session	Information	PAF/ Pilotage Authorities Forum	Denmark Frank Adler Gottlieb
Session		Any other business	
Session	Information	Date and place for the next meeting	
		Closing of the conference	Host & BPAC president

## SUMMARY

### **Opening of the conference**

The conference was officially opened by Director Sanna Sonninen, who on behalf of the host country wished everybody, and especially newcomers, welcome.

The President thanked warmly the Finnish representatives for hosting the conference.

As there were no comments on the report from last year's conference the report was formally accepted.

The President suggested a few minor changes to the agenda, which was then accepted.

There were no proposals to item AOB on the agenda.

The Port of departure Rule/PoD, even not on the agenda, was brought up and briefly discussed.

It was agreed that the PoD will be an item on the agenda in 2014. Member states are invited to forward comments on legal aspects about whether the rule is still applicable as well as points of view in general to the President before the conference.

### **1. Report from the Secretariat**

Frank Adler Gottlieb, Denmark, gave the Secretariat's report on what had happened during the period since last year. There have been no approaches and there are no major topics to report.

### **2. HELCOM**

The President informed of her participation as observer in the latest Helcom meeting. The main focus at the moment is on environmental issues.

Interested parties are welcome to contact Pernilla Bergstedt for detailed information from the meetings.

### **3. Revision of Res. A 480 and Res. A 486**

The process with the revision of the resolutions proceeds. The annex containing member state data will be removed.

### **4. Future of BPAC**

The President explained why this item was on the agenda. Due to only little support from the delegates in connection with working groups and the items Module BPAC education and the draft MoU she found it desirable to have a discussion of the delegates' view on the future of and work ahead within the BPAC.

There was a general understanding of the BPAC as a forum for the Baltic countries to exchange information and experience. The BPAC group is visible in pilotage fora and in an EU-perspective it is of importance to be united. Thus there was a consensus that the BPAC should carry on, concentrating on pilotage in general, and with focus on improving exchange of information and cooperation.

### **5. Module BPAC education for deep-sea pilots -presentation of final paper**

Sweden, Monica Sundklev, put forward a final paper on a BPAC module course for deep-sea pilots, which were also sent out to the delegates a week prior to the conference.

The President concluded that the BPAC module course should function as guidance for education of deep-sea pilots. It is then to be considered whether this type of course should be offered by one country for deep-sea pilots from other countries to participate or if it should be available nationally.

Considering the paper to be a continuous process, Denmark suggested this be an item on the agenda at future conferences in order to follow up with a discussion of status.

#### **6. MoU / ToR**

The President presented a final draft of MoU, which was also sent out before the conference as agreed at last year's conference.

The draft was reviewed by the participants. The President will update the BPAC MoU according to the review at this conference and forward the final version to the members. It will not be signed and is not legally binding, but BPAC member states are encouraged to follow the MoU, MoU / ToR will be an item on the agenda at future conferences.

#### **7. Country Questionnaire**

At the last conference the President implied that the present country questionnaire is no longer up to date and suggested that an easier formula was found with focus on statistics as well as accidents.

Germany, Daniela Nissen, had volunteered to revise the country questionnaire form and a draft proposal has been forwarded to the member states.

Daniela Nissen went through the draft proposal and explained the system.

A technical solution of how to administer the form on the BPAC homepage must be decided on.

Frank Gottlieb, Denmark, informed of the Danish online system for pilots and the possibility to include a separate BPAC online system for deep-sea pilots. Information on further development of the online system will be forwarded to the member states.

#### **8. North European Deep Sea Pilotage Authorities**

Roger Barker, Trinity House, informed of the following subjects: Current Compliment of Pilots, Common Examination format, Incident Record Report, Revalidation of pilots, On line returns, Certificates and details, Bulletin Board, Issues, Renewables, Waypoint Navigation, ECDIS training, IMO Resolution A486, and summed up, that he believes that the positive and identified risk control measure provided by a Deep Sea pilot should and must be recognised. and that the issues described above are the growing tip of the iceberg and not to reduce risk to ALARP is unacceptable.

The regular revalidation interviews with pilots provide for feedback in both directions which are then taken forward to assist in addressing issues.

#### **9. Mutual information**

- Plans and development within the pilotage authorities in the member states since the last conference.

The representatives gave their presentations of national pilotage issues. See the presentations on the BPAC homepage.

#### **10. A short statement from representatives**

IMPA. Stig Thomsen, Danish Pilots, shortly briefed about IMPA  
See also [impahq.org](http://impahq.org).

EMPA. Jan Magne Fosse, Norway, reported from EMPA,

- 11. PAF/Pilotage Authorities Forum**  
Frank Gottlieb, Denmark, told about PAF's turbulent past and pointed out that no other organisation deals with pilotage matters from an authority point of view.
- 12. Any other business**  
No delegates had issues to be discussed under this item.
- 13. Date and place for the next meeting**  
The Estonian representatives announced that Estonia would be pleased to host the BPAC conference 2014. It will probably take place around the same time as in 2013. Date and place will be informed of later.
- 14. Closing of the conference**  
The President thanked everybody for a well-performed conference, and especially gave a warm thank to the Finnish hosts for their hospitality and a well arranged conference.

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