



CONFERENCE 2012

Gdynia, Poland

## AGENDA

BPAC Conference 29-31 May 2012 in Gdynia

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| Presentation | ISPO Standard/Quality Management System for pilotage   | Martin van der Hoek,<br>Loodswesen, The<br>Netherlands      |
| Information  | Mutual information:<br>Plans and development in the member states since the<br>last conference on national level.<br>(Approx. <b>10-15 minutes</b> per member state) | Authorities and providers                                   |
| Information  | Information from EMPA & IMPA   | Jan Magne Fosse<br>Vice-president EMPA<br>Stig Thomsen/IMPA |
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## SUMMARY

### **Opening of the conference**

The conference was officially opened by Mr. Krzysztof Kuropieska who wished everybody welcome on behalf of the host country.

Pernilla Bergstedt thanked warmly the Polish representatives for hosting the conference.

She noted that Russia had not responded to an invitation to the conference even though different approaches have been made.

Estonia and Latvia had informed the Secretariat that they were not able to attend.

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

The agenda sent to the member states prior to the conference was accepted.

There were no suggestions to item AOB on the agenda.

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

Frank Adler Gottlieb, Denmark, gave the Secretariat's report on what had happened during the period since last year.

*Homepage*, There has been a change of CMS, which Denmark has paid for. A shared economy among member states will be discussed under the item *MoU*.

The Secretariat will contact the member states for updates and contact persons.

No meetings in working groups have been held since last year.

### **2. HELCOM**

As has been circulated to members, the President on behalf of the BPAC applied for observer status at Helcom Maritime. The application was approved, and she attended a meeting in November. At this meeting, a working group, Experts of Safety of Navigation, was established, the aim of which is to create a forum on enhancing navigational safety through regional cooperation. The group will meet once a year, and HELCOM observers can participate.

The next Helcom meeting will be held in October/November.

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

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

The President forwarded a revision of the two resolutions on the IMO-NAV meeting. The International Chamber of Shipping and some other flag states were concerned about the aspect of risk assessments and did not find the Annex 1 acceptable for captains not engaging a deep-sea pilot, as they would be blamed in case of an accident.

The transparency of what is going on is difficult; the resolutions are not a problem, only the Annex.

### **4. PAF/Pilotage Authorities Forum**

Frank Gottlieb told that the guidelines outlined by PAF and presented at the PAF meeting in May had been rejected as guidelines, but accepted as a report. He expressed the wish that more countries would participate and invited the delegates to the meeting in October, as it is an open session. On the agenda will be e.g. ISPO, accident reports, language and maybe E-navigation.

Duncan Glass suggested those work programmes are sent to groups like this. Frank Gottlieb will bear that in mind.

**5. Module BPAC education for deep-sea pilots**

Monica Sundklev presented version 0.2 of the Module BPAC education and regretted that time had not allowed her to make a complete revision. She expressed the need for delegates to actively support the work in the period until the next conference, in order to make it possible to present a final paper in 2013.

The President stressing that the document should be a joint effort asked for volunteers to assist Monica Sundklev in the work. The response from the members was very positive.

Denmark stressed that a joint module course for deep-sea pilots among other things would support a more frequent performance of courses.

Concerning education, Denmark expressed a wish to divide the area into West and East of Bornholm, i.e. a more comprehensive education including pilotage in ice conditions in the area East of Bornholm.

It was decided that the work ahead should be done by mail correspondence. The possibility of performing a trial course should be discussed at the next meeting when presenting the final paper.

Sweden informed that they have received inquiries from persons outside the Baltic Sea and from ship owners about issuing of Red Cards.

**6. Port of departure Rule - from a legal perspective**

The PSP delegates expressed their wish to hold onto this rule.

Germany, Elfriede Reif, made a short report with reference to the freedom of establishment, set out in Article 49 of the Treaty and the freedom to provide cross border services, which is essential to the effective functioning of the EU Internal Market. Good arguments will be needed to keep the PoD rule for countries within the EU. It should also be taken into consideration that e.g. Russia, still a member even though not participating the BPAC conferences, not being a member of the EU could be subject to EU-legislation.

Denmark, Frank Gottlieb, informed that he has been approached by the Competition Authorities (Konkurrencestyrelsen) questioning the PoD rule. From his point of view the rule is not consistent with Danish legislation.

After a discussion and an exchange of opinions and facts on keeping or dismissing the Port of Departure Rule, its background and purpose including deep-sea pilots maintaining their competence, it was decided that the representatives should send member states' view on the matter including if and why they want to keep the rule and how is it possible in a legal perspective. The result should be sent to Pernilla Bergstedt and Elfriede Reif, who will then look further into the matter.

**7. MoU / ToR**

The details of the draft MoU were discussed. Pernilla Bergstedt will revise the draft according to the input given by the delegates, and will forward the revised document to member states for their acceptance notes.

The accepted document will be forwarded to member states in a paper version for their signatures. Name and addresses of the person appointed to sign should be forwarded to the President or the Secretariat.

**8. Country Questionnaire**

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.

Frank Gottlieb showed the Danish reporting system for pilots and suggested that other member state use the system. This will provide identical useful statistics.

Germany, Daniela Nissen volunteered to revise the country questionnaire form and present a frame proposal for a new form at the next conference.. A technical solution of how to administer the form on the BPAC homepage must be decided on. Delegates must contribute.

**8, Placement of the Secretariat**

No other countries volunteered to take over the task of holding the Secretariat. Denmark will hold the Secretariat until 2014, when the item will be on the agenda.

**9. North European Deep Sea Pilotage Authorities**

Duncan Glass, Trinity House, informed that the effort to bring 8 North Sea countries together in a mutual understanding has resulted in a communication forum. Further he informed that a revision of Res. A 486 had been rejected by the MSC. He also told about renewal of licenses and the licensing of captains of other nationalities as well as ECDIS training.

**10. ISPO Standard / Quality Management System for pilotage**

Martin van der Hoek from the Lodswesen in the Netherlands had been invited to tell about the ISPO in his country. He pointed out that the name *ISPO Standard* is not accurate as it is a code, not a standard.

**11. Mutual information**

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

Delegates gave a report on their national situation.

(See presentations from Finland, Germany, Poland and NEDSPA on the homepage)

**12. A short statement from representatives**

*IMPA*. Stig Thomsen, Danish Pilots, reported from IMPA and told that they are pleased with new boarding arrangements and referred to the IMPA website for more information.

He also told about E-navigation and AIS as well as voice data records in connection with e.g. accidents showing less appropriate conversation.

The next meeting will take place in September, see [impa2012.com](http://impa2012.com) for registration etc.

*EMPA*. Jan Magne Fosse, Norway, reported from EMPA, who has decided on a more relaxed attitude towards E-navigation. It will mean a big advantage, but they foresee a long way before it is on board. He mentioned a corresponding group in IMO.

**13. Date and place for the next meeting**

The Finnish representatives announced that Finland would be pleased to host the BPAC conference 2013.

Date and place will be informed later.

**14. Any other business**

No delegates had issues to be discussed under this item.

**15. Closing of the conference**

The President expressed her satisfaction with the outcome of the conference and thanked the delegates for their cooperation. The President also gave a warm thank to the Polish hosts for their hospitality and a well arranged conference.

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