

## **International Users Group of ISPO-certified organizations**

## TRANSITION OF 'WORKING GROUP' TO 'ADVISORY COUNCIL'

In 2008 the IUG was established and made responsible for the ISPO Code and Control Manual. In addition to the board, an administrator was appointed for the daily activities of the IUG.

To date, the 'volunteer' IUG members have been able to influence the ISPO Code by submitting and approving amendments at the Associates meeting.

In order to achieve as much support as possible from the members to keep the ISPO Code, for pilots by pilots, up-to-date and to further develop it, a working group was set up to support the board with solicited and/or unsolicited advice.

In recent years, the working group has consisted of pilots from affiliated members and board members who have provided the board with invaluable advice/recommendations, such as with the revision of the ISPO Code and ISPO Control manual in 2021.

Now that IUG membership will be mandatory as of 1 January 2025, every ISPO accredited pilot organization will have an equal opportunity to contribute to the future of the ISPO Code and Control Manual.

It is recommended to change the name to Advisory Council. To achieve a more transparent process within the IUG, it is also recommended not to include board members in the Advisory Council. Tim Wingate and Ahmed Sati are kindly requested to withdraw as members.

The composition of the Advisory Council should aim for a balanced geographical representation of the members, which is chaired by the administrator. The maximum number of representatives in the Advisory Council is 5-7 pilots. At this moment, the composition is as follows:

Hans Leemborg IUG Administrator, The Netherlands

Bruno Dockx Brabo Antwerp, Belgium

Silvia Linssen Dutch Pilotage organization, The

Netherlands

Forth Pilots. Scotland **Tim Wingate** 

Salem Al Menhali Abu Dhabi Marine Services LCC - Safeen Sohar Industrial Port Company SAOC Agha Umar Habib

David McDonald Auriga Group (Reef) Ahmed Sati P&O Maritime FZE

With the announcement of the desired solution for the succession of the administrator and the board nomination for the IUG secretary, three to five vacancies will become available that must be filled by the members. A call for candidates for the Advisory Council must be placed. See next below:

Bruno Dockx **IUG** Administrator

Sohar Industrial Port Company SAOC Agha Umar Habib



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In principle, members of the Advisory Council can be elected for an indefinite period, but you can also consider a period of 7 years, with the possibility of re-election for another term, just like with board members.

