

ITEC 09

IRATA will hold an International Technical Event and Conference in conjunction with the Association AGM on 7-9 September 2009. The event will be held at the Fire Services College Moreton in Marsh where the excellent facilities on the fireground will enable IRATA to mount an interesting technical display, manufacturers to display new equipment

Delegates will be offered various attendance packages based on the number of nights accommodation they want. All food and accommodation other than bar drinks will be included in the prices. Those attending will be able to take advantage of the competitive prices to stay overnight and benefit from the excellent opportunities to meet and network with members from around the world.

IRATA Code of Practice

Work on the new comprehensive health and safety guidelines is nearing completion. The next stage for the document is a second round of comments from IRATA members. This is necessary in light of the changes made following the last round of comments and associated review. The inclusion of the drawings also requires agreement from the membership. We plan to re issue the document before the end of the year to enable members to make their comment for a one month period. The review panel will then meet to consider any further changes required. At this point the document will be ready for publication on the IRATA website. All things being equal the Code of Practice will be ready for publication by April 2009.

Accident Statistics and Report

Dr Chris Robbins recently produced the report on the Work and safety returns for 2007 which are freely downloadable from the website at www.irata.org Chris is well-known in the Industry having most recently worked with the Offshore Division of the HSE in Aberdeen.

IOSH Conference & Exhibition

The Association will be participating at the IOSH Conference & Exhibition, Liverpool BT arena, UK on 17-18 March 2009. An IRATA General Meeting will also be held in conjunction with the IOSH.

OSEA 08

IRATA exhibited at OSEA 2008 – The International Oil and Gas Exhibition & Conference Singapore from 2-5 December.



Regional Advisory Committees

We will be adding BENELUX to our list of RACs in SE Asia, Australia, Brazil and North America and South Africa to provide a forum for the growing number of rope access companies in the area. The Association looks to these groups to provide local input into the planning of IRATA's development around the world and contribute to the debate on issues of the moment. Members in these regions are urged to support their RAC Chairman

False Documentation

IRATA looks seriously upon falsification of documentation including certificates, ID cards and logbooks or supporting documents such as first aid certificates. The two cases recently reviewed by the Disciplinary Panel resulted in lifetime bans for the two technicians found guilty of falsifying their IRATA documents

General Requirements

This is currently being updated to include section on the instructor qualification, assessor code so that members can be consulted on any further changes they feel are required.

Assessor/ Training Workshops

Trainers are encouraged to attend what have previously been "assessors' workshops", as they need to deliver what the Assessors are looking for.

Incident Reports

There is currently no specific requirement for IRATA members to provide prompt notification of an incident. IRATA needs to be able to respond to the media or other authorities where a significant accident or incident has occurred, to avoid misleading information being circulated. Initially factual details of the incident that has taken place will be adequate and this should be possible almost immediately. IRATA would expect further details as more information becomes available and certainly at the normal interval for submission of incident form 021R.

The logic of requesting this information is to be able to produce safety bulletins, but only if where the incident is deemed to show lessons which could be beneficial to other members. Safety bulletins will include no details of date, company, or detailed location.

Safety Bulletins

IRATA Safety Bulletins nos 1 to 5 can now be freely downloaded from the website at www.irata.org



Membership

The following companies have joined the Association since April 2008

Advance Cleaning Services Limited

Operator
London, UK
www.advance-cleaning.co.uk

AGR Emi Team AS

Trainer
Straume, Norway
www.agr.no

Bornack Gmbh & Co. KG

Operator and Trainer
Heilbronn, Germany
www.bornack.de

Care Ion Technologist Sdn Bhd

Operator
Terengganu, Malaysia
www.careion.com

Central Height Safety Ltd

Operator and Trainer
London, UK
www.centralheightsafety.co.uk

Deborah Services Limited

Operator
Wakefield, UK
www.deborahservices.co.uk

Emirates Industrial Laboratory

Operator
Dubai, U.A.E
www.eillab.com

GEV Resourcing Limited

Operator
Norfolk, UK
www.gevresourcing.com

HC Formations

Trainer
Cavaillon, France
www.groupehc.com

Johan Stabil SDN BHD

Operator and Trainer
Malaysia

Martin Castle Limited

Trainer
Kent, UK
www.martincastleltd.com

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Structural Rig Surveys Limited

Operator
Ross-Shire, UK
www.structural-rig-surveys.com

Ultra Abseil Cleaning Services LLC

Operator
Dubai, U.A.E
www.ultraabseil.com

Vision One SDN BHD

Operator
Selangor, Malaysia
www.visionone.com.my

Wagenborg Foxdrill

Operator
Oldenzaal, Netherlands
www.wagenborg.com

Registrations

Technicians registered in current year since 1 January 2008

Level 1 - 4775

Level 2 - 899

Level 3 - 838

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Replacement ID Cards and Log Books can be obtained from Karen. The costs of these are £10 for ID Card and £20 Log Book.

IRATA CEO

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