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The ISPO (International Standard for Maritime Pilot Organizations) is a standard of best practice for pilots and pilot organizations, improving safety and quality. Providing self-regulation and transparency in pilotage standards to all port related stakeholders.

The responsibility for the ISPO standard lies with the International Users Group of ISPO-certified organizations (IUG). With this newsletter the IUG would like to inform you about the latest developments in the field of the International Standard for Pilot Organisations.

New ISPO certified organisations

Five pilot organisations in Australia have joined ISPO in the last few months, Flinders Port-Adelaide, North Queensland Bulk Ports, Gladstone Marine Pilot Services, Argonaut Marine Group Pilotage - Port Dampier and Australian Pilotage Group (APG) PTY Ltd. We welcome them to the ISPO family and it is great to see that more and more pilot organisations see the benefits of ISPO certification.

Four organizations in Papua New Guinea are working on ISPO certification as well as two other organizations in Australia. We expect that more pilot organisations will join in 2021. If more and more pilot organisations join ISPO, the value of the standard will increase. With the five new organizations included, the total number of pilot organisations that comply with the ISPO code has risen to 28, representing approximately 1260 pilots.

ISPO Conference

The 2021 ISPO conference is postponed to March 30th and 31st, 2022 in Cork (Ireland). It is the place to meet pilot organizations from all over the world to exchange experiences and information, to further develop the quality of our profession and to promote ISPO. During the conference, the annual meeting of Associates will also take place, which is open as well to non-ISPO certified pilot organizations to learn about the ISPO code and benefits of being an associate of the IUG.

The Pilot organization in Cork, in cooperation with Port of Cork are doing their utmost to create an interesting program. You will be informed in more detail about the conference at a later stage and we look forward to your participation.

For 2023, the ISPO conference will be hosted by Brabo and Nederlands Loodswezen in Antwerp.

Revision of the ISPO code

In October the IUG hopes to adopt the revision of the ISPO Code and ISPO Control Manual. All members of the International User Group have the opportunity to give their input. The ISPO Code is made for pilots by pilots. The revision proves that we are in control of our own standard without the interference of anybody but ourselves. That is of great value ISPO opposed to any other standard. With this refreshment of the code, we expect to be ready for the foreseeable future. The effective date of the revision will be January 1st 2022.

Developments IUG

It is the intention to welcome a new chairman of the IUG in October 2021 as Captain Willem Bentinck steps down in March 2022. The new to be appointed chairman will take over at the conference in Cork in 2022.



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In conclusion

It appears that throughout the world the Covid-19 restrictions are slowly coming to an end and we hope to meet you at the ISPO Conference in March 2022 at Cork, Ireland. If you have any questions about the ISPO code in general, do not hesitate to contact the administrator, iug@ispo-standard.com

