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## Volume 24, Issue No 4

Welcome to the last issue of TRAINER for 2024. Where has the year gone? Apologies for the late issue of this newsletter but life has been a bit hectic for me lately.

In this issue we award a certificate of merit, pass on the news that prices are to increase and that I will be dealing solely with IDEST Limited from now on.

## Increase in annual registration fees

It is with regret that we have to raise the annual registration fees to £140 per centre.

It was felt that IDEST Limited Training Centres should pay the same amount as IDEST Inspection and Test Centres.

**This will take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025**

This is still excellent value for money and the extra £10 will go towards further improvements in the admin system.

The reasons are that the accounts package needs updating, the Adobe Reader DC needs buying now on a monthly basis, the stationery gets more expensive with each order, and postage has gone through the roof, especially to the overseas centres

## Stoney Cove Seminar

In September there was an Inspectors' meeting at Stoney Cover, to which all centre technicians were invited. There was a good turn out of technicians and the agenda covered a range of interesting topics presented by some inspectors and guest speakers.

At this seminar I was given the opportunity to present a talk about IDEST LIMITED and IDEST, in an attempt to clear any confusion that folk may have had as to their specific roles.

In the talk I presented some figures of the Training Centres achievements over the years, which surprised most people. And here are the figures...

As of the seminar date, we have trained 863 students altogether

**Average of 108 students a year**

- **Visual Assessment Course – 22 (now discontinued)**
- **Technician Inspection Course 1 – 290**
- **Technician Inspection Course 2 – 247**
- **Composite Cylinder Course – 181**

- **IMCA Technician Course - 57**
- **Oxygen Cleaning Course – 39**
- **Regulator Servicing Course – 27**

These are figures that far exceed anything I ever expected and it is all down to the Training Centres and their enthusiasm. Thank you for your support over the past eight years. Long may it continue.

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## **IDESTUK.ORG website update**

For many months now I have wondered why I was receiving emails from potential students asking for course details. The website clearly states to check the TRAINING section for Training Centre contact details and courses available.

**Today I discovered why!** None of your email addresses or websites are 'linked' and emails come to training@idest.co.uk.

That has now been sorted and you should find you are getting more email enquiries and more hits on your websites.

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## **Retirement from inspections**

Recently I have been going through some medical issues and I have found that travelling to centres to do the many IDEST inspections has been causing me problems.

As such I made the decision to retire as an IDEST Inspector and concentrate of IDEST Limited work.

I have been inspecting since 1998 when Mike Todd first invited me onto the team. I have enjoyed every year of it but now feel it is time to hang up my clip-board.

It will give me more time to concentrate of IDEST Ltd and hopefully improve the training services and facilities that IDEST Ltd offers.

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## **IDEST Ltd Training Centres update**

This is the current list of Training Centres:

- **Bristol Channel Diving Services, Cardiff. TC001**
- **M60 Scuba, Stockport. TC003**
- **Sunderland Scuba Centre, Sunderland. TC004**
- **C & R Testing, Sowerby Bridge. TC007**
- **D V Diving, Northern Ireland. TC009**
- **Moray Firth Dive Centre, Moray. TC011**
- **Discover Diving IOM. TC012**
- **Innovative Technology Asia Co Ltd, Phuket, Thailand. TC014**
- **Dive Right Co. Ltd, Pattaya, Thailand. TC016**
- **Cylinder Testing Station, Redditch. TC017**
- **Scuba Shack Ltd, Sedgley. TC018**
- **Rec2Tec Diving, Milton Keynes. TC019**

Training Centres leaving since the last issue of TRAINER

**NONE**

