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I hope you all had a good Easter and that you managed to get a break of some sort. In this issue we cover some improvements that we have made to our training resources and offer some suggestions for further income generating.

We have finalised our list of Training Centres for 2019 to seven. We hope that the rather slow interest in the Visual Assessment Course can be increased this year and we are in the process of creating another course to add to our list.

Training Centres for 2019

Following on from the February issue I can now confirm that we have two new Training Centres join the team, namely:

- **C & R Testing, Sowerby Bridge. TC007**
- **J M Scuba Services, Leicester. TC010**

This brings the total to a very healthy seven centres. Including the following:

- **Bristol Channel Diving Services, Cardiff. TC001**
- **Core94, Edinburgh. TC002**
- **M60 Scuba, Stockport. TC003**
- **Sunderland Scuba Centre, Sunderland. TC004**
- **D V Diving, Northern Ireland. TC009**

I do hope that these centres will be able to increase their turn-over by offering the full range of IDEST courses

Unfortunately, the others that were approached have declined to join the team and have therefore been removed from the website.

More Income with VAC

The first course that IDEST put together was the Visual Assessment Course (VAC), which was aimed at dive centre staff. The idea was to ensure safety within the industry by offering a course that provided dive centre staff with sufficient knowledge to assess cylinders at the time of filling. This follows guidance contained in BS EN ISO 24431:2016.

For some reason this course has not been well publicised and the total number of students to date is a mere 12.

There are many diving branches with their own compressor and this course would be ideal for those involved with cylinder filling at their branch.

So why not put this course on your website and approach local dive clubs with the opportunity of making their club safer by gaining the VAC

New IMCA Dive Technician Course

After working with two Aberdeen companies providing them with the IDEST Technician Inspection Course Part 1, we have set about putting together a revised version that is aimed at commercial diving companies' dive technicians.

These technicians probably have already attended a Dive technician Course but audits in Aberdeen suggested that they are not trained sufficiently in cylinder inspection and valve maintenance.

As such we have added in specific sections on the IMCA Code of Practice D018, valve maintenance, information gained from drawings and understanding calibration certificates.

We have approached one company in Aberdeen which has contact with the IMCA Diver Training Committee and hope to be able to launch this in the near future.

The Instructor Manual, PowerPoint presentation and Student Manual have been started and should be completed by the end of May.

So, put out some feelers in your local area to commercial diving companies and see if this is possibly an additional course for your centre.

As soon as the materials have been written I will let you know and post them up on the Instructor Resources in Dropbox.

Instructor Resources in Dropbox

In an effort to ensure all Training Centres have access to the most up-to-date resources, an Instructor Resources folder has been set up in Dropbox.

All the resources needed to run the existing four training courses are contained within their respective folders. This includes all the support documentation, appendices, promotional materials and leaflets as well as the PowerPoint presentation and theory assessment papers.

Each training centre has been given access to this Dropbox folder. No passwords are required. Sharing has only been given to those training centres currently registered.

It was felt that having such a resource centre would be better than uploading the changes to all centres. If any updates are made, an email will be sent to each training centre explaining the update and a suggestion that you download the latest version.
