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Welcome to the first of our Training Centre newsletter IDEST TRAINER.

The aim of producing this quarterly newsletter is to keep our Training Centres informed on relevant information that may affect training provision.

It will be supported by the IDEST newsletter **IDEST Torque** so that together centre staff should all the information they need to provide the high standard of training that you are currently providing.

Centre Update

So as to ensure you all know who is currently offering IDEST Training, here are the names and locations of the four approved Training Centres.

Bristol Channel Diving Services, Cardiff

Core 94, Aberdeen

M60 Scuba, Stockport

Sunderland Scuba Centre, Sunderland

The courses that we currently offer are as follows:

Visual Assessment Course - this covers the assessment of cylinders at the time of filling. This is ideal for dive Centre fillers and dive clubs who own their own compressor/.

Technician Inspection Course Part 1 - aimed at dive centre staff who wish to start inspecting diving and breathing gas cylinders externally and internally.

Technician Inspection Course Part 2 - this course is for those technicians who have attended the TIC1 and now wish to progress to testing cylinders.

Composite Cylinder Course - this course is for technicians who have already attended the TIC1 and TIC2 and wish to extend the scope of their test centre services.

New course in the pipeline

The next course we are aiming to produce is the International Maritime Companies Association (IMCA) Technician Inspections Course. This course will be similar to the IDEST TIC1 but more extensive. In addition to the current TIC1

content it relates cylinder inspection to the IMCA standards, covers the practical aspects of cylinder valve cleaning and ****

New ISO Standards soon to be published

As many of you may know, a new ISO standard has been in the pipeline for some months now. This new standard will be published shortly (October 2018) under ISO 18119:2018 and will cover the inspection and testing of both steel and aluminium cylinders. This ISO 18119:2018 will supercede the current BS EN 1968:2002 and BS EN 1802:2002.

As a result of this new standard coming out we will have to rewrite/edit the current student manuals and the instructor manuals. This will involve quite a lot of work. We also have a reasonable level of stock so my proposal is to create amendment sheets to go with the existing stock and aim to have completed the rewrite/edit in time for the printing of the next stock.

If you have some of the current manuals in stock, please continue to use them but copy the amendment sheets that I will send you and add them into the front covers.

Approval of Training Centres

We are hoping to extend the number of IDEST Training Centres in 2019 since the courses are proving very popular. We will make every effort to ensure that your local area is not covered by another Training Centre and that you represent IDEST within an acceptable radius of operation.

All Training Centres are approved by an inspector using CP15:2015 as the Code of Practice.

This approval is for your current teaching and testing facility only.

As a result, you cannot train students at another location that has not been given IDEST Training Centre approval. This is simply our method of ensuring the highest quality of training provided under the IDEST banner and that the equipment being used is that which has been assessed.

IDEST Inspectors can train students at other locations but they are provided with all the necessary training materials, equipment and amenities required under CP15:2015.

If you do want to be mobile, please apply for approval and we will arrange for an inspection of your mobile facilities.

IDEST Student Database

From the concept of IDEST training courses, a Student Database was created to record the details of all students who receive training along with which centre that provided the training, the lead instructor, the courses they have attended, course unique numbers and date the certificates were posted out.

It has proved a very successful database being able to track when centres lose Application Forms and end up issuing unique numbers twice as well as ensuring that all Feedback Forms have been received and recorded.

Some centres have not been providing phots of their students, which is a pity as being able to put a face to a name can be quite useful.

A summary of stock held by each Training Centre can also be obtained from the database and this is sent to each centre with any new order that is placed.

Below is a sample of the Student Form from the database.

