

FPS Report of EFFC Executive Meeting in Copenhagen – 22 June 2018

EFFC Officers

There has been some changes among the EFFC Officers. The Officers function in a similar way to the FPS Executive in that they recommend policy and initiatives to the EFFC Executive Committee (equivalent to the FPS Quarterly). There are four permanent Officers from Italy, Germany, France and the UK. Two further Officers are elected by the Executive. The Officers themselves are nominated by their national Federation.

France have appointed Stephane Abry of Soletanche, Italy have appointed Fabrizio Leoni of Trevi. More changes are coming to the formation of the group as Hans Bliss is intending to step down next year as is Martin Blower.

Due to these changes the Officers agreed to re-jig the order of succession to the presidency, which had been due to go to France next year. Now the order shall be:

President – José Candela (Spain)
Vice President – Andreas Körbler (Austria)
Officer – Fabrizio Leoni (Italy)
Officer – Stephane Abry
Officer – Martin Blower (UK)
Officer – Hans Bliss (pending a new nominee) (Germany)

European Rig Operators' License

Hans Bliss is leading the initiative to create a European rig operators' license to achieve mutual recognition of operators qualifications. The intention is to

1. work with national federations to identify a common standard based on the formal qualifications and training being carried out currently.
2. Take this to the social partners (e.g. CPCS) in each country to see if they will recognise it
3. Identify and accredit training centres to assess against the standard.

The EFFC shall then issue a European driver's license to operators passed by the accredited training centres.

The first meeting to start work on developing the standard is due on 9th July. We may want to put a representative on the group.

Working Platforms Task Group

Jim De Waele is to run a Task Group that is seeking to establish the Working Platform Certificate scheme across Europe. The Netherlands and Sweden have adopted it already, and the brief for Jim is to develop a minimum standard and set of tools to help Federations push the issue at national level. Long term possibilities may include getting a CEN standard for working platforms established.

Technical Working Group

David Hard has become the new Chair of the Working Group. He has been tasked with formally asking EFFC Members what technical issues and subjects they would like the TWG to address. This represents an important opportunity to get more from the EFFC and

benefit from positively engaging with them. Martin recommends that the FPS formally respond to this with suggestions from both the Member MDs and Technical Committee.

Sustainability Working Group

The EFFC are reviving the Sustainability Working Group which shall be initially chaired by Chris Harnan. This will incorporate the Carbon Calculator. The intention is for the group to meet in September and share presentations on what sustainability means for contractors, clients and governments and form a work plan to move the industry on to a more sustainable footing. This is looking at all aspects of sustainability, not just the environmental aspect.