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Member info 04/2022 – Results Members' Meeting

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen

In the following we would like to send you some information about the results of the members' meeting in Oldenburg and also inform you about important topics and events in fiscal year 2022. The Corona-related hybrid event was very well attended with 74 participants from 60 companies.

Board election:

At the DCA members' meeting, as previously announced, the election of an assessor to the board was on the agenda. The election became necessary because board member Scott Stone left Visser & Smit Hanab at the end of 2021 and has now been working for DCA member Michels Corp. since Jan. 1, 2022. At the proposal of the board, Mr. Stone was elected by the meeting to the office of assessor for another two years.

The DCA board continues to be composed as follows:

President:	Jorn Stoelinga	(LMR Drilling GmbH)
Vice-President (<i>Small Scale Drilling</i>):	Marco Reinhard	(Leonhard Weiss GmbH & Co. KG)
Vice-President (<i>Large Scale Drilling</i>):	Atef Khemiri	(HDI)
Vice-President (<i>Associate Members</i>):	Marc Schnau	(x-plan schnau engineering)
Treasurer:	Jürgen Muhl	(Step Oiltools GmbH)
Board Member:	Scott Stone	(Michels Corp.)
Board Member:	Jörg Himmerich	(Dr.-Ing. Veenker Ing.gesellschaft mbH)
Board Member:	Ronald Siebel	(Tennet TSO GmbH)

In the election of the cash auditors for 2022, Silke Goldschmidt, WBW GmbH, and Dan Lingenauber, Tracto-Technik, were re-elected. Thomas Winkler, LMR Drilling GmbH, was elected as substitute auditor. The presentation and the handout on the members' meeting are now available for download on the association's website in the members' area. The minutes of the event will be sent to you in the course of March.



Task groups 2022 (status of processing)

Task group 2: Coating quality
Head: Marc Schnau, x-plan schnau engineering

As already reported, the work in the task group under the leadership of board member Marc Schnau has been completed in the meantime. The results have already been presented to the members at the members' meeting. Unfortunately, the preparation of the German and English versions of the final report has been delayed, so that no final version is yet available. This is to be made up for in the near future.

Task group 3: Revision of Technical Guidelines
Head: Ernst Fengler, LMR Drilling GmbH

In task group 3, the working document could be reviewed and corrected in the meantime by Marc Schnau and Jorn Stoelinga. In the meantime, further points were raised by DCA members that should still be fitted into the guidelines. These items are still being worked on, so the completion of the working version for the board has been further delayed. Further input from the membership will be welcomed as this progresses. The goal is to present the final draft of the revised version to the members for review in a timely manner.

Task group 4: Data acquisition and logging
Head: Scott Stone, Michels Corp.

At the two meetings in November and December 2021, the objective was developed and parameters were established, which were then categorized by relevance and importance, and which data could be practically recovered. Finally, the data was further analyzed to determine which parties would ideally want access to specific data sets. A phased approach to digitization should be determined, ranging from minimal digitization (Level 1) to full digitization (Level 4), and what is included in each level. The next step is to contact companies that can provide recording services and equipment to get a better understanding of methods for recording, storing data, etc. Another meeting of the group is then scheduled for March 2022.

DVGW-task group GW 340 (Germany) Creation of a new DIN for the "quality assurance of coatings" (Mr. Himmerich)

Board member Jörg Himmerich reported on DCA's involvement in the DVGW task group GW 340. The involvement in the DVGW task group GW 340 is about the protection applied in addition to the corrosion protection coating as mechanical protection of steel pipes and fittings - the quality assurance of factory coatings. The requirements specified in the relevant corrosion protection standards must be met. The sheathings regulated here only serve as mechanical protection of a high-quality corrosion protection sheathing and do not replace it. The white paper for DIN XXXX and GW 340 is expected in 2023. In addition to the test principles in the first part, the second part will contain application topics such as repair and handling.

DCA-sponsorship program

In the year 2021 the DCA has deemed a thesis on the subject of "Noise emissions at HDD construction sites" to be worthy of support under the new sponsorship program. Johannes Rotter from the Jade University of Applied Sciences in Oldenburg has meanwhile submitted his thesis

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to the FH for examination (first examiner Dr. Till-Heinrich Carstens, second examiner Dipl.-Ing. Ernst-Georg Fengler). A copy of his thesis will be made available to the DCA.

For 2022, the association already has other candidates in mind for promotion. Suggestions for topics or candidates can be sent to Mr. Himmerich at any time.

Reports of the representatives

DCA now has four representatives who support the association's work in Europe. These include Renzo Chirulli, Vermeer, for the Italian area, Brian Jorgensen, Ditch Witch EMEA, for the Spanish area, Scott Stone, Michels Corp., for the UK area and, since the beginning of the year, François Gandard, OPTIMUM, for the French area.

At the members' meeting, the four representatives first gave an overview of the state of the HDD industry in the individual countries in the course of their reports. In addition, potential new members who are interested in joining the DCA were introduced. This week also saw the receipt of an application for regular membership from Subterra SAS from Portet sur Garonne in France.

In the meantime another representative for the area of Scandinavia could be found: Benny Jensen from the company Dantonit A/S has declared his willingness to work for the DCA there and to represent the aims of the association in the Northern European area as a contact person.

If you are interested in working as a representative, please contact the office.

Membership figures

Since the 2021 members' meeting, a total of 12 new companies have been admitted to the DCA. As of 26.01.2022, 140 companies were organised in the DCA. Of these, 55 are registered as regular members (HDD drilling companies) and 85 as associate members.

All members, friends and supporters of the DCA are called upon to continue to actively support the board and the representatives in the recruitment, especially of regular members (drilling companies).

A note on this: On the DCA website at www.dca-europe.org/members, various group directories have been created in which the individual companies are listed accordingly (experts, planners, service companies, etc.).

Please check if our assignment is correct. Multiple entries in different groups are possible. Please send requests for changes/additions to the office.

Preview events 2022

26th DCA Annual Congress

The 26th DCA Annual Congress will be held in Stratford-upon-Avon, UK southeast of Birmingham on October 05-07, 2022. The congress theme and program are currently being finalized.

In preparation for the annual congress, DCA will relaunch the existing sponsorship program. It is hoped that the income from sponsorship will continue to keep the dues for the annual congress

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stable in the medium term. Within the program, a three-tier sponsorship for the areas "Communication", "Networking" and "Social activities" is planned (gold, silver and bronze sponsors).

The sponsor contributions will be set at € 4,000, € 2,000 and € 1,000. In the course of the members' meeting, two companies from the membership have given their commitment in principle for a "gold sponsorship". You will receive more detailed information on the sponsorship program of the annual congress in one of the next member information.

DCA-Member Forum

The DCA Member Forum 2022 (bilingual) had to be postponed due to Corona. It will now take place on 05.05.2022 in Aachen at the Novotel. On the evening before, a dinner is planned, to which the DCA cordially invites the participants of the forum!

„Call for topic“

At the members' meeting, president Jorn Stoelinga presented corresponding topic proposals. Please complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to the office by the first of March (a.quante@dca-europe.org).

Thank you very much for your cooperation!

Further events

- NO DIG BERLIN - 08.-09.03.2022 – The DCA is represented with two lectures
- 20th Trenchless Engineering Conference in Krakau, Poland - 21.-23.06.2022
- Further education due to GW 329 in Kassel, 07.12.2022

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us any time.

With kind regards

Jorn Stoelinga
President

Dietmar Quante
Executive secretary