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Member info 07/2023 – Results of the Members' Meeting – Registration Member Forum (Reminder)

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen

In the following we would like to send you some information on the results of the members' meeting in Oldenburg last week and also inform you about important topics and events in the 2023 business year. The members' meeting, which was held as a hybrid event, was very well attended with 98 participants from 52 companies. There were 45 of 155 companies present. Thus, the meeting had a quorum.

The presentation and the handout of the members' meeting will soon be available for download in the members' area. The minutes of the meeting will be sent to you in the course of April.

Board elections

At the DCA members' meeting, as announced in advance, the elections for the board were on the agenda. The entire board, headed by President Jorn Stoelinga, was confirmed in office for another two years.

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| • President | Jorn Stoelinga | (LMR Drilling GmbH) |
| • Vice-President (Small Scale Dri.): | Marco Reinhard | (Leonhard Weiss GmbH & Co. KG) |
| • Vice-President (Large Scale Dri.): | Atef Khemiri | (HDI) |
| • Vice-President (Associate M.): | Marc Schnau | (x-plan schnau engineering) |
| • Treasurer: | Jürgen Muhl | (STEP Oiltools GmbH) |
| • Board member: | Scott Stone | (Michels Trenchless GmbH) |
| • Board member: | Jörg Himmerich | (Dr.-Ing. Veenker Ing.gesellschaft mbH) |
| • Board member: | Ronald Siebel | (Tennet TSO GmbH) |

During the election of the auditors, Silke Goldschmidt, WBW GmbH, and Dan Lingenauber, TRACTO, were bidden farewell. Christoph Kreutz, brbv and Edgar Mrotzek, Bohlen & Doyen were elected for the next two years. Ernst Fengler, LMR Drilling GmbH, was elected substitute auditor.



Amendment of the statutes

The planned amendment to the statutes was unanimously approved. Thus the next members' meetings will be possible both on-site and as a digital-only or hybrid version. The board will decide on the actual form of each meeting on a case-by-case basis.

Resolution on the fee schedule

Due to general cost increases and increased demands a moderate fee adjustment was proposed by the board and approved by the members. As of 01.01.2023, the following members fees will thus apply:

Regular members:

Group 1	1.150,00 €
Group 2	2.300,00 €
Group 3	3.450,00 €

Associate members:

Group 1	920,00 €
Group 2	1.150,00 €
Group 3	1.450,00 €
Group 4	1.730,00 €
Group 5	100,00 €

The contribution invoices for 2023 with the new members fees have been sent out in the meantime. We ask you to take this into account when checking and transferring the invoice amount. In addition, we would like to point out once again that any costs incurred for payment transactions are to be pay by the member.

Task groups 2023 (status of work)

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

Vice-President Marc Schnau reported that Technical Information No. 6 " Pipe casing and coating in HDD" has been completed in German. In the course of editing, a risk assessment was also created in an Excel spreadsheet, which enables an individual project-related consideration. Technical Information No. 6 will be sent to all members with the next Member Info after Easter.

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

Task group 3, which deals with the revision of the Technical Guidelines, will be finished soon. The draft of the 5th edition of the Technical Guideline should be completed by the middle of the year and submitted to the members for review. As soon as the draft is available here, it will be distributed via member information.

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

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In task group 4 "Data acquisition and logging", chaired by board member Scott Stone four stages of data collection were defined. The next steps will involve exchanges with equipment manufacturers and vendors, including how recorded data can be stored and viewed in real time or after the fact.

Task group 5: Subsoil

Task group 5 "Subsoil" is new and is chaired by Phillipp Dick from Moll prd. The task group was set up together with the GSTT (Germany) and will deal with various questions relating to the ever new topic of "HDD and subsoil". Details were determined at the kick off meeting of the task group at the beginning of April.

DVGW task group GW 340 (Germany):

Preparation of a new DIN for the quality assurance of works coatings

Board member Jörg Himmerich reported on the DCA's participation in the DVGW task group GW 340, which deals with the protection applied in addition to the anti-corrosion coating as mechanical protection of steel pipes and fittings - the quality assurance of factory coatings. The yellow print for DIN 30340 - Part 1 is available, the white print is expected in the middle of the 2nd quarter 2023. A second and possibly a third part are to follow.

DCA sponsorship programme

Board member Jörg Himmerich provided information on the DCA sponsorship programme HDD-Technic, in the course of which Johannes Rotter subsequently presented his bachelor thesis on the topic of "Noise emissions on HDD construction sites". The thesis explained the topic of sound propagation, its influencing factors and possible measures to reduce noise emissions. New topics for the sponsorship programme are being sought for 2024. Please contact project coordinator Jörg Himmerich.

Reports of the representatives

The DCA now has five representatives who support the work of the association in Europe. These include Renzo Chirulli, Vermeer, for Italy, Brian Jorgensen, Ditch Witch EMEA, for the Iberian Peninsula, Scott Stone, Michels Trenchless GmbH, for the UK, Ireland, François Gandard, OPTIMUM for France and Benny Jensen, Dantonit A/S for Scandinavia. At the members' meeting, all representatives gave an overview of the state of the HDD industry in each country. In addition, potential new members who are interested in joining the DCA were introduced. If you are interested in becoming a representative, please contact the office.

Membership figures

Since the members' meeting in 2022, a total of 21 new companies have been admitted to the DCA. By mid-March 2023, 155 members were organized in the DCA. Of these, 63 are registered as regular members (HDD drilling companies) and 92 as associate members.

All members, friends and supporters of the DCA are called upon to continue to actively support the board and representatives in recruiting, especially regular members (drilling companies). A note on this: On the DCA website various branches have been created in the members' area in which the individual companies are listed accordingly (experts, planners, service companies, etc.). Please check whether our assignment is correct. Multiple entries in different groups are possible. Please send requests for changes/additions to the office.



Outlook events 2023

27th DCA-Annual Congress

The 27th DCA Annual Congress will take place in Leipzig from 04-06 October 2023. The congress theme and programme are currently being finalised. Suggested topics for presentations can be submitted to the office at any time. A three-tier sponsoring for the areas of "Communication", "Networking" and "Social Programme" (gold, silver and bronze sponsors) is also running as part of the event. The places for the "Gold Sponsoring" are already taken. Places are still available for the "Silver and Bronze" area (2,000 €/1,000 €). If you are interested, please contact the office.

Further events

- 21st Trenchless Engineering Conference, 13.-15.06.2023
- 7th No-Dig (NSTT), Holland Nijkerk, 11.-12.10.2023
- Ditch Witch Customer Event, 20.10.2023
- Further training according to GW 329 in Kassel, 07.12.2023
- Members' Meeting 2024: 07.02.2024, Hotel Patentkrug, Oldenburg
- Oldenburg Pipe Forum 08./09.02.2024.

DCA-Member Forum – 03.05.2023

Last but not least we would like to draw your attention once again to **the DCA Member Forum 2023 (bilingual)** on 03.05.2023 in Aachen at the Novotel. A dinner is planned for the evening before to which the DCA cordially invites the Forum participants!

Please find enclosed the link to the event. Registration has already started. The **registration deadline is 20.04.2023.**

<https://dca-europe.org/anmeldung-mitglieder-forum-2023>

A room contingent for DCA members has been set up at the NOVOTEL Aachen.

Password: DCA Members Forum 2023. The rooms are available until **12.04.2023**. The contingent is limited. Please make your room reservation directly with the hotel (contact: aachen.reservierung@accorhotels.com).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dipl.-Geol. Antje Quante.

With kind regards

Jorn Stoelinga
Präsident

Dietmar Quante
Executive Secretary