

THE INTERNATIONAL DIVING SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION (IDSA) ANNUAL MEETING KARLSKRONA 2011



The Association was formed in 1982 as a result of a meeting between Schools attending the American Diving Contractors Conference in New Orleans. It is concerned with all divers - Offshore, In-shore and Inland, and has established International Diver Training Standards based on the consensus view of its many members. The Standards provide both a yardstick for those responsible for either administering existing National Standards (or creating new ones) and also a guide for Clients, Diving Contractors and Divers themselves. It is considered that the introduction of these internationally agreed diver training standards will have the effect of:

- *Improving Safety*
- *Providing Contractors with a direct input to the Diver Training*
- *Syllabus*
- *Enabling Contractors to bid across National Borders on a more even playing field*
- *Improving Diver quality*
- *Providing Divers with greater Job Opportunities*

Some governments already have (or will have) set their own National diver training requirements. The IDSA programme provides a means of equating such National Standards by maintaining a Table of Equivalence.

One of the main thrusts is towards International Diver Certification in order to bring together the various National Schemes which are currently in existence. However, the Association is not just concerned with standards; it also serves as a valuable forum for the interchange of News & Views between members, many of whom are the only Commercial School in their country. Current routes for this interchange are the Newsletter published in January and July; the IDSA Website; the Annual meeting in September/October, and various and many forms of contact between members and the Executive Board.

This, the 29th Annual Meeting, again provides an opportunity for members and observers from interested Governmental, Industrial, and other interested organisations to meet and exchange information, ideas, and problems in a unique meeting of those actually responsible for the quality & competence of the divers of the future.

THIS YEARS CONFERENCE IS HOSTED BY 'SWAF DNC' THE 'SWEDISH ARMED FORCES DIVING AND NAVAL MEDICAL CENTRE' SITUATED IN THE KARLSKRONA NAVAL BASE

The Swedish Armed Forces have built a new diving centre in Karlskrona. The Diving School, is organised in the DNC, is a small organisation with 26 persons, one staff and three active sections: Diving School, Research & Development, and Naval Medicine.

The Diving School is the leading player when it comes to training of divers and supervisors in the Armed Forces, Coast Guard and Rescue divers. Education for divers is certified up to IDSA level 3. The training also includes chamber operators and free ascent training for divers and submariners. The "Free ascent/submarine escape-training" is carried out in a 21m deep pool/tank with two escape chambers for submarine lockout at the bottom floor.

The new Diving centre with the outside pool, the black round building in back ground contains the inside pool and upfront is the office block of the head building



The inauguration of the new diving centre was held in May 2009 and at the end of 2012 it is planned to have the facility fully operational. The facility is built on the location of an old sewage plant, and it has been possible to keep two of the old pools from that time. One of them is for dive training and the other is a reserve for the future. The outdoor pool is 25 meter in diameter and has a maximum depth of 4, 6 meters. This pool is used for basic scuba training, and for welding/cutting and tool handling for the divers. The inside pool is 12 meters diameter and 6 meters deep. This pool is for all types of work where good control of the divers is needed (several cameras) and the ability to put things like car wrecks, exercise mines and ROV:s in the water. The ability to control daylight gives the opportunity to practice "night dives" during normal work hours.

Submarine Escape Training Tank

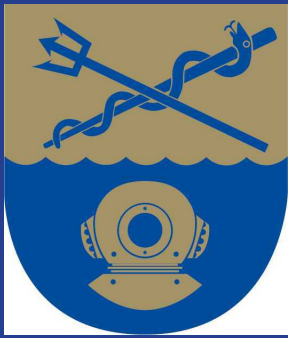


ABOUT THE CITY

In 1998 The Naval City of Karlskrona was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. In an international context the city is of major importance, representing as it does an unrivalled illustration of how a fortified naval city and base from the 17th and 18th century was planned and established. In the 18th century developments in Karlskrona in the fields of shipbuilding, architecture, city planning, military construction and engineering attracted widespread notice and recognition from the continent. For more than a century the distinctive architecture and specialised installations at the Navy yard served as a hub of

military technology and industry in the Baltic region. Both the naval base and the dockyard have been in continuous operation from the time they were first established until the present day. Karlskrona were described by the World Heritage Committee: "Karlskrona is an exceptionally well preserved example of a European planned naval base, and although its design has been influenced by similar undertakings it has in turn acted as a model for comparable installations. Naval bases played an important part during the centuries when the strength of a nation's navy was a decisive factor in European power politics and of those that remain from this period Karlskrona is the most complete and well preserved." The key to the nomination is the planning of the city, which was built from 1680 and according to the vision of king Charles XI





IDSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE KARLSKRONA 6TH TO 8TH SEPTEMBER 2011



ATTENDANCE

In addition to delegates from member schools and organisations, the meeting will also be open to non members in the capacity of Observers. Wives or Partners wishing to attend meals and other social occasions, for example the Association Dinner, are welcome on payment of an appropriate fee (not yet decided). Those wishing to attend are asked to complete and return the enclosed Registration Form as soon as possible to:

The International Diving Schools Association (IDSA)

E Mail: info@idsaworldwide.org

47 Faubourg de la Madeleine,
56140 Malestroit, FRANCE

Web: www.idsaworldwide.org

ACCOMMODATION

The Conference Hotel is

The Scandic Hotel in Karlskrona

Address: Skeppsgossegratan 2
371 36 Karlskrona
Sweden

Tel :+46(0)455 372 000

E Mail: karlskrona@scandichotels.com

Fax :+46(0)455 372 011

Web: www.scandichotels.com

BOOKING

The following special rates have been arranged, and will be available until 22 August:

Single room: 900 Skr per room per night, breakfast included.

Double room: 1000 Skr per room per night, breakfast included.

Bookings should be made direct with the Hotel by:

Telephone: +46(0)455 372 000

E Mail: karlskrona@scandichotels.com

They should be addressed to: Reservation Number
IDS050911 - IDSA Annual Conference

Delegates should settle their account directly with the Hotel. A credit card number will be required as guarantee.

TRAVEL

By Air: If you travel by air to Sweden you have to go over Arlanda Airport in Stockholm for the flight to Ronneby Airport. From Ronneby Airport it is about 30 km to the Conference Hotel – Taxi fare about 400 Skr. There is also a bus shuttle direct to the hotel, fare about 90 Skr

If you come by air to Denmark, Copenhagen Airport is about 210 km south of Karlskrona – there is a frequent train service (one train/hour) between the Airport and Karlskrona Central Station but no air connections. The train to Karlskrona takes about 3 hours.

By Rail: The Karlskrona Central Station is about 700 m from the Hotel – Taxi fare about 60 Skr

By Road: Directions are on the Website www.scandichotels.com or for the car GPS Latitude: 56,162012 Longitude: 15,578369. There is a bridge between Copenhagen (Denmark) and Malmo (Sweden) it will take about 2,5 hours with car from Copenhagen to Karlskrona.

THE CONFERENCE FEE

The Conference fee for delegates from member Schools is €230 and for Observers €260. This fee will include throughout: Attendance: Refreshments, and all transport during the Conference

Monday: Welcome drinks at the Scandic Hotel 1830 to 2000

Tuesday: Lunch & the Association Dinner

Wednesday: Lunch

Thursday: Lunch and bus from Conference Centre to the Central Station then to Ronneby Airport on completion of the meeting.



IDSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE KARLSKRONA 6TH TO 8TH SEPTEMBER 2011



AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting sessions shown in the outline programme will be circulated in July. Further information may be obtained from the Administrator at info@idsaworldwide.org

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

MONDAY 5 September

1830 to 2000

Registration and welcome drinks in the Conference Hotel – Scandic Hotel.

TUESDAY 6 September

0915 Scandic Hotel Conference Centre

Welcome by Commander Magnus Claesson Commanding Officer of the Diving and Naval Medicine Centre.

0930 Meeting session 1

1300 to 1400 Lunch at the Conference Centre

1400 to 1700 Meeting Session 2

1845 Bus to The Naval Base Officers Wardroom

1900 Aperitifs, and then the Association Dinner

About 2200 Bus back to the Conference Hotel

WEDNESDAY 7 September

0900 to 1130 Meeting Session 3

1145 Group Photograph

1200 to 1300 Lunch at the Conference Centre

1300 Bus to The Diving and Naval Medicine Centre

1330 to 1630 Visit the The Diving and Naval Medicine Centre

1645 Bus to the Scandic Conference Hotel

1800 Guide bus tour of Karlskrona City

1845 Visit at the Naval Museum

1800 Dinner at the Naval Museum

THURSDAY 8 September

0830 to 1200 Meeting Session 4

1200 to 1300 Lunch

Bus from Conference Centre to the Central Station then to Ronneby Airport on completion of the meeting.

Note: The outline programme above is subject to such changes as are necessary for the smooth running of the programme.