



# HALLIWICK ASSOCIATION OF SWIMMING THERAPY

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Dear IHA Executive Committee,

We write to ask that the following be raised at the General Meeting of the IHA 2023, either as PROPOSALS or AGENDA ITEMS, as indicated below:

## **PROPOSALS A AND B – LOGOS ON CERTIFICATES**

### **INTRODUCTORY TEXT TO BE INCLUDED WITH PROPOSALS A AND B**

We do not understand the rationale behind the IHA's current suggestion that, where a certificate is given by a lecturer in a country other than the lecturer's country of origin, only the logo of the IHA and the logo of the organising body will appear on certificates, and that the logo of the national organisation or recognised national group of the lecturer (or of the lecturer's personal company) will not appear on certificates.

We cannot understand how this will benefit either the IHA or its members. We would be pleased to learn why this decision has been made, but in the absence of knowing why this decision has been made, as things stand, we make the following comments:

- (a) It will mean that in a country with no national organisation or group affiliated to IHA, an individual who makes money from, for example, aquatic therapy and organises a Halliwick Course can have their logo on a certificate.
- (b) What checks would be made regarding the person/organisation/company who holds this logo as to whether, for example, their ethos is compatible with Halliwick?
- (c) It might also be thought that this person/organisation/company has some kind of ownership, or at least, some connection to the IHA/the Halliwick Concept, which would not necessarily be the case.
- (d) There is a danger that this person/organisation/company will be thought to have been involved in validation of the course, which will not be the case.
- (e) Conversely, a recognised lecturer from a national organisation or group affiliated to the IHA who leads a Halliwick Course, using their material and knowledge, cannot have their national logo on a certificate. That seems to be a significant and unfair imbalance.
- (f) Allied to that, where a national organisation's or group's material is used, there are copyright considerations also and, again, not to allow a national organisation's or group's logo would be potentially contrary to copyright considerations, and unfair.

## **PROPOSALS A AND B**

Again, in the absence of knowing why the IHA has made the decision it has, we put forward the following two proposals (to be voted on separately, please):

## PROPOSAL A

IT IS PROPOSED THAT: Where a certificate is given by a lecturer in a country other than the lecturer's country of membership to the IHA, and there is a national association or group in the lecturer's country of membership to the IHA to which the lecturer belongs, only:

- (a) The logo of the IHA will appear on certificates; and
- (b) The logo of that national association or recognised national group may also appear on certificates (at the discretion of the national association or recognised national group).

## PROPOSAL B

IT IS PROPOSED THAT: Where a certificate is given by a lecturer in a country other than the lecturer's country of membership to the IHA, and there is no membership national association or group in the lecturer's country of membership to the IHA, only the IHA logo will appear on certificates.

## PROPOSAL C – FORMAT OF IHA CERTIFICATES

### INTRODUCTORY TEXT TO BE INCLUDED WITH PROPOSAL C

We do not agree the current suggested wording of either:

- (a) *“The holder of this certificate has been taught to work in an aquatic environment and to apply the Halliwick Concept...”*; or
- (b) *“The holder of this certificate has been taught to work in an aquatic environment and to apply the Halliwick Concept accordingly...”*

In our view, it is self-evident that the application of the Halliwick Concept is being taught in an aquatic environment. To specify “aquatic environment” carries the risk that it will be understood as a participant being taught to work in an aquatic environment and then, in addition, the application of the Halliwick Concept being taught on top of or secondary to that. That is clearly not the case.

## PROPOSAL C

IT IS PROPOSED THAT: The certificate template should simply read:

*“The holder of this certificate has been taught to apply the Halliwick Concept”.*

## PROPOSAL D – FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR TRAINEES ATTENDING CONFERENCES OR ADVANCED COURSES

### INTRODUCTORY TEXT TO BE INCLUDED WITH PROPOSAL D

Halliwick AST fully supports encouraging trainees to participate in conferences or in advanced courses and we think all possible should be done to support and encourage trainees. That includes financial support where needed.

However, Halliwick AST does not agree with the IHA's decision that, in order for there to be any financial support, the conference or advanced course must be outside of the trainee's country of membership to the IHA.

## PROPOSAL D

IT IS PROPOSED THAT: Financial support may be given to a trainee for attending a conference or advanced course, at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the IHA.

## **PROPOSAL E – REDUCTION IN IHA FEES FOR TRAINEES WHO ALSO BELONG TO A MEMBER NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OR GROUP**

IT IS PROPOSED THAT: There should be a reduction in the fee payable to the IHA for trainees who have to belong to both the IHA and a national association or group affiliated to the IHA while they are training. The reduction could be a full reduction, meaning no fee is payable to the IHA. The amount of any reduction is to be at the discretion of the IHA Executive Committee.

### **ITEMS REQUESTED TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA FOR GENERAL MEETING 2023**

In the order you wish:

1. The roles and training of Senior Lecturers
2. Benefits of membership to the IHA
3. IHA website

With best wishes,

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On Behalf of  
the Executive Committee of Halliwick AST

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On Behalf of  
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