

Annual Country report for the United Kingdom 2014

Activities	Date and Comments e.g numbers attended, significant decisions.
AGM	<p>Halliwick AST has its Annual General Meeting in April each year. These are open meetings to which any member of the association is welcome. That is true of any of the meetings of Halliwick AST.</p> <p>We have been discussing/have made the following significant decisions recently which may be of interest to the IHA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We have agreed an updated version of our constitution. The purpose of this was to update some of the outdated language used in the previous version and to clarify voting rights and trustees of Halliwick AST as Halliwick AST is a registered charity in the UK, being registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales. The updated version of the constitution will shortly be sent to the Charity Commission for their comment and approval. The updated constitution makes no significant difference to how we operate or what we do, but makes certain aspects clearer.</li> <li>- Halliwick AST's Executive Committee has always had ultimate responsibility for the association and its members. Until recently however, some of the work done by the Executive Committee was delegated to a management committee which committee, whilst useful, could not make final decisions on issues. This sometimes slowed down decision making and, because of that, it has been agreed that on a trial basis, the management committee is to be dissolved and that all meetings of the association will be Executive. This will hopefully speed up decision making within the association as decisions can be finalised at every meeting.</li> </ul>
Committees	<p>Executive Committee – general management of the UK association, ultimately responsible for decisions made. Meets regularly (currently 3 times a year).</p> <p>Education Committee – responsible for development of education and training through courses and other means. Meets regularly (twice a year).</p> <p>Publications Committee – responsible for publications within the association (works closely with education committee). Meets regularly (usually twice a year).</p> <p>Competitions – responsible for Halliwick competition within the association. Meets as and when necessary.</p>
Other important activities.	<p>Patrick Hastings, the long-standing Chair of Halliwick AST, stepped down as Chair of Halliwick AST in April 2014 and William Wyatt was elected as his successor. In recognition of the enormous contribution Patrick has made to Halliwick over many years, he is now President of Halliwick AST.</p> <p>We are developing a significant update to our website and this will be up and running very soon if not by the time of your general meeting.</p>

The website address however, remains the same:  
[www.halliwick.org.uk](http://www.halliwick.org.uk).

We are in the early stages of planning a national event for people working in Halliwick in the UK which will aim to promote Halliwick and support those working in clubs and other places. Final details are yet to be confirmed.

Ann Thomson was approved as a senior Halliwick Lecturer.

In 2014 seven courses were registered with Halliwick AST. There were 6 Foundation Courses with 96 participants and 1 Advanced Course – ‘Teaching and Applying Halliwick Skills’ with 8 participants and 6 One-Day Introductory Workshops with 62 participants.

The UK Foundation Course Handbook has been updated and is ready for use.

The Halliwick AST Education Committee holds an annual seminar and at the October 2014 seminar there were sessions on new ideas for the ‘Teaching’ session of the Foundation Course and ‘Learning through Play’.

We are participating in a national scheme – CERTA. Credits are awarded to those who are successful in an assessment process following attendance at a Halliwick Foundation Course and gaining experience. The credits are recognised nationally.

Halliwick AST attends and participates in the meetings of a National Coordinating Committee which coordinates activities of different organisations dealing with swimming for disabled people. This committee has been working on a publication called 'Safe in the Pool' which deals with the safety and rescue issues for sessions with disabled people.

Halliwick AST members are on both the IHA Executive and IHA Education and Research Committees and are very active in both these committees.

Halliwick AST has continued to be involved, in partnership with the IHA, with trademark issues. Both Halliwick AST and the IHA hold their own trademarks. The case in the Hague is concluded when Mr Lambeck's EU trademark was struck out. Mr Lambeck has also surrendered another Halliwick trademark which he held in Benelux.