



INTERNATIONAL HALLIWICK ASSOCIATION

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Annual Report 2020

(abbreviation without financial report)

Approved at the Executive Meeting on March 23, 2021

The Association's Details

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Katja Groleger Sršen (Slovenia), Member
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Yael Yoshei (Israel), Chairperson
Konstantinos Chandolias (Greece), Course Registrar
Jean-Pierre Maes (UK and Belgium), Member
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Fezia Tyebally (Malaysia), Member (since 21st Sept 2019)

Gala Subcommittee: Maciej Kampa (Poland), Chairperson (since 21st Sept 2019)

Financial Advisor: Søren Peter Lund Andersen (Denmark)

Webmaster: Dualta Griffin (Ireland)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES' REVIEW

IHA Executive Committee Chairperson's Preface.

Dear Association Members and Our Friends,

We have an extraordinary year behind us. The world is facing a global pandemic that has hit us all in an unprecedented way, both personally and professionally. Our main priority is to protect the health and safety of our families, relatives and employees and to provide them, if possible, with economic security. It has not only affected how we work but also how we live our lives.

The global pandemic had a considerable impact on society, politics and the world economy. Given these circumstances, we have included commentary on COVID-19 in this Annual Report for 2020 where possible, while recognising that, at the time of writing, the situation is rapidly evolving.

Financial performance, which was in 2020 mainly based on membership fees and certification fees, deteriorated significantly during the year due to the closure of the swimming pools, the inability to organize and conduct courses and trainings, and thus the lack of expected income at a level close to the pre-pandemic time.

In 2020, the number of registered basic courses decreased by 68% (58/19) compared to 2019, and the number of advanced courses by 84% (6/1). Only 7 countries managed to continue basic training: Catalonia, Denmark, Greece, Israel, Malaysia, Poland, Spain and issued 272 certificates (compared to 805 certificates in 2019) and Slovenia - 11 participants completed 1 advanced course. The numbers speak for themselves. Therefore, the ExecCom decided to postpone issuing invoices for the membership fee until October 2020.

Executive Committee was struggling with registration of Trademark in Europe corresponding with WIPO and EUIPO for the whole year of 2020, but finally we succeed. Halliwick Group Israel is continuing its efforts to obtain registration while complying with the laws in Israel.

Good news is that in 2020 our association was joined by individual member Natalie Chaverri Madden from Costa Rica – Welcome!

The International Halliwick Association was honoured to grant to Pamela Wood (Senior Lecturer) the title of Emeritus Halliwick Lecturer in recognition for Her contribution and commitment to the education and the development of the Halliwick Concept along the years.

We have also finished work related to the protection of our data, *Privacy Policy*, and the implementation of the *Foreningadministrator* system, which allows for safe storage of IHA members' data and access to both committees, which can therefore share our work in this area.

Due to the uncertain future and the unpredictable development of the pandemic in the world, both committees on joint meeting decided to hold an on-line General Meeting and IHA Conference in 2021, hosted by Halliwick Group Israel.

I especially want to thank my colleagues from both committees for their tireless commitment, their strong cohesion and professionalism they have shown during this challenging year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

I would like to thank you for the trust you have placed in the Executive Committee, and I look forward to you continuing to accompany us on this difficult journey as we continue to face the incalculable consequences of the global pandemic.

Sincerely,

on behalf of the IHA Executive Committee



Anna Olasińska, Chairperson

Report of IHA Executive Committee – Activity 2020

The first quarter of 2020 (January – February – March)

The preparation of the General Meeting Minutes continues – sending documents by ordinary post to sign by GM's chairpersons and secretary.

Exec started to prepare IHA Annual Report for 2019.

11th February

At the Executive Committee meeting the following proposal (has to be discussed and agreed with Ed&RC) was unanimously accepted:

1. Lecturers have to start collecting payments for certificates starting from January 1st, 2020 in accordance with the decision taken at GM 2019.
2. If the lecturer cannot charge a fee for various reasons, she/he must provide an explanation in writing and send it to the Executive Committee.
3. The explanations will be accepted until the end of August 2020.

20th February

Financial Advisor, Søren Andersen has approved the financial statement 2019.

24th February

The Minutes of the General Meeting of IHA (Jyllinge, Denmark, 2019), which were approved by chairs Harald R. Lie (Denmark) and Pamela Wood (UK) and by secretaries Ann Thomson (UK) and Ivan Perzel (Croatia) has been sent to all members of the IHA.

The information about the decision taken on the February 11 (exemption from fees for certificate) was sent with GM minutes to all lecturers and members of the IHA.

Data Protection and GDPR

Foreningadministrator system will be updated by Bodil Føns Knudsen and Ivan Perzel from the Executive Committee and Konstantinos Chandolias and Dualta Griffin from the Education and Research Committee.

An e-mail address: noreply@halliwick.org has been set up and *Foreningadministrator* to let the reply from members pass directly to info@halliwick.org which made it easier to send emails with attachments to a large group of people.

Continuing work on *Privacy Policy* (started in Jyllinge 2019).

Trademark

(WIPO) International registration of IHA Logo for designations in EU and Israel.

Mail from WIPO dated January 21, 2020

Issue: "Organizing of larger sports events and competitions, including swimming competitions with time handicap (...)"

Mail from DKPTO dated January 30, 2020.

Following the mail from WIPO - the large issue from DKPTO point of view was missing.

DKPTO has the understanding that taking out the word sports in front of events will be okay.

It means WIPO has accepted the word *Habilitation* and *Rehabilitation* in the text.

In March 2020 the world is facing a global pandemic Covid-19 that has hit us all personally and professionally.

3rd March

The IHA Annual Report 2019 was approved by the Executive Committee.

12th March

IHA received the International Registration of the IHA Logo No 1519149 from WIPO.

Designations under Madrid Protocol: European Union and Israel

Registration date: September 30, 2019.

Date for next payment due September 30, 2029.

15th March

The IHA address has changed:

Jacobsvej 22,
DK- 3310 Ølsted
Denmark

23rd March

Annual Report 2019 with the final version of the corrected Annual Report of the Ed&RC was accepted unanimously by Executive Committee Members.

25th March

IHA has become a partner in the Croatian Erasmus Project "Let's swim". A formal requirement was to have a PIC number - Participant Identification Code (PIC) - a 9-digit number serving as a unique identifier for organisations (legal entities) participating in EU funding programmes / procurements. IHA is registered with ECAS - European Commission Authentication Service. More information in Gala Subcommittee report 2020.

The second quarter of 2019 (April – May – June)

Due to the pandemic Covid-19 situation sending the subscription was postponed into the second half of 2020.

Data Protection and GDPR

Privacy Policy was rewritten and due to new Danish guidelines related to “Picture” was changed in related points. Ed&RC was still working on its part of the Privacy Policy related their data storage.

Bodil Føns Knudsen, Ivan Perzel, Konstantinos Chandolias and Yael Yoshei has got an access to foreningsadministrator.dk

21st May

Stina Christiansen (Denmark) was accepted by the Exec as a new member of the Gala Subcommittee.

Trademark

Covid 19 epidemic gave in May, June and August several exceptionally large challenges in the communication with EUIPO as they maintain only to accept official letters directly from IHA by ordinary post or by Fax. In Denmark the use of Fax is outdated, and our recommended letters were lost somewhere with the excuse of Covid19 situation.

16th and 23rd April

The joint meetings of the Executive Committee and Education and Research Committee

Executive Committee made a proposal for possibility to apply for a reasonable certification fee exemption (24th February) and Ed&RC accepted the proposal. Exec has sent a special information to the IHA lecturers.

We started a discussion about the ways to rising money for the IHA and IHA member’s benefits from paying a membership fee.

The work on the “Raising money for the IHA” document is continuing by Exec.

Exec's proposal to grant the Pamela Wood the title of Emeritus Halliwick Lecturer was accepted.

The third quarter of 2019 (July – August – September)

Membership

New Individual Member of IHA – Natalia Chaverri Madden (Costa Rica).

Payment for certificates

On August 31, an email was sent to all lecturers reminding them about the deadline for sending explanations regarding the exemption from the fee for certificates.

The Executive Committee accepted the request sent by Anna Olasińska (Poland, Senior Lecturer).

Trademark

Due to a mistake in the type of trademark (was an individual mark) the Danish authorities have written to the WIPO with a request to change it. WIPO is going to send the correction to the EU and Israel.

4th September: Refusal from EUIPO

Letters from IHA in the beginning of August about the mistake and including a copy of Danish Patent and Trademarks Office letter to WIPO were not able to postpone the refusal.

Halliwick Group Israel is working on changes regarding Israel law.

The fourth quarter of 2019 (October – November – December)

Membership fee for 2020

Subscription for membership fee for 2020 was sent at the end of October.

Payment for certificates.

The Executive Committee accepted the request sent by lecturers from Halliwick Group Israel.

Data Protection and GDPR

November

Due to the risk of paying a heavy fine, the Privacy Policy was uploaded with the version of the Executive Committee with the missing information from the Education and Research Committee.

Trademark

25th November

EUIPO has notified that the above-mentioned trademark is not “a collective mark” but “an individual mark”. In consequence, the EUIPO Office herewith confirms that the decision of 04/09/2020 has been revoked. The international registration will now proceed for further examination.

22nd December

EUIPO has accepted the Trademark of IHA Logo

The mark is accepted for goods and services in Class 9, 16, 41 and 44.

IHA has Trademarks in the EU of the name: “Halliwick” and of the individual mark: “IHA logo”.

Brexit: The Trademark status registered per January 1st, 2021 will automatically have the equivalent rights in the United Kingdom.

The work for the Trademark of the IHA logo in Israel is continuing.

14th November

The joint meetings of the Executive Committee and Education and Research Committee

Decided to organize the on-line IHA Conference and General Meeting, dates: September 30 – October 2, 2021 hosted by Israel.

We discussed ideas for on-line conference: main theme, topics for lectures, budget.

Representatives from both committees will take part at the beginning/end of the other committee's meeting to update.

December

Harald R. Lie (Honorary Member of IHA) substitutes for Søren Andersen, Financial Advisor.

Education and Research Committee Annual Report 2020

Members since September 2019:

Yael Yoshei, Israel (Chair); Montserrat Gutierrez, Catalonia; Jean-Pierre Maes, Belgium and UK; Konstantinos Chandolias, Greece (Course Registrar) Fezia Tyebally, Malaysia.

Dualta Griffin from Ireland joined the committee in September 2019 and resigned in January 2020; however, he continues to be in charge of the website and assists the committee in these matters.

Lecturer progression:

There were not many changes in lecturers' and trainees' status, as not many courses were taking place due to the pandemic.

Courses and Participants in 2020:

- TOTAL number of Foundation courses: 19
- TOTAL number of participants: 272
- TOTAL number of Advanced courses: 1
- TOTAL number of participants: 11

Work in 2020:

- The committees discussed the issue of the conference scheduled for September 2021. In light of the global pandemic, it was decided to propose to hold the conference online. The proposal was discussed at a joint meeting and accepted.
- The committees discuss ways to generate revenue for the IHA, including holding online lectures. The issue was raised and discussed at a joint meeting of the committees, but no decision has yet been made.
- In light of the difficulty of holding courses with a minimum of 8 participants, it was decided that the recommendation for this number would be retained, but courses in which the number of participants was lower would also be recognized.
- The committee re-edited the documents detailing the requirements for holding courses. Two documents were prepared: one for the lecturer and one for the course organizer. Both documents were uploaded to the IHA website.
- The committee decided to contact the members of the association with an offer to join it as a non-full member until the election. In light of the small number of inquiries, it was decided at this stage to postpone the discussion and decision on the matter.
- Updating the "courses that have taken place" form for lecturers to add how many people are entitled for a certificate and therefore, how much money needs to be collected from the lecturer.
- Template for advanced courses was not prepared, as there were not many courses taking place due to the pandemic.

IHA Gala Subcommittee Annual Report 2020

Members of the Gala Subcommittee:

Maciej Kampa - Chairperson (HPA, Poland). Member since September 21st, 2019.

Ivan Perzel - Member (Croatia). Member since September 21st, 2019.

Stina Christiansen - Member (HASAM, Denmark). Member since May 21st, 2020.

Since May 2020 Gala Subcommittee has a new member, Stina Christiansen from HASAM, Denmark, after Charlotte Hansen resigned from the Committee in the first quarter of the 2020. Stina Christiansen is a journalist and a member of HASAM's Gala Committee. As a journalist she can be of great help with different communication tasks.

In 2020 IHA became a partner in Erasmus+ Small Collaborative Partnership with project LET'S SWIM which is coordinated by Ana Sršen (IHA Lecturer) and Natator Club in Croatia. Three other partners: Poland (Halliwick Poland Association), Slovenia and Serbia (both swimming clubs) are taking part as well. General/main project's objective is to raise awareness about and to further upgrade relevant traits and coaches' knowledge, competencies and skills necessary for coaching children and adults with disabilities, through sharing of knowledge, experience and best practices regarding Halliwick Concept, as one of the most appropriate swimming method/approach for individuals with disability, and Gala competition, as one of the most adequate form of competition for people with disabilities (both promote joint participation of swimmers with and without disabilities, on practice and on competitions, thus enforcing social inclusion of individuals with disability) including understanding how to apply/customize them in partners' countries/sport's environments.

In 2020 no meetings were held between members of the Committee as the Gala Competitions were stopped because of COVID-19 situation throughout the world.

In February 2021 an online meeting of Gala Subcommittee will be held to introduce the LET'S SWIM project and its objectives to members of Committee as Gala Competitions are a major part of this project.

Report wrote by: Ivan Perzel

Date: 18.02.2021

Approved by:
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Maciej Kampa