



## **INTERNATIONAL HALLIWICK ASSOCIATION**

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### **ÅRSRAPPORT 2021**

**Annual Report 2021**

Approved at the Executive Meeting on March 28, 2022

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**Approved at the General Meeting for members on October 14-15, 2023**

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**Dirigent**  
Chairperson

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## FORENINGSOPLYSNINGER

### The Association's Details

<b>Navn/Name</b>	<b>International Halliwick Association</b>
<b>Adresse/address</b>	c/o Bodil Føns Knudsen Jacobsvej 22, DK- 3310 Ølsted Denmark
CVR-nr/CVR No	39 25 57 09
Stiftet/Established in Slovenia	9 September 2017
Registreret/registered in Denmark	14 February 2018
Hjemstedskommune/Registered office	Halsnæs
Regnskabsår/Financial year	1 January – 31 December
Website	<a href="http://www.halliwick.org">www.halliwick.org</a>
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#### **Bestyrelse:**

##### **Executive Committee:**

Anna Olasińska (Poland), chairperson  
Merav Hadar Frumer (Israel), vice chairman  
Bodil Føns Knudsen (Denmark), treasurer  
Ivan Perzel (Croatia), secretary  
Katja Groleger Sršen (Slovenia), member  
Ilanit Weigenfeld-Lahav (Israel), member  
Maria de Lourdes Oliveira Vilela Garcia (Brazil), member

##### **Education & Research Committee:**

Yael Yoshei (Israel), chairperson  
Konstantinos Chandolias (Greece), course registrar (until October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021), member  
Jean-Pierre Maes (UK and Belgium), member (until October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021)  
Montserrat Gutiérrez Bassas (Spain, Catalonia), member  
Fezia Tyebally (Malaysia), member  
Nir Alt (Israel), course registrar (since October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021)

**Gala Subcommittee:** Maciej Kampa (Poland), chairperson

**Financial Advisor:** Søren Peter Lund Andersen (Denmark)

**Webmaster:** Dualta Griffin (Ireland)

## **LEDELSESPÅTEGNING**

Vi har behandlet og godkendt årsrapporten for regnskabsåret 1. januar – 31. december 2021 for International Halliwick Association.

Årsrapporten aflægges i overensstemmelse med årsregnskabsloven og med god dansk regnskabspraksis for foreninger.

Det er vores opfattelse, at årsrapporten giver et retvisende billede af foreningens aktiver og passiver og finansielle position samt årets resultat for regnskabsåret 1. januar til 31. december 2021.

Det er endvidere vores opfattelse, at ledelsesberetningen indeholder en loyal beskrivelse af udviklingen i foreningens aktiviteter og økonomiske forhold samt foreningens aktiviteter i almindelighed.

Årsrapporten indstilles til generalforsamlingens godkendelse.

## **STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

We have discussed and approved the annual report of the International Halliwick Association for the financial year from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

The Annual report is prepared in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act and good bookkeeping practice in associations.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Association's assets, liabilities and financial position and the result for the financial year January 1 -December 31, 2021.

Further, in our opinion, the Executive Committee's review gives a loyal review of the development in the Association's operations and financial matters and of the general activities in the Association.

We recommend that the annual report is approved at the General Meeting.

Approved at the Executive Meeting on March 28 , 2022.

### **Executive Committee:**

Anna Olasińska  
Formand/Chairperson

Merav Hadar Frumer  
Næstformand/Vice-chairman

Bodil Føns Knudsen  
Kasserer/Treasurer

Ivan Perzel  
Sekretær/Secretary

Katja Groleger Sršen

Ilanit Weigenfeld Lahav

Maria de Lourdes Oliveira Vilela Garcia

## **FINANSIEL RÅDGIVERS ERKLÆRING OM ÅRSRAPPORTEN**

### **Financial Advisor's statement on the Annual report**

#### **Til International Halliwick Association (IHA)**

Jeg har udført gennemgang af årsregnskabet for IHA for regnskabsåret

1. januar – 31. december 2021, der omfatter resultatopgørelse og balance, jf. side 15.

#### **IHA's ansvar for årsregnskabet**

Foreningen har ansvaret for udarbejdelsen af et årsregnskab, der giver et retvisende billede i overensstemmelse med god dansk regnskabspraksis for foreninger. IHA har endvidere ansvaret for den interne kontrol, som IHA anser for nødvendig for at udarbejde et årsregnskab uden væsentlig fejlinformation, uanset om denne skyldes besvigelser eller fejl.

#### **Mit ansvar**

Mit ansvar er at udtrykke en konklusion om årsregnskabet. Jeg har udført vores gennemgang i overensstemmelse anerkendte danske revisionsprincipper for mindre foreninger. Der er foretaget stikprøvevist sammenholdelse af bilag og bogføringen, ligesom foreningens bankkonti er kontrolleret til bankens kontoudskrifter.

Omfanget af de handlinger, der udføres ved en gennemgang, er betydeligt mindre end ved en revision. Jeg udtrykker derfor ingen revisionskonklusion om årsregnskabet.

#### **Konklusion**

Ved den udførte gennemgang er jeg ikke blevet bekendt med forhold, der giver mig grund til at mene, at årsregnskabet ikke giver et retvisende billede af foreningens aktiver, passiver og finansielle stilling pr. 31. december 2021 samt af resultatet af virksomhedens aktiviteter for regnskabsåret 1. januar til 31. december 2021.

Aarhus, Denmark, 31.03.2022

Søren Andersen  
Financial Advisor

#### **To International Halliwick Association (IHA)**

I have reviewed the financial statements of IHA for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2021 comprehensive income statement and balance, cf. page 15.

#### **IHA's responsibility for the Financial Report**

The association has the responsibility for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act for small ordinary associations. IHA has furthermore the responsibility for the internal control which is necessary for preparing the financial statements without essential misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **My responsibility**

It is my responsibility to express a conclusion about the financial statements. I have conducted my review of actions in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act for small ordinary associations. Random comparisons of vouchers and bookkeeping have been made, and the Association's bank accounts are checked for the account statements.

The scope of the actions performed in a review is significantly less than in an audit. Therefore, I don't give any audit opinion on the Financial Statements.

#### **Conclusion**

At the time of the review, I have not become aware of any circumstances that give me reason to believe that the accounts have not given a true and fair view of the association's assets, liabilities and financial position per 31 December 2021 and of the result of the activities of the association for the financial year January 1 – December 31, 2021.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES' REVIEW

### IHA Executive Committee Chairperson's Preface.

Dear Association Members and Our Friends.

We have the second year behind us with an unpredictable development of the Covid-19 pandemic in the world which has an impact on all aspects of our lives.

Due to the prolonged state of the pandemic and the continuation of the introduced restrictions in many countries it was not possible to practise in water, complete trainings by trainees and organize courses. Despite the above, in 2021, 28 Halliwick basic courses took place in a few countries, which were completed by a total of 364 participants and one advanced course (5 participants). And unfortunately, it is still less compared to the pre-pandemic period.

I am eager to report that the IHA Conference "Entering new waters: Halliwick in a challenging world" which took place on September 30 and October 1, 2021, and hosted by the Halliwick Group Israel, conducted online for the first time, was a huge success. The organising committee also decided to make on September 29 a free preconference workshop on-line: *Gala of Ai Chi in memory of Jun Konno*, which has brought together many Ai Chi practitioners around the world.

At this point, I would like to thank the whole team of the Halliwick Group Israel once again for the effort and commitment to the entire organizational process and conducting the conference. Special thanks go to Beit Issie Shapiro for extremely generous support, which we greatly appreciate and without which it would be impossible to hold the conference and the General Meeting as well. We would also like to thank several organizations whose donations to Halliwick Group Israel made this conference possible.

The IHA General Meeting was held on 2nd October in Wingate Institute, Israel and online as a partly electronical meeting on the virtual platform Eventact, which was donated by Beit Issie Shapiro. On 5th February, at 2 pm (CET) will be held the Part 2 of the GM due to lack of time to finish discussion on the last item in the GM Agenda.

As you know, the IHA as a partner, joined the Erasmus+ Project – *Let's Swim* and the first Kick Meeting was held (on-line) on February 19. Ana Sršen (Croatia), coordinator from Natator swimming club, presented the whole project, the timetable, and financial rules. On June 21, 2021, in Zagreb, at the Faculty of Kinesiology, training was held on the conduct of the Swimming Gala Halliwick and on November 20, 2021, the 4th Polish National Swimming Gala Halliwick *Letswim* took place in Krakow. Further work related to this project will continue and finish in 2022.

In 2021 our association was joined by two individual members - Bariş Gürpınar from Turkey and Ferdinand Major from Croatia – Welcome!

I would like to thank my colleagues from both committees for their commitment and support, and all members of our association for the trust you place in us every year.

Sincerely,  
on behalf of the IHA Executive Committee  
Anna Olasińska, Chairperson

**Table 1. List of National Associations that are members of IHA 2021**

1. Denmark
2. Greece
3. Ireland
4. Japan
5. Poland
6. Slovenia
7. United Kingdom

**Table 2. List of Recognised Groups that are members of IHA 2021**

1. Catalonia Halliwick Group
2. Halliwick Group Israel

**Table 3. List of Individual Members of IHA 2021**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Individual Members (total: 22)</b>
Austria	Karin Sitz
Belgium	Jean-Pierre Maes (acting also in United Kingdom)
Brazil	Mauricio Koprowski Garcia Maria de Lourdes Oliveira Vilela Garcia
Costa Rica	Natalia Chaverri Madden
Croatia	Ferdinand Major Ivan Perzel Ana Sršen
Germany	Thomas Schick (acting also in Austria) Camilla Benincasa
Israel	Caroline Barmatz
Malta	Christine Grech
Malaysia	Fezia Tyebally
Mexico	Angel Roberto L. Reyes
Russia	Yuliya Leonenko
Serbia	Igor Bežanović

Spain	Isabel Gaviña Barosso Ismael Sanz Esteban
Turkey	Bariş Gürpınar
USA	Caitlin Ashley Boker Caitlin McInerney Elena Pici



## IHA Executive Committee Attendance Statistics

Between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, the Executive Committee of IHA has held 12 meetings. Due to the pandemic Covid-19 situation, all meetings were held by skype.

### Joint meetings with Education and Research Committee

In 2021 the Executive Committee and Education and Research Committee held 4 joint ZOOM meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 8<sup>th</sup> May and 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

**Table 3. Meetings of the Executive Committee 2021**

Year	Month	Number of meetings	Number of present members (total: 7)
2021	January	1 1 joint meeting	6 7
	February	1 1 joint meeting	6 7
	March	1	7
	April	1	6
	May	1 joint meeting	7
	June	1	5
	July	1	6
	August	2	6/7
	September	1	7
	October	2 1 joint meeting	5/7 7
	December	1	5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12 + 4 j.m.</b>	

## **Report of IHA Executive Committee – Activity 2021**

### **The first quarter of 2021 (January – February – March)**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January two Joint Meetings with the Education and Research Committee were held to discuss the IHA Conference. “Entering new waters: Halliwick in a challenging world” - main theme accepted by majority of both committees. Discussed about financial issues: transfer money, donations, etc. Beit Issie Shapiro arranged the online platform for the Conference and GM meeting and will help the Israeli group in every way possible. The members of both committees shared responsibilities and workload.

IHA Financial Advisor Søren Andersen was struggling with health and Anna Olasińska as a chair signed the invoices until Harald R. Lie agreed to be a substitute for Søren Andersen.

In January Exec started to prepare the IHA Annual Report for 2020. On 23<sup>rd</sup> March the Annual Report 2020 with the Financial Report was accepted unanimously by Executive Committee Members.

The preparation for the IHA General Meeting.

As it was the first one GM was going to use an on-line platform, Exec had to make an effort to prepare changes in the Constitution regarding voting on-line rules in the future.

The Executive Committee prepared two regulation documents according to GM 2019: the conditions and the entire process of granting Honorary Membership and the Emeritus Halliwick Lecturer.

### Trademark in Israel

In 2021 Exec will continue the process of registering an IHA logo in Israel. The letter was sent on January 11<sup>th</sup> with a change in details from the EU trademark for the IHA logo in this goods and services. Unfortunately, the request was again rejected, and the Patent Office was asking for additional data giving 3 months for an answer - deadline 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2021.

### Membership

Baris Güpınar (Turkey) became a new individual member of IHA.

### Subscription

There were a few members of the IHA who couldn't pay a membership subscription on time. The Exec has prolonged the final date to pay due to the pandemic of the COVID-19 situation.

### Website and encrypted email

It was found out that the WorkMail at the Amazon platform is unstable, and there is a need to change it to another platform with encrypted email.

### Erasmus+ Project – Let’s Swim

The first Kick Meeting was held (on-line) on 19th February and Ivan Perzel represented IHA. Ana Sršen (Croatia), coordinator from Natator swimming club, presented the whole project, the timetable and financial rules. The organisation of the next meeting was discussed. The IHA has received payment, 3000 EURO, to the IHA account on 19.03.2021 transferred by Ana Sršen. *There is more information about Erasmus+ project “Let’s swim” in the Annual Report of the Gala Subcommittee (page 17).*

In January Exec got an email from Karin Sitz with a willingness to reactivate a Halliwick Association in Austria. The letter has been sent with guidance, constitution, country application and answers to every question Karin asked.

### **The second quarter of 2020 (April – May – June)**

#### Annual Report

Due to GDPR, Exec has taken the following rule for sending and placing an annual report on the IHA website:

“The annual report will be sent to national associations/groups/individuals with signatures. Exec agreed to put on a website the abbreviation of annual reports without signatures and the financial reports. If members of national associations/groups want to see the annual report, they can request for it from their national associations/groups.”

#### The General Meeting

On 2<sup>nd</sup> April the first notice, preliminary Agenda, two regulation documents and nomination forms were sent.

#### The IHA Conference

The call for abstracts has been sent. On 21<sup>st</sup> April was a meeting with the Eventact company – responsible for the platform of the conference and the IHA GM.

On 8th May the third joint meeting of the Executive Committee and Education and Research Committee was held. The work on document “Rules of conduct in joint meetings between Executive and Education & Research Committees of IHA” has started. Conference topics were discussed as well. Other topics were postponed to be discussed for the next meetings.

#### Trademark IHA logo in Israel

Exchanging the correspondence between IHA Exec and AST Halliwick Exec resulted in the need of an on-line meeting and common work on agreement to meet the expectation of the Israeli Patent Office.

#### Subscription and fee certificate

There were still a lot of lecturers struggling with paying the fee for certificates and the help was offered by Exec to postpone payment.

### **The third quarter of 2020 (July – August – September)**

#### The IHA General Meeting

Due to some members didn't pay their subscription until 5<sup>th</sup> August the Executive decided to send an email (separately to each member) to inform them that "According to the Constitution the members who didn't pay their membership fee will be taken off from the list on the website. Then the updated list of the IHA members was sent to the Israel Halliwick Group for the administration of the conference and GM. If someone will pay the fee or subscription, they will be back on the list of members."

The final Agenda with all attachments was sent on 21<sup>st</sup> August.

#### The IHA Conference

The agreement between Beit Issie Shapiro and the IHA was signed to clarify the financial obligations and responsibilities of both partners due to the organisation of the IHA Conference and the GM.

The organising committee decided to offer a free pre-conference workshop on-line: *Gala of Ai Chi in memory of Jun Konno* — 29 September, 1pm CET (2pm Israel time zone).

Continuing work on schedule and program of the conference.

#### Trademark IHA logo in Israel

In view of further discussions between IHA and AST on an agreement, Exec agreed to pay again to postpone the deadline for the IHA to send a reply to the Israel Patent Office.

#### Website and encrypted email

The new platform has been chosen for website hosting and encrypted email: Blacknight Internet Solutions. The Exec accepted the financial issues connected with the change. Dualta Griffin in cooperation with Robert Madden was responsible for transferring the data.

### **The fourth quarter of 2020 (October – November – December)**

#### 29<sup>th</sup> September

The pre-conference workshop: *Gala of Ai Chi in memory of Jun Konno*.

#### 30<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October – the IHA Conference

The IHA first online conference "Entering New Waters: Halliwick in a Challenging World" took place on September 30th and October 1st, 2021 and was hosted by Halliwick Group Israel with the generous support of Beit Issie Shapiro. The conference chair was Ilanit Weigenfeld-Lahav,

and the committee included the members of Halliwick Group Israel: Merav Hadar-Frumer, Noa Hagani-Shapira, Noga Ben-Anat, Nir Alt and Yael Yoshei.

The two days of the conference included 28 lectures and were attended by 105 participants from 25 countries. The invited key lecturer was Dr. Bruce Becker, a world-renowned researcher in aquatic therapy and the author of *Comprehensive Aquatic Therapy*, one of the leading textbooks in the field of hydrotherapy.

*A detailed conference report is an additional appendix to the Annual Report (page 18).*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> October – the IHA General Meeting

The IHA General Meeting was held on 2nd October from 14.00 to 19.00 CET in Wingate Institute, Israel and online as a partly electronic meeting on the platform Eventact.

After welcoming every member, electing the Chairperson, two Secretaries and two Tellers, establishing voting strength at GM and voting Procedure according to the Constitution §10 the Exec Chairperson and Treasurer presented the Annual Reports 2019 and 2020. Both reports including financial reports, Ed&RC reports and Gala Subcommittee reports were unanimously accepted. Then the Treasurer presented the budget for the next year and the proposal to keep membership Subscriptions and the Fee for certificates the same as last year was unanimously agreed.

The two regulation documents prepared by Exec were accepted with minor changes in wording. All motions related to changing Constitution: *amendment § 2 – an ordinary Association, amendment § 8 Honorary Member of IHA, amendments related to payment for Subscription and Fees, amendments § 10 related to a partly electronic General Meeting and amendments § 10 related to changes in clause* were carried.

Motion *IHA recognized Courses quality & standards guidelines* was very widely discussed and the final proposal: *“To allow the theoretical parts of the Foundation Course to be delivered with a maximum of 32 participants for one lecturer. To ensure practical, pool sessions are to remain with a maximum of 16 participants for one lecturer. Review in two years.”* was carried by the majority.

After the election of Officers of the Executive Committee, Education and Research Committee and Gala Subcommittee, a discussion was opened on fees for events organised by IHA – one of the topics submitted by AST Halliwick.

At this point it was agreed that due to the time already taken up by the GM {5 hours at this point}, the meeting would be adjourned.

The Minutes of the IHA GM were sent in December to all members.

On 5<sup>th</sup> February, at 2 pm (CET) will be held the Part 2 of the GM due to lack of time to finish discussion on the last item in the GM Agenda.

## Trademark

On 17<sup>th</sup> November the final agreement was signed by IHA Exec and AST Halliwick Exec, and with required documents it was sent to the Israel Patent Office.

*A detailed report "Report - Establishing an IHA logo trademark in Israel" is an additional appendix to the Annual Report (page 20).*

#### New Members

Ferdinand Major (Croatia) became a new Individual Member of the IHA.

#### Website

28<sup>th</sup> November the website started to run on a new server - work was done by Robert Maden.

## **Resultatopgørelse for perioden 1. januar – 31. december 2021**

### **Financial Statements for the period January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

The financial statement is presented by principle of cash, which means that only cash flow is registered, and there is non-accrual accounting.





## Education and Research Committee Annual Report 2021

### Members:

#### January 2021-October 2021

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

#### October 2021-Present:

Yael Yoshei, Israel (Chair); Montserrat Gutierrez, Catalonia; Konstantinos Chandolias, Greece; Nir Alt, Israel (Course Registrar) Fezia Tyebally, Malaysia. Dualta Griffin from Ireland continues to be in charge of the website and assists the committee in these matters.

The committee had 6 Zoom meetings and 1 Joint Zoom meeting

Attendance for the meetings: (V= attendance; A = absence)

	20/03/2021	01/05/2021	8/5/21 JM	19/06/2021	26/07/2021	23/10/2021	04/12/2021
MONTSERRAT GUTIERREZ BASSAS	√	√	√	A	√	√	√
JEAN-PIERRE MAES	√	√	√	√	√		
FEZIA TYEBALLY	√	√	√	√	√	√	A
Yael YOSHEI	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
KONSTANTINOS CHANDOLIAS	√	A	A	A	√	A	A
NIR ALT						√	√

### Lecturer progression:

- Due to the pandemic, no trainees have been able to complete their training and be certified as lecturers. The course registrar has been in contact with trainees in order to see if the committee could assist them.

### Courses and Participants in 2021:\*

- TOTAL number of Foundation courses: 28
- TOTAL number of participants: 364
- TOTAL number of Advanced courses:1
- TOTAL number of participants: 5

\*the number of participants refers only to those who are entitled to a certificate at the end of the course.

### **Work since January 2021:**

- The committee discussed the issue of time limits on certificates issued by the AST. After a discussion with the AST, a notice was received that it had been decided to remove this restriction.
- The committee 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 committee discussed 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 organiser. Both documents were uploaded to the IHA website.
- The committee decided to contact the members of the organisation 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: a new online form as created. This form enables a more efficient way of collecting the data. The form was also updated in order for lecturers to add how many people are entitled for a certificate and therefore, how much money needs to be collected from the lecturer and if the lecturer is not the one paying for the certificate, who should be paying for it.
- One of the main changes was having the lecturers report every 3 months, instead of once a year. This enables the committee to keep a closer track on courses and anticipate the income for the association in a more accurate way.
- The committee is currently working on updating all the documents regarding trainees, lecturers and senior lecturers. The updated documents will be circulated in order to receive feedback from all lecturers.

Yael Yoshei

Chair of IHA Education and Research Committee

February 2022

## **IHA Gala Subcommittee Annual Report 2021**

Members of the Gala Subcommittee:

Maciej Kampa (Poland, HPA) – chairperson,  
Ivan Perzel (Croatia) – member,  
Stina Christiansen (Denmark, HASAM) – member.

Last year, despite the turbulence related to COVID19, 2 swimming galas were held with the participation of members of the Gala Subcommittee. This year's meetings were co-organized by the Association of Swimming and Therapy in Water "Halliwick Polska" and the Natator swimming club as part of the Erasmus + Let's Swim project co-financed by the European Union.

On June 21, 2021, in Zagreb, at the Faculty of Kinesiology, training was held on the conduct of the Swimming Gala Halliwick, consisting of two parts - theoretical and practical.

The theoretical part was divided into a lecture on the idea of the handicap system and the principles of the Gala (Anna Olasińska, Halliwick Polska-HP) Then the participants of the workshop were divided into groups in which they explored the secrets of the computing program (Maciej Kampa, IHA), organisation of volunteers (Małgorzata Wojdowska, HP) and training of judges (Anna Olasińska, HP).

The simulation of the gala was attended by 21 swimmers from the Natator swimming club, coaches and parents, as well as workshop participants. The competitions were held over a distance of 25 m in individual runs and in a relay race. The simulation was successful, the swimmers participating in the handicap formula for the first time were pleased to receive their trophies and diplomas, and the participants of the theoretical workshops could feel the true spirit of Gala Halliwick.

On November 20, 2021, the 4th Polish National Swimming Gala Halliwick Letswim took place in Krakow. 58 competitors from 14 cities from all over Poland came to the gala with their coaches and families. The swimmers competed over the distance of 25 m and 50 m in individual heats and relay races.

About 50 volunteers with enthusiasm, smile and commitment, playing various roles, helped during the competition, including children and adolescents and students of the 2nd year of physiotherapy at the Academy of Physical Education in Krakow, coordinated by a lecturer from the Department of Water Sports. They helped swimmers and teams, conducted water games in the "relaxation zone" in a small recreational pool and acted as judges.

All project partners from Croatia, Slovenia and Serbia came to the gala to learn, help and share their insights. About 160 people were involved in the entire competition as a sports undertaking that would include and integrate various environments.

December 2021 there was an online meeting of the Gala Subcommittee on the future of the computing program. Further work related to this project will continue in 2022.

Report wrote by: Maciej Kampa

Date: 31.01.2022

Approved by: Stina Christiansen, Ivan Perzel

## The IHA Conference Report

The IHA first online Conference took place on September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 and was hosted by Halliwick Group Israel with the generous support of Beit Issie Shapiro.

The conference chair was Ilanit Weigenfeld-Lahav and the committee included the members of Halliwick Group Israel: Merav Hadar-Frumer, Noa Hagani-Shapira, Noga Ben-Anat, Nir Alt and Yael Yoshei.

The conference was held on Eventact's virtual platform, produced by Innoventeam and donated by Beit Issie Shapiro.

The two days of the conference included 28 lectures and were attended by 105 participants from 25 countries.

The invited key lecturer was Dr. Bruce Becker, a world-renowned researcher in aquatic therapy and the author of Comprehensive Aquatic Therapy, one of the leading textbooks in the field of hydrotherapy.

The main topic of the conference was "Entering New Waters: Halliwick in a Challenging World". The topics of the sessions were:

- Back to Basic
- Innovations and new approaches in the Halliwick concept and other aquatic methods
- Special projects in which Halliwick is involved
- Aquatic therapy in Health and the Community
- Halliwick and hydrotherapy in research and implementation in practice and teaching
- Building a foundation with the 10 points program
- Covid-19

The feedback from the conference was very positive. Participants noted the high level of lectures and the great convenience of using the platform, which enabled the participation of people from all over the world, including countries which is the first time they took part in the conference.

The platform allowed participants to take an active part in the conference by raising comments and questions during the lectures and time to meet new people and chat with old acquaintances between lectures.

The IHA would like to thank several organisations whose donations to Halliwick Group Israel made this conference possible:

- Beit Issie Shapiro for their donation of the Eventact platform and Innoventeam production
- The accounting staff at Beit Issie Shapiro who volunteered to do the registration and collection of fees.
- Wingate Institute for their donation of a conference room
- An anonymous donor for their contribution, which enabled the simultaneous translation of the conference to Hebrew.

- We would also like to thank the technical support team, and especially Uri Milstein from the hydrotherapy centre at Beit Issie Shapiro, who was in charge of recording the lectures and uploading them. This enabled everyone to watch the lectures for two weeks after the conference was over.

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## **The process of getting the trademark for the IHA logo in Israel**

At the General Meeting of the International Halliwick Association (September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, Jyllinge, Denmark) it was announced that the process of taking out the IHA logo first in Denmark and then the EU and Israel is following on (section No. 8).

The decision was announced to all members of the IHA by the Annual Report 2019 (March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019): “Exec made a decision to pay for a trademark of the IHA logo in Denmark as a start, then for other EU countries because it makes process much easier later to go outside EU, ex. Israel and Brazil (through the Danish DKPTO and into WIPO).”

Following this decision, the Executive Committee applied WIPO to purchase the trademark of the IHA logo in Israel (application number 1519149, WIPO reference: 812/1368216901).

After a long process of repeated correspondence with the Israeli Patent Office regarding the exact wording of the definition of the services, we reached an agreement with the Israeli Patent Office.

Next, we held a number of Zoom meetings with Halliwick AST (UK) representatives, who also hold a trademark in Israel which has been renewed until 2031. With their help and with the help of their trademark attorney, Jeanette Wood, who, very kindly, helped the IHA, Halliwick Israel and Halliwick AST in managing the process of the IHA obtaining a trademark in Israel at no charge, and after several meetings of the IHA Executive Committee, we reached decisions and agreements that allow the IHA to obtain an Israeli trademark for the IHA logo alongside Halliwick AST’s trademark.

On 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 we received the following announcement from the Israeli Patent Office:

**We would like to inform you that we have decided to accept application number 326004 for registration.**

**The application will be published for objections, in the forthcoming Trademark Diary, to be published on the first day of next month, for three Months.**

**If no objection is filed during this period, the mark will be registered.**

**The diary will appear on the Trademark Department's website at:**  
<https://trademarks.justice.gov.il/TradeMarkSearch/TradeMarksJournal?lang=he%D7%A2>

Last day for rejections – 1st May, 2022

Bodil and Merav were responsible on behalf of the IHA for the entire process. We would like to thank everyone who helped us along the way and promoted the IHA logo registration in Israel for the IHA.

Attached - a document containing the agreed definitions as approved by the Israeli Patent Office.

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