

## **2011, a big step forward in unified CMAS Diving Standards**

A productive BoD meeting took place in November 2011, where the work of the TC was ratified and a unanimous vote of confidence was given to the TC. The work that was presented at that meeting was the completed version of the CMAS Wreck Diver standards, two diver levels and one Instructor level. These levels now cover non-penetration and full penetration wreck dives and the instruction of them. The reason for the two levels is the vast difference between diving around a wreck and a dive which penetrates the wreck. The training programme includes training on the hazards that both of these types of dives present. These standards are written in the new format.

Other works that were completed and ratified by the BoD in 2011 were the Ice diving, Altitude diving, Recreational Trimix, Drift diving and Oxygen Administration standards. All of these standards are fully supported by the CMAS office and if you need Brevets or certification, it can be supplied to you through the office. If your members are paying and participating in courses for any of these types of diving then they should receive the CMAS certification so that their experience and grade is recognised all over the world.

Also presented and ratified were the completed CMAS Diver Two Star and Three Star Standards and Training programmes re-written in the new format. Intention is to have all the CMAS standards presented in this new format so that all standards will look and read in a similar way. To date the Forward, the Introduction and all the diver grades were completed. These will be placed on the CMAS Web Site for all to view from January. These have been created in English, translated into French and the Spanish translation is being worked on.

Step by step CMAS is approaching the set goal of professionalising all documentation concluding soon this project. The next phase of work is ongoing on the instructor standards and training programmes. It is hoped that these will assist member federations in implementing the true CMAS teaching systems in their countries. CMAS web site Technical Committee page should be checked out regularly for all the standards and the full range of diving experiences that is offered. In 2011 Iran, Croatia, Malta and Egypt were assisted with their new diving experiences. If need arises to assist in the implementation of any of these in our member federations the CMAS Technical Committee is there to provide help.