

Annual General Meeting Edition



Thailand Cancelled

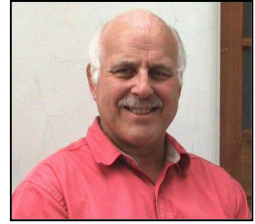
Sadly, the Council had to cancel the AGM in Thailand because there were so few members willing to attend. One of the main reasons given was the costs of travelling at a time of a world recession. This decision was not made easily as Rob Williams had put a lot of work into organising the event.

The problem for the Council was where can we hold an AGM and keep costs as low as possible?

The largest number of members who were unable to attend were from Europe and the decision was made to hold the event at a European airport so that members could fly in & out.

2009 Conference moved to UK

The UK is my home country and so an airport close to where I live would make it easier for me to organise the event at short notice.



*** * * Annual General Meeting & Council Meeting * * ***

14th/15th November 2009 at the Express Holiday Inn, East Midlands Airport, UK

The Most Important Meeting Since 1969

Some members will recall that ISSA was formed in 1969 at a meeting held in London UK. It is perhaps significant that the meeting that will make vitally important changes to ISSA will also be held in the UK. The council have identified a number of areas which require major changes to the way that we operate, including:

Representation

It is impossible for a single group of Council members to understand the needs of every member, when many regions in the world are not represented on the Council and cannot attend world meetings

Membership & Subscriptions

We need a membership structure which can benefit from both local organisations & world wide representation especially in areas such as recognised accreditation schemes for schools

Looking Forward

We need direction and a focus on where ISSA is to go in the future. The Council have approved a draft Development Plan, produced by the President, which will require a significant amount of work to make it happen

Constitution Changes in these areas will also require amendments to the Constitution in areas such as membership, subscriptions, voting rights, Council membership etc

Meeting Agenda

In previous years, there has been a Conference for speakers to discuss topics of interest to members. We have cancelled this for 2009 because there is too much to discuss for the future.

The programme will be to hold a Council meeting from 09:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs on Saturday, where everyone in attendance will discuss and propose solutions to each item under discussion. The AGM will be on Sunday from 09:00 hrs to formally agree all the recommendations agreed at the Council meeting, followed by further discussions to agree an action plan on how the changes will be introduced. Sunday business will close at 13:00 hrs, followed by lunch.

To recognise the work to be carried out, there will be no conference fee and lunched & evening meals will be free for one delegate from each member organisation.

What is Likely to be the Outcome of the Meeting?

It is important to bear in mind that all decisions must be approved by the membership but the Council envisage outcomes will include:

- Creating ISSA regions throughout the world with each region having their own constitution and electing representatives to the World Council Note: members that cannot form a region will remain members of ISSA until there are enough members.
- A new membership structure based on membership of the region and the region paying a subscription to the World Council, based upon the number of members, to pay for administrative costs etc
- Development of regional accreditation schemes for schools where necessary
- Delivery of much improved services to members, in areas where they are most needed

Please try and attend the AGM as we need as many members as possible to help to make the changes

If you cannot attend, please send your views & ideas to Ralph issa@sailingschools.org