



Future of ITTC and official bodies like IMO, ISSC, EU

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Problems

The need for an authorised representative of ITTC in international organisations causes the following problems:

- How far does the authorisation go with regard to decisions?
- Do we need more than one representative?
- The Reaction Time of the Advisory Council and the Full Conference for items the representative cannot decide on himself may be too long.
- Compensation for travelling costs and expenditure of time.

Authorisation

ITTC will have to trust their representative to make reasonable decisions beneficial and in accordance to the spirit of ITTC. This requires:

- Qualification of the representative. He should not be liable to lobbyism.
- A clear rule how important decisions have to be handled by the bodies of ITTC.
- Acceptance of the AC of the representative's decisions when he has followed the rules. No discussions of having been ignored when there was no answer given within a reasonable time by the ITTC members' representatives but rather a discussion how to proceed with that decision in question.

Several Representatives

ITTC already has several representatives in several organisations:

- Cooperation with ISSC
 - IMO to my understanding there are 2
 - ISO
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- All of them do it voluntarily. One gets compensation for travelling and hotel costs.

Reaction Time

- Normal reaction time of the Full Conference : 3 years
- A new Procedure has been suggested by the EC:
 - Reaction time, when not unanimous decision : 6 weeks
- In normal cases this will be sufficient. There may be cases where a more urgent answer is requested. If there is no answer or decision, ITTC may easily be overruled by the other organisations (sometimes, nowadays, with legal consequences to the community). This issue needs to be solved.

Compensation

- All activities in ITTC, apart from the secretary's, have been voluntary and financed by the members of the ITTC.
- The recent engagement at MEPC and ISO has shown that such a situation can develop to a full time job for a certain time. And then it can be almost asking too much from one ITTC member which volunteers for such a representation.