Association Of Diving Contractors International | Sociedad Tequendama

10TH SEPT 2026

# DIVING TECHNICAL SEMINAR

## ADCI LATIN AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN CHAPTER MEETING

| START TIME | END TIME | SPEAKER | SUBJECT |
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| 8:00 AM | 9:00 AM | Welcoming Coffee Registration & Networking. | |
| 9:00 AM | 9:10 AM | Moderator / Master of Ceremonies | Formal Opening & Introduction of Distinguished Guests |
| 9:10 AM | 9:15 AM | Don Wilkins, President and Chairman of the Board, ADCI | Welcome and Opening Remarks |
| 9:15 AM | 9:20 AM | Vice Admiral Javier Alfonso Jaimes Pinilla | Welcome and Opening Remarks |
| 9:20 AM | 9:35 AM | Official Group Photograph | |
| **9:35 AM** | **9:50 AM** | **COFFEE BREAK 1** | **SPONSORED BY BAY-TECH INDUSTRIES** |
| 9:50 AM | 9:55 AM | Moderator | Setting the Stage and Introduction to Today's Program |
| 9:55 AM | 10:10 AM | Phil Newsum, Executive Director ADCI | Welcome & Opening of the Technical Seminar and Introduction to ADCI: Advancing Commercial Diving Safety and Industry Collaboration Worldwide |
| **SESSION 1 — COLOMBIA: MARITIME STRATEGY, UNDERWATER CAPABILITY & INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT** | | | |
| 10:10 AM | 10:30 AM | The Honorable Senator Manuel Virgüez Piraquive. First Vice President of the Senate of the Republic of Colombia<br>President of the MIRA Political Party | Colombia as a Strategic Maritime Nation – Opportunities for the Underwater Industry |
| 10:30 AM | 11:00 AM | Rear Admiral Hermann Aicardo León Rincón, Director General of Maritime Affairs - Head of Maritime and River Interests | Building Strategic Underwater Capabilities: Science, Technology and the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage — The Case of the San José Galleon |
| 11:00 AM | 11:30 AM | Capitán de Navío Juan Pablo Clavijo Carreño, Comandante del Comando de Alistamiento de Buceo | Navy: Driving the Country's Underwater Technological Development |
| 11:30 AM | 12:00 PM | Captain (Ret.) Nelson Fernando Villalba Ospina Manager of Maritime and Underwater Services, Tequendama Society | Colombia's Underwater Sector-Projects Driven by Local Talent and Cutting-Edge Technology |
| **12:00 PM** | **1:00 PM** | **NETWORKING LUNCH** | |



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| **SESSION 2 — REGULATION, STANDARDS & OPERATIONAL RISK** | | | |
| 1:00 PM | 1:30 PM | Sebastian Herrera Kasic, General Manager, K-ASIC Consulting | Different Regulations, Same Safety Challenge: Chile and Regional Observations |
| 1:30 PM | 2:00 PM | Flor Torrijos, Managing Partner - AquaMercantile (AqM) & Partner Intermaritime Group | Civil Liability in Commercial Diving Operations : Insurance Essentials for 2026 |
| 2:00 PM | 2:30 PM | Gary Jones, Director of Sales UW/PMA/CS, Broco \| Rankin | Underwater Cutting and Burning: Training Standards and Safe Practice |
| **SESSION 3 — WORKFORCE, COMPETENCY & INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT** | | | |
| **2:30 PM** | **2:45 PM** | **COFFEE BREAK 2** | **SPONSORED BY SERPORT** |
| 2:45 PM | 3:15 PM | Skill N Depth / Anthony Greenwood & Jovana Sokolovic | Building a Verified Commercial Diving Workforce in Latin America: Connecting Skills, Competency and Employment |
| 3:15 PM | 3:45 PM | Kenyatta Kalisana, Lead Dive Instructor, Calctra / Leonard Greenstone Technology Training Center & Western Carpenter's Apprenticeship | From Incarceration to Industry: Rehabilitating Inmates Through Commercial Diving Careers |
| 3:45 PM | 4:15 PM | Don Wilkins, Senior Vice President, Marine Solutions | Successful Projects Start with People: Building Strong, Inclusive Commercial Diving Teams and Companies |
| **4:15 PM** | **4:35 PM** | **Q&A PANEL DISCUSSION** | |
| 4:35 PM | 4:45 PM | Don Wilkins, President Board of Directors, ADCI & Phil Newsum, Executive Director, ADCI | • Awards & Recognitions<br>• Closing Remarks |
| **END OF DAY 1** | | | |



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| 9:00 AM | 9:05 AM | Santos Melgar<br>Chairman, ADCI Latin American & Caribbean Chapter | Opening remarks and welcome message |
| **SESSION 1 — ADCI UPDATES, STANDARDS CERTIFICATION, VERIFICATION & DIGITAL SERVICES** | | | |
| 9:05 AM | 9:30 AM | Phil Newsum, Executive Director ADCI | ADCI 2026–2027: Standards, Certification & Strategic Priorities<br>• ADCI strategic priorities;<br>• major Standards updates;<br>• certification changes;<br>• audits/compliance;<br>• member services; |
| 9:30 AM | 10:00 AM | Jovana Sokolovic, COO, SND | ADCI Certification & Digital Services: Application, Verification and Live Platform Demonstration |
| **10:00 AM** | **10:15 AM** | **COFFEE BREAK** | **SPONSORED BY TALLERES INDUSTRIALES** |
| **SESSION 2 — DIVING MEDICINE & OPERATIONAL READINESS** | | | |
| 10:15 AM | 10:45 AM | Dr Luis Emilio Hernández, Head of the Hyperbaric Medicine Service in the City of Health (CIDELAS) Social Security Fund, Panama & Doctor at the Employee Clinic of the Ministry of Economy and Finance. | **Fitness to Dive:** Medical Assessment, Annual Examinations & Return-to-Duty |
| 10:45 AM | 11:15 AM | Dr. Luis David Perez Maza, Sesamet | Decompression sickness, the new things that we know about it |
| **SESSION 3 - DIVING OPERATIONS, EQUIPMENT & SAFE PRACTICE** | | | |



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| 11:15 AM | 11:45 AM | Capitán de Fragata David Fuentes, Ship Design and Engineering Manager COTECMAR / Gerente de Diseño e Ingenieria COTEMAR | National Underwater Robotics Capability: COTECMAR's Experience and Technology Scaling Strategy |
| 11:45 AM | 12:15 PM | Anthony Greenwood, Principal Consultant, DSMS | From Standards to the Worksite: What Safe Commercial Diving Operations Require - Clients perspective |
| **12:15 PM** | **1:00 PM** | **NETWORKING LUNCH** | |
| 1:00 PM | 1:30 PM | Hernán Pablo Rodríguez, Managing Partner, HS Water Solutions SRL and HS Training | Commercial SCUBA Diving under ADCI Consensus Standards 6.5 |
| 1:30 PM | 2:00 PM | Blair P. Mott<br>Kirby Morgan Dive Systems, Inc | Bridging the Gap from SCUBA to Surface Supplied |
| 2:00 PM | 2:30 PM | Capitán de Corbeta de I.M. Nicolas Fernando Rueda Pongutá Director de la Escuela de Buceo Armada Nacional de Colombia | Half a Century Underwater: Academic Evolution of the Colombian Navy Diving School |
| **2:30 PM** | **2:45 PM** | **COFFEE BREAK 2** | |
| **SESSION 4 — REGIONAL INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLE** | | | |
| 2:45 PM | 3:00 PM | Interactive Discussion: What's Needed in the Region? | **Moderated open forum for contractors, clients, and educators to share:**<br>• Challenges in regulation, access to certified divers, audits<br>• Needs for workshops or training programs<br>• Feedback on ADCI tools and certifications |
| 3:00 PM | 3:10 PM | Summary, Key Takeaways & Closing Remarks | • Phil Newsum, ADCI Executive Director<br>• Action points for the region<br>• Invitation to future ADCI international meetings |
| **3:10 PM** | **4:00 PM** | **COCKTAIL & NETWORKING RECEPTION** | |



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