

ADSC meeting September 2009

A range of subjects were once again on the agenda for discussion at the most recent meeting of the Amusement Device Safety Council, which oversees ADIPS.

A technical audit proposal was provided by ADIPS Compliance Officer Andrew Potter, who gave a presentation on the subject. He provided a summary of the findings of his work over the preceding six months, along with a general update of activities. He noted that he had obtained a good understanding of compliance issues following assessments of some inspection bodies (IBs), and visits to fairs. He had completed a compliance visit during June and had visited Cardiff Fair for the second time, having first been to the event in 2008. He reported that he was also involved in on-going review work on quality files. The key areas discussed in his presentation covered his findings from Cardiff Fair, Technical Audit, general compliance including IB and controller general issues and the consideration of support and guidance to assist IB's and controllers during ADIPS inspections.

The role of supervisors for individuals wishing to become ADIPS inspectors was also discussed at some length, with a view to providing new inspectors with initial and ongoing supervision and competency assessment where required.

A further presentation was also made by ADIPS general manager Luke Ditchburn on the subject of ADIPS 'On-Line,' a project currently being developed which will eventually enable ADIPS to provide a range of internet based services to users of the scheme. Luke outlined the proposed infrastructure of the system and explained the key features and benefits for individual groups and organisations and the industry at large.

The issues surrounding the availability of ride inspectors to the travelling fairground industry was also discussed. ADSC are looking at ideas on how to spread inspections out into quieter periods of the year so the majority are not being carried out in one short space of time. Suggestions were made as to how to achieve this and they are now being considered in detail.

The publication of ADIPS guidance, on the subject of Pre-Use Inspection was reviewed with a budget for the project and the specification to be discussed further. This publication will complete the range of guidance for ADIPS inspections. With regard to the current Inspection process the ADSC agreed to the development of new defect reporting procedures.

With regard to the ADIPS electrical inspection course, it was reported that two candidates were to sit the examination during September. Additionally, discussions were taking place with the Faraday Centre in Middlesbrough, where the courses are held, over changing the course to three days duration. Further training courses for IB's were discussed and proposals for relevant courses will be considered at the next ADSC meeting.

On the subject of activities within the ADIPS office, among other items Luke Ditchburn reported that 100 per cent of DOCs were processed within 28 days, the time allowed by the rules of the scheme. Furthermore, ADIPS Quality Management System had recently achieved ISO 9001:2008 for the scope of monitoring and controlling the industry's inspection services.

Finally, it was suggested that an ADIPS conference be held for IBs in order to provide a platform to support and inform IBs of developments for the forthcoming registration year. Further details of the proposed event will be announced in due course.

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