



2015 **ITEC** **ABERDEEN**  
Irata Technical Event and Conference



Dear Member,

As Chairman, I am immensely proud to welcome my fellow members to Aberdeen and to promote the good work that our North Sea Operators and IRATA do for the benefit of the industry at large.

Since our last AGM in Brazil our membership has grown at pace, with 42 new members across 22 countries, further adding to our global Association and international presence. I am delighted to report that we are now supported by representative members in 51 countries.

This year we have afforded much effort to the reorganisation of our central function and the quality of service delivery to our Members. The introduction of many new initiatives, fundamentally driven by our volunteer core, are expected to bring positive results in the medium to long term. Throughout our ITEC some of these will be presented in detail.

I would like to personally thank our Equipment and Standards Committee's dedicated working groups, Training Committee, Health & Safety Committee and last but not least, our Executive Committee Volunteers for all their hard work and dedication.

Over the next three days, we have a full programme of meetings which I trust you will find informative and during which time you will be able to interact and meet with member companies representing our Association in every continent.

It is hoped that you will all make a special effort to attend our Technical Day on Friday 25 September, when our Associate Members will be demonstrating their products and testing equipment.

Yours sincerely,  
Jon Twitchin



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## RAC Chairs

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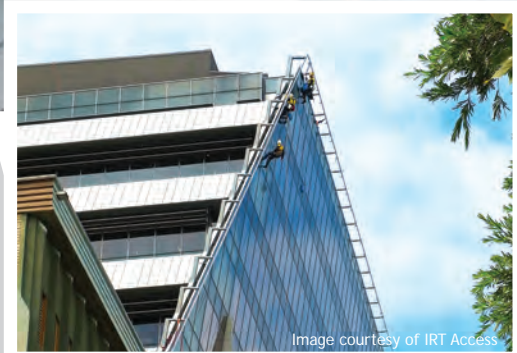


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# RACs & TRAINING COMMITTEE

# Tuesday

## 22nd September

08.30 Registration of Attendees

BALMEDIE ROOM

09.00 Welcome

BALMEDIE ROOM Leader: Directors / Chairmen

09.15 RAC Presentation

BALMEDIE ROOM Leader: RAC Chairmen

13.00 Lunch Break

14.00 Training Committee & TACS

BALMEDIE ROOM Leader: Training Committee Representatives

**DAY 01**

**Wednesday**  
**23rd September**

**09.00** Equipment & Standards Committee

BALMEDIE ROOM | Leader: Equipment & Standards Representatives

**13.00** Lunch Break

**14.00** Executive Committee Meeting

BALMEDIE ROOM | Leader: Chairman

(Observers may attend)

**DAY 02**



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**EQUIPMENT  
&  
AND STANDARDS  
EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE**



# Thursday

## 24th September

09:00 Health & Safety Committee

BALMEDIE ROOM Leader: Health & Safety Representatives

11:30 Edson Tiger Security Company

BALMEDIE ROOM Leader: David Curran

13:00 Lunch Break

14:00 Annual General Meeting

BALMEDIE ROOM Leader: Chairman/Director/Secretary

Voting open to Members only

19:00 Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony

BALMEDIE ROOM Entertainment supplied by Ceilidh Fusion

**DAY 03**

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# HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# TRANSITION EXTREME

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**Friday**  
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**TECHNICAL DAY**

**DAY 04**



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We are once again delighted to be able to support the IRATA ITEC. Since 2009 when we exhibited at our first ever ITEC we have been enthusiastically listening to feedback from rope access and rope rescue user groups all around the world. This feedback has helped us to develop and bring to market some of the most innovative and feature-packed products possible, such as the RED back-up device and D4 work/rescue descender as well a whole kit-bag full of highly competitive accessories such as karabiners, wire anchor strops, pulleys and ascenders.

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