

DAN AP News

DAN AP Diving Safety Awards

DAN AP periodically gives awards to individuals who, in our view, have contributed substantially to diving safety, and/or DAN Asia-Pacific.

At this time we are delighted to announce the following recipients:

Contributions to Dive Safety Award

Prof. Richard Moon. Dr Moon is a highly esteemed diving physician, anaesthetist (anesthesiologist) and medical researcher who has contributed enormously to diving safety worldwide. There are few in this field who rightly command as much respect as Dr Moon.

Dr Richard Vann. Dick Vann recently retired from his role as Director of Research at DAN America. He had spearheaded and facilitated an enormous amount of diving safety and diving medical research over many years, including the DAN Flying Afer Diving studies and Project Dive Exploration. The diving world owes Dr Vann a huge debt.

Friend of DAN AP Award

Mr Tim Snowden. Tim Snowden is the principal of Hyperbaric Health (HH), a company that has established a network of chambers throughout the Asia-Pacific. The establishment of this network has enabled appropriate treatment to be accessed far more readily and reasonably for many divers who have required it. DAN AP has always enjoyed a very good relationship with HH to the benefit of our members.

DAN at MIDE

DAN AP recently attended the Malaysian International Dive Expo in Kuala Lumpur. Once again this show was well-supported by the industry and by local divers.

We conducted the inaugural *Diving Medicine for Divers* training course in this region and we were very happy with the outcome. Among other things, this course provides valuable information about fitness and health for diving and is really *a must* for dive professionals. DAN AP plans to conduct a series of seminars using certain aspects of the course to increase the opportunity for a range of people to participate. Watch out for dates on our website.

We also conducted provider and instructor training in the management of hazardous marine life injuries. John Lippmann presented a public lecture about dangerous jellyfish in the Asia-Pacific, largely based on information received through our on-going jellyfish investigation project.

DAN AP would very much like to thank Henry Batzer of *Scuba Dynamics* in Kuala Lumpur for allowing us to use his great facility for training.

DAN Directors Answer Questions

After attending the recent MIDE show in Kuala Lumpur, DAN Directors John Lippmann and David Natoli visited a hospital in Kota Kinabalu to discuss and advise on the management of injured divers in that area. This was seen to be necessary after a serious dive accident occurred there recently.

A Malaysian Navy recompression facility is expected to be opened in Kota Kinabalu in 2011. John and David met with the doctor in charge to discuss access arrangements for recreational divers.



DAN AP staff and some friends/DAN instructors at MIDE



David Natoli and John Lippmann at a seminar with the dive and research crew at Layang Layang.

The next stop was a few days diving from a neighbouring island. While there, David and John took the opportunity to host a dive safety discussion session with the resort dive staff, which proved to be an interesting and useful interchange.

Guidelines for the management of injured divers

DAN AP has recently prepared some guidelines for the management of injured divers. These are aimed at hospitals and clinics without trained personnel and appropriate procedures for such cases.

This project was precipitated by the diving fatality discussed in the editorial. The guidelines will soon be available for download from the DAN AP website.