

DAN AP News

Malaysia Dive Show

In July, Mel Cefai and John Lippmann from DAN AP attended the Malaysia International Dive Expo (MIDE) in Kuala Lumpur. It was a busy show, reflecting the level of activity of diving in Malaysia. John took the opportunity to visit a newly established and impressive military hyperbaric facility in Kuala Lumpur.

An Evening with DAN in Kuala Lumpur

In conjunction with MIDE, DAN AP hosted "An Evening with DAN" diving safety seminar. The speakers were John Lippmann, Executive Director of DAN AP, and Lt Col (Dr) Andrew Ng Wei Aun, the head of Hyperbaric Medicine at the Hospital Angkatan Tentera Tuanku Mizan. John gave presentations on diving fatalities, evacuations and dangerous jellyfish in the Asia-Pacific and Dr. Ng discussed the management of DCI. The seminar was filled to capacity with about 170 attendees, most of who stayed until 11:30 pm, asking a variety of questions about the talks and other dive safety issues.

DAN Training at ODEX

DAN will be attending the ODEX dive show in Brisbane from 7-9 October. We will have staff to provide information about our services, including membership, insurance, products and training. We will also be conducting a DAN Oxygen Instructor Update for lapsed DAN Instructors, as well as a Hazardous Marine Life Injury Provider and Instructor Course, open to any interested diver and instructor.

Visit www.danasiapacific.org/main/training/inhouse.php for details.



Lt Col (Dr) Andrew Ng, Mel Cefai and John Lippmann at the DAN stand.



Lt Col (Dr) Andrew Ng speaking at the Evening with DAN seminar.



New hospital-based hyperbaric unit in Kuala Lumpur.

Winner of the TUSA Prize Pack Announced

DAN AP would like to congratulate Noel and Rosemary from Victoria who are the very surprised winners of the TUSA Prize Pack sponsored by Tabata Australia and valued at AUD\$1,859.

To win, all Noel and Rosemary had to do was renew their DAN Asia-Pacific coverage before it expired to automatically be entered into the draw to win this fantastic prize pack.

Each quarter a new prize will be offered to renewing members. Renewing Members in the July – September quarter, have the opportunity to win an **Andaman Sea Safari Liveboard Trip with Scuba Cat Diving, valued at AUD\$1,300**. So if your DAN Asia-Pacific renewal falls in the July – September quarter and you have renewed your coverage prior to it expiring, this great adventure could be yours.

DAN Asia-Pacific Research

As you may be aware, DAN AP is involved in conducting and/or funding a variety of research projects related to diving safety, diving and general accident management, first aid training among others.

Through International Divers Alert Network (IDAN) we have contributed to some interesting research relating to the helicopter transport of injured divers, conducted by staff at Townsville Hospital in Queensland.

DAN AP is also heavily involved in on-going research into diving fatalities and accidents, as well as our jellyfish monitoring project.

Some time ago, we completed a project on first aid training, comparing the traditional instructor-based face-to-face training only to a mix of on-line and instructor-based learning.

We are currently involved in a variety of other interesting and useful projects aimed at better understanding the causes of snorkelling and diving accidents to determine better prevention strategies and management.

We believe that research is a very important part of DAN's mission. On pages 38 and 39 we have included the abstracts from some of our recent published research work.