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NATIONAL CERTIFICATION - INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

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Dear partners, colleagues, experts and friends,

Let us wish you a successful and fruitful New Year!

2013 was a very productive year and we would like to take this opportunity to share our achievements with those of you that participated and the colleagues that we welcome in 2014.

First of all, we are very pleased to share information about the **EUROPEAN/INTERNATIONAL CHAINSAW PROJECT,** which is successfully running with a number of Awarding Bodies. We have now issued more than **300 certificates** in partner countries.

We would like to provide **thanks** to **Mr. William Robb** (Technical author of the European and International Chainsaw Standards) the manager, legal owner of the intellectual property rights and beneficiary of all project products, for his generous permission to use all of the products (Chainsaw Standards, Assessment / Score Sheets, Checklists, Handbook, Codes / Guidelines of Practice, Photos, etc.), which were established and developed during the **International / European Chainsaw Project** under the umbrella of the **Leonardo Da Vinci** program.

LOLER – New International / European Standards

ICC – International / European Chainsaw Standards – LEVEL 2

Information about the successful **Chainsaw Certification Project** from 2009 (Official title "Evaluation and Implementation of Chainsaw Operators Certification") can be found here:

www.adam-europe.eu/adam/project/view.htm?prj=5126

www.adam-europe.eu/prj/5126/project_5126_en.pdf

Following a number of meetings, events and open days we have been very successful in making further progress and at the **1st GENERAL ASSEMBLY** in September 2013 we launched the **International DATABASE**, where it is possible for the public to search/check the validity of the certificate holder in the electronic "**Skills Register**". This unique database functions as an online interactive administration & registration service. It has been developed predominantly to support awarding bodies undertake various functions quickly and competently via the internet. Each ABA National Awarding Body has complete access to manage learner information and accreditation for their country and can review International data, for the purposes of transparency. The dynamic & evolving chainsaw operators register can be accessed 24/7 worldwide making this unique innovation the '**1st of its kind**' and an excellent platform for skills mobility & recognition.

More information can be found by clicking on the following link:

www.aba-skills.com

We would also like to thank to **Mr. Pavel Nevrkla**, representative of Mendelu University and the ISAC-ABA Council, for providing very kind and well organised hospitability during the meeting in Mendelu forest but also the General Assembly meetings.

ABA had a busy year in 2013 the following are some of the goals we achieved:

- New certification "**LOLER**" – Lifting Equipment Inspection for work at height – Launched in Sep 2013
- Cooperation with City & Guilds / NPTC – active presence on the meeting in Sep 2013
- Cooperation with City & Guilds / NPTC – extra meetings evaluating ABA Standards in the UK in Oct, Dec 2013, Feb 2014
- Cooperation with Ministry of Agriculture in France
- Cooperation with a University of Copenhagen – Skovskolen in Denmark
- Cooperation with a University in Czech Republic
- Cooperation with Ministry and Chambers in Czech Republic
- Cooperation with a University in Hungary
- Cooperation with a University in Germany
- Cooperation with Latvian and Estonian skills advisors
- Cooperation with National Board in Slovakia
- Cooperation with Swedish training representatives
- Cooperation with Ireland –first LOLER ABA certificates issued
- Cooperation with Italian arboricultural & agricultural specialists
- Cooperation with NQF National Standard committee and Health and Safety committee
- Cooperation with ISA
- Cooperation with Spanish training centres & specialists
- Cooperation with Canada and Australia training sectors and national sector
- Cooperation with Academia of Research Institute
- Cooperation with Husqvarna, Rock Empire, Insurance companies, and many others…

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OUR INTERNATIONAL / EUROPEAN SUCCESS

1st New European LOLER Examination

9-11 SEPTEMBER 2014 – Copenhagen, DENMARK

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2014

We would like to also invite you to the **2nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY** to be held in the **University of Copenhagen** during **9-11 September 2014** in **Denmark.** Please make a note of this important event in your diary.

And further, we would like to invite you to the **Training & Standard Setting ABA INTERNATIONAL event** held at **Mendelu University 8-10 May 2014** in **Czech Republic**.

Please find related documents such as Invitations, Product leaflets, Project Status and others attached or via the links.

If you wish to register an interest as a **National Awarding Body** for your country or state and also have a voice in the **International Standards and Accreditation Council (ISAC)**, please contact us for further information.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

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