

***Belspo working group on scientific diving***  
***Training course on scientific diving techniques***  
***Approved Royal Decree 23/12/2003(professional diving)***  
***Belgian Scientific Diver and Advanced Belgian Scientific Diver***  
***Stareso - Corsica 10<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>th</sup> September 2017***

***Application form - 2017 session***

***To be sent (COMPLETE) by the 22<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 17:00 at the latest***

***at***

***[scientific\\_diving@belspo.be](mailto:scientific_diving@belspo.be)***

***The Applicant***

**Name:**

**Given Name:**

**BSD/ABSD**

**Full Address:**

**Post code:**

**Country:**

**Please provide a passport format photo**

**Date and place of Birth:**

**Telephone:**

**E\_mail:**

**Name, address, telephone, e\_mail of a contact person (in case of an accident):**



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**The scientific institution acknowledging the application**

**Application Recommended by**

**(Print Scientific institution /Laboratory name and stamp the application form)**

**Signed (Head of Unit) Name**

**Signature**

**Diving Certification (Scanned copy MUST be added to this application form)**

**Diving agency:**

**Diving certificate:**

**Date of delivery:**

**Medical Certificate: (Scan copy MUST be added to this application form)**

**Date of delivery:**

**Name of the Medical Doctor:**

**A proof that the applicant is covered by an insurance covering professional scientific diving MUST be added to this application form:**

**See below 'Entry conditions' Scanned copies of dive log book MUST be added to this application as well as a copy of a valid first aid certificate (BLS & Oxygen administrator)**

**This course is recognized as professional qualification (Royal decree 23/12/2003 modified 25/4/2007  
"protection des travailleurs contre les risques liés aux travaux en milieu hyperbare)**

**The European levels ESD - AESD are fully equivalent to BSD - ABSD**

- Entry conditions:

In order to enter the course 'Belgian Scientific Diver' the applicant must be:

- \*Recommended by a Belgian University or a Belgian research laboratory or equivalent
- \*For BSD, be at least diver level two with any diving training agency (CMAS 2\* diver or equivalent like PADI rescue)
- \*For BSD show proof (**logbook scan copies**) of 50 dives when registering to the course including 15 dives conducted between 15 and 24m with 5 dives conducted deeper than 25m
- \*For ABSD, be at least BSD (and minimum CMAS 3\* diver or equivalent like PADI DM)
- \*For ABSD show proof (**logbook scan copies**) of 100 dives when registering to the course including 20 dives conducted between 20 and 29m with 10 deeper than 29m, including 50 dives with scientific task, 20 dives as dive leader and 20 dive in adverse condition (current cold dark,...)
- \* Show proof (**scan copy**) of a current first aid certificate for basic life support and oxygen first aid administration.
- \*Having a medical certificate for diving not older than a year at the date of the end of the course.
- \*Proof of an insurance covering the applicant for the professional scientific diving activity.
- \*It is recommended that the applicant have all his own diving gears excluding tank and weight.

- Practicalities:

Registration, travel and accommodation:

This call is open to 8 applicants

Travel and accommodation is at the responsibility of the applicant

Accommodation on full board basis including diving facility at 85 euro/night is provided by Stareso, Calvi Corsica-France.

**After your acceptance is confirmed** by the BWGSD (not before 16/06/2016), which will be done after the reception of the fully completed application form (including all annexes) and on a first in first served basis, you have to book your accommodation directly with Stareso using [basemarine@stareso.com](mailto:basemarine@stareso.com) or +33 6 86 22 32 61. Indications to them of your hours of arrival and departure as well as your transport mean my help your transit "sur place".

- Evaluation:

The course is given in English and a copy of the presented PowerPoint slides and texts will be provided in the form of a workbook.

The candidate will be assessed on every dive by the instructor team and a written exam will be organized at the end of the training course.

The results of the assessment will be proposed to the Belgian working group on scientific diving in order to deliver to the successful applicant the Belgian Scientific Diver in conformity with the (A)BSD standard.

The applicant will also get the opportunity to evaluate the given course

**Deadline to receive fully completed application is 22/05/2017---Application will be confirmed by 30/06/2017**

***Belspo Working Group on Scientific Diving  
Training course on scientific diving techniques (DRAFT PROGRAM)  
PROVISIONAL Program Advanced & Belgian Scientific Diver – Session 2017  
STARESO 10-22 September 2017***

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September

18:00 Registration of the participants and welcome  
19:30 – 20:30: Diner

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September

08:00 Breakfast  
09:00 – 12:00: Theoretical session: Scientific diving project (I)  
12:00 – 14:00: Lunch break  
14:00 – 17:00: Test dive  
17:00 – 18:00: Meeting of the instructor team  
18:00 – 19:30: Theoretical session: Scientific diving project (II)  
20:30 – 22:00: Theoretical session on tethered diving including blue diving & photo-video

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

08:00 Breakfast  
09:00 – 12:00: Diving session on blue diving (1) & photo-video  
12:00 – 14:00: Lunch break and debriefing of the morning dive  
14:00 – 17:00: Diving session on tethered diving & photo-video  
17:00 – 18:00: Meeting of the instructor team, debriefing of the afternoon dive  
18:00 – 20:30: Theoretical session on photo-video II. Diner  
20:30 – 22:00: Theoretical session on SMB & reels

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

08:00 Breakfast  
09:00 – 12:00: Diving session on blue water diving (2) & photo video  
12:00 – 14:00: Lunch break and debriefing of the morning dive  
14:00 – 17:00: Diving session on reels & SMB  
17:00 – 18:00: Meeting of the instructor team  
18:00 – 20:30: Theoretical session on air-lift and transect & rope work. Diner  
20:30 – 22:30: Night dive

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September

08:00 Breakfast  
09:00 – 12:00: Diving session on air-lift and transect & rope work  
12:00 – 14:00: Lunch break and debriefing of the morning dive  
14:00 – 17:00: Diving session on air-lift and transect & rope work  
17:00 – 18:00: Meeting of the instructor team  
18:00 – 19:30: Theoretical session on size estimation Diner  
20:30 – 22:00: Time for data treatment air-lift & transect

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

08:00 Breakfast  
09:00 – 12:00: Diving session on size estimation  
12:00 – 14:00: Lunch break and debriefing of the morning dive  
14:00 – 17:00: Diving session on size estimation  
17:00 – 18:00: Meeting of the instructor team  
18:00 – 19:30: Theoretical session on lift-bags & small scale cartography. Diner  
20:30 – 22:00: Time for data treatment size estimation

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September

No diving day 'off gazing day'  
08:00 Breakfast  
09:00 – 18:30: data treatment & movie making  
19:30 – 20:30: Diner  
20:30 – 22:00: data treatment & movie making

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September

08:00 Breakfast  
09:00 – 12:00: Diving session on lift-bags & small scale cartography  
12:00 – 14:00: Lunch break and debriefing of the morning dive  
14:00 – 17:00: Diving session on on lift-bags & small scale cartography  
18:00 – 18:30: Meeting of the instructor team  
18:30 – 19:30: Theoretical on measuring a wreck & search methods  
20:30 – 22:00: Time for data treatment small scale cartography

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September

08:00 Breakfast  
09:00 – 12:00: Diving session on measuring a wreck  
12:00 – 14:00: Lunch break  
14:00 – 17:00: Diving session on search methods  
17:00 – 18:30: Meeting of the instructor team & theoretical session on coralligenous reef monitoring  
19:30 – 20:30: Diner  
20:30 – 22:30: Night dive

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September

08:00 Breakfast  
09:00 – 12:00: Diving session on coralligenous reef monitoring site 1  
12:00 – 14:00: Lunch break and debriefing of the morning dive  
14:00 – 17:00: Diving session on fully enclosed lift bag  
17:00 – 20:30: Meeting of the instructor team, Diner and debriefing of the afternoon dive  
20:30 – 22:00: Data treatment time

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

08:00 Breakfast  
09:00 – 12:00: Diving session on coralligenous reef monitoring site 2  
12:00 – 14:00: Lunch break and debriefing of the morning dive  
14:00 – 17:00: Diving session on open & fully enclosed lift-bag  
17:00 – 20:30: Meeting of the instructor team, Diner and debriefing of the afternoon dive  
20:30 – 22:30: Data treatment time or night dive (if not taken previously)

Thursday 21<sup>th</sup> September

08:00 Breakfast  
09:00 – 12:00: Diving session on size estimation of fishes  
12:00 – 14:00: Lunch break and debriefing of the morning dive  
14:00 – 17:00: Diving session – theme to be announced  
17:00 – 20:30: Meeting of the instructor team, Diner and debriefing of the afternoon dive  
20:30 – 22:00: Data treatment time & movie making

Friday 22<sup>th</sup> September

08:00 Breakfast  
09:00 – 12:00: Diving session - theme to be announced  
12:00 – 14:00: Lunch break and debriefing of the morning dive  
14:00 – 17:00: Theoretical exams  
18:00 – 18:30: Final words & closure of the course