

## **World record: Largest underwater press conference**

The Guinness book of records contains a lot of records, on Saturday, 17 June 2006, one of it had been broken. A group of 21 journalists held the worlds largest underwater press conference in Traunkirchen in Austria – or better say in the lake Traunsee. The reason for breaking the record was the presentation of the new book of the two Austrian authors Leo Ochsenbauer and Klaus-M. Schremser, "Nullzeit, Sex und Tiefenrausch – 333 Antworten auf Taucherfragen" ("No-Deco-Time, Sex and nitrogen narcosis – 333 answers to divers questions").



The conference was held on an underwater platform in 5 meters depth (16 feet). On the platform a table, two armchairs, a Flipchart and a personal computer in a waterproofed housing was set up for the conference. Special waterproof paper and pens were handed out for the journalists to ask questions, on the underwater flipchart a set of plastified presentation paper informed the 21 journalists about the book. On the underwater PC the journalists could answer questions out of the book, which was not as easy as they thought in advance.

"I had the idea for the book, when I read Schott's Original Miscellany by Ben Schott. Our book has 333 miscellaneous informations about diving and the underwater world as well as about underwater animals, but we are presenting them as questions and answers – but always in a humorous way. It is on one hand scientific and interesenting, but also funny.", says Leo Ochsenbauer about his book. "We wanted to present the book the same way – funny but also informative – that was the reason why we coosed this way for informing the press."

The participants in the successful underwater press conference were: Leo Ochsenbauer (SeaStar, Aquanaut), Klaus-M. Schremser (nullzeit.at), Frank Dornberger, Martin Helmers, Andreas Rettig (all SeaStar Tauchsport magazine), Wolfgang Poelzer (magazine tauchen), Harald Mathae, Helmut Ebner (both Taucher.net), Alexander Kronic (Business best-seller magazine), Ernest Turnscek (Yachtdiver magazine), Harald Slauscek (Underwater vision, Atlantis diving sport magazine), Thorsten Jochim, Andreas Schmid (both Jochim Photography), Wolfgang Decker (Traumrouten, Camping Revue), Roland Kissling (Computer World), Stephanie Schmid (Austrian broadcasting ORF), Peter Schraml (Austrian broadcasting ORF underwater video), Erich Jessenitschnig, Laurin Herlt, Nicolaus Piso (all of them nullzeit.at watersport magazine) as well as Christian Redl (Apnea Academy, Freitauchen.at Freediving magazine).

The validity of the record was supervised by a notary, the authors are now awaiting the acceptance by Guinness book of records.

The current world record is held by 15 journalists who took part in an underwater press conference at the divingfair DEMA on 7 October 2005 in Las Vegas, USA.

### **What's the book about?**

Did you always wanted to know, who the inventors of the diving tanks were or if a lightning strike in the water endangeres divers? Maybe you want to inform yourself about how many teeth a shark actually has or why seahorses are real sexmaniacs? What does the Koran say about diving and whether one can have Sex under water or not?

The Austrian journalists Leo Ochsenbauer and Klaus-M. Schremser answer 333 divers questions in their new book "Nullzeit, Sex und Tiefenrausch – 333 Antworten auf Taucherfragen" ("No-Deco-Time, Sex and nitrogen narcosis – 333 answers to divers questions") - with huge expert knowledge and a winking, technically and scientifically founded and astonishing answers to 333 interesting, partially strange and always exciting questions about the diving sport and the underwater world. The German publisher Kosmos is already thinking about a English version of the book.

The freediving legend Umberto Pelizzari and the world-well-known shark researcher Dr. Erich Ritter both wrote epilogs to this book:

*"The authors point in an impressive and amusing way to bad states and clear up with long preserved prejudices."*

Dr. Erich Ritter, Sharkproject

*"This book informs in a wonderful and descriptive way about the underwater world. I wish you relaxed hours during the reading of this book!"*

Umberto Pelizzari, freediving legend

You will find further informations, opinions as well as excerpts from the book at <http://dasbuch.nullzeit.at>, the website to the book.

#### **Allgemeine Informationen zum Buch:**

„Nullzeit, Sex und Tiefenrausch – 333 Antworten auf Taucherfragen“

Leo Ochsenbauer und Klaus-M. Schremser

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