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|    **To ARHC Members, Associate Members and IHO representatives****Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission – Invitation to the 7th ARHC Conference in Ilulissat 22- 24 August 2017** |
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Dear ARHC Colleagues. It is my pleasure to invite you to the 7th conference of the Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission. The conference will take place in Ilulissat in Greenland August 22 - 24, 2017.

A block reservation has been made for the period 21 to 25 August (4 nights), at the conference hotel. If you want to use the conference hotel you have to send your binding reservation to Trine Vinther Schmidt in GST (mail to: trvin@gst.dk) before May 25, 2017. You have to pay for the room when you are in Ilulissat. We have a reservation for the following 25 rooms at the conference hotel; 7 Puisi, 8 Qajaq, 2 Qajaq Suite, 1 Umiaq, 2 Umiaq Deluxe, 4 Umiaq Suite,1 Puisi Suite. See <http://hotelarctic.com/vaerelser/vaerelser/> for room description and prices. The rooms will be allocated on first-come.

You can travel to Ilulissat via Iceland or Copenhagen. It is high season in Ilulissat in August so; remember to book your flights well in advance.

The conference will start on August 22, with an open session forum, where regional users and experts will present topics related to arctic hydrography. A draft programme for the Open Forum will be published before the conference.

The ordinary ARHC conference will take place August 23 - 24, in accordance with the statutes of the ARHC. A draft agenda is attached to this invitation. You are invited to propose additional agenda items, preferably no later than August 2, 2017.

A registration form is attached below in annex A. It is to be completed by each participant and forwarded before May, 24, 2017 to Trine Vinther Schmidt in GST (trvin@gst.dk) with a copy to Jens Peter Hartmann (jepha@gst.dk) and Yves Guillam (yves.guillam@iho.int),

The event will take place at Hotel Arctic in Ilulissat, Greenland.

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**A Draft Overview of the Program for the ARHC 7 Conference** 

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|  | **Tuesday 22 August**  | **Wednesday 23 August** | **Thursday 24 August** |
| **Morning****09.00 - 12.30** | Open Forum  | The ARHC 7 conference commences | The ARHC 7 conference continues |
| **12.30 - 13.30** | Lunch | Lunch  | Lunch |
| **Afternoon****13.30 - 1700** | Open Forum  | The ARHC 7 conference continues | The ARHC 7 conference continues |
| **Evening****19.00 ~ 2100** | Ice breaker meeting.  | ARHC 7 Dinner |  |

A draft agenda is attached as the document ARHC /7/1A. Please forward proposals and/or

comments to the Agenda no later than 2 August 2017**.**

**Documents of the meeting**

You are kindly asked to deliver your **National report** and **other documents** such as Explanatory

notes, reports etc. to Jens Peter Hartmann jepha@gst.dk and Yves Guillam (yves.guillam@iho.int), no later than **2 August 2017.**

You are all warmly welcome to the meeting in Ilulissat.

Best regards



Pia Dahl Højgaard

Chairman of the ARHC

Attachments:
Annex A. Registration form

**Annex A**

**ARHC 7 Registration Form**

**Registration Form for the 7th ARHC Conference**

**22-24 August 2017, Ilulissat, Greenland**

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|  | **Information about participants**  | **Remarks** |
| **Country:** |  |  |
| **Name:** |  |  |
| **Address:** |  |  |
| **E-mail:** |  |  |
| **Phone (mobile if available):** |  |  |
| **Arrival:**Date:Time:Flight: |  |  |
| **Departure:**Date:Time:Flight: |  |  |
| **Hotel:**Reservation from/to: |  |  |
| **Hotel:**Preferred room:Alternative room: |  |  |
| **Special dietary****requirements:** |  |  |
| **Comments, if any:** |  |  |
| **Date:** |  |  |

Please forward to Trine Vinther Schmidt (trvin@gst.dk) with a copy to Jens Peter Hartmann (jepha@gst.dk) and Yves Guillam (yves.guillam@iho.int), before May 24, 2017.

**Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission**

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**ARHC/71/1A**

**Draft Agenda, Version 0.1**

**For the 7th Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission Conference**

**22-24 August 2017, Ilulissat, Greenland**

*[with references to expected documents]*

[Version 0.1, 18 November 2016]

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| **Tuesday 22 August** |  |  |
| **0900 - 1230** | **Open Forum meeting** |  |
| **1230 - 1330** | **Lunch** |  |
| **1330 -1700** | **Open Forum meeting continues** |  |
| **1900 - 2100** | **Icebreaker meeting** |  |
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| **Wednesday 23 August** | **A. Opening Formalities** |  |
| **0900 - 1030** | **Session 1** |  |
|  | A.1 Opening of Conference*Docs: - ARHC7 participants- ARHC7 List of Documents* | Chair |
|  | A.2 Welcome from the host country*Docs: - ARHC7\_A2\_ARHC7Program* | Host |
|  | A.3 Adoption of the Agenda*Docs:*- ARHC7*\_A3\_DraftAgenda* | Chair |
|  | A.4 Minutes and actions from ARHC6*Docs:**- ARHC7\_A4a\_ARHC6 Final Minutes- ARHC7\_A4b\_Status of ARHC6 List of Actions* | Chair |
|  | A.5 Minutes and actions from Special ARHC 3 meeting *Docs:**- ARHC7\_A5\_Special ARHC3 Final Minutes* | Chair |
|  | **B. IHO Work Programme 1 - *"Corporate affairs"*** |  |
|  | B.1 Report from the IHO*Docs:**- ARHC7\_B1\_IHO\_Report to ARHC* | IHO |
| **1030 – 1050** | **Coffee break** |  |
| **1050 – 1230** | **Session 2** |  |
|  | B.2 National Report of Canada*Docs:**- ARHC7\_B2\_DK\_National Report Canada* | Canada |
|  | B.3 National Report of Denmark*Docs:**- ARHC7\_B3\_DK\_National Report Denmark* | Denmark |
|  | B.4 National Report of Norway*Docs: - ARHC7\_B4\_NO\_National Report Norway* | Norway |
|  | B.5 National Report of Russian Federation*Docs:**- ARHC7\_B5\_RF\_National report Russian Federation* | Russian Federation |
|  | B.6 National Report of United States of America*Docs:**- ARHC7\_B6\_RF\_National report United States of America* | United States of America |
|  | B.7 National Report of Finland*Docs:**- ARHC7\_B7\_FI\_National Report Finland* | Finland |
|  | B.8 National Report of Iceland*Docs:**- ARHC7\_B8\_IC\_National Report Iceland* | Iceland |
| **1230 - 1330** | **Lunch** |  |
| **1330 - 1500** | **Session 3** |  |
|  | B.9 Contribution to the preparation of the IHO Council*Docs:* *Documents expected* | IHO/all |
|  | B.10 ARHC representation in the Council. *Docs:**Documents expected* | IHO/all |
|  | **C. IHO Work Programme 2 - "Hydrographic Services and Standards"** |  |
|  | C.1 Operational and Technical Working Group Report *Docs:**- ARHC7\_C1\_OTWG report*  | United States of America |
|  | C.2 Arctic International Charting Coordination Working Group Report *Docs:**- ARHC7-C2a\_AICCWG report**- ARHC7-C2b\_Presentation-AICCWG Status**- ARHC7-C2c\_Arctic\_Nautical\_Charting\_Plan* | Norway |
| **1500 - 1520** | **Coffee break** |  |
| **1520 - 1700** | **Session 4** |  |
|  | C.3 Arctic - Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure Working Group Report*Docs:**- ARHC7-C3a\_Arctic MSDIWG report NGA**- ARHC7-C3b\_IHO MSDIWG report Denmark* | United States of America/Denmark |
|  | C.4 Outreach-Arctic Council/PAME/ARHC Report*Docs:**Documents expected*  | Chair |
|  | *C.5 Outcome of WENDWG* *Docs:**Documents expected* | All |
|  | *[Additional topics expected]* | All |
| **1900** | **Dinner** |  |

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| **Thursday 24 August** | **D. IHO Work Programme 3 -  "Inter Regional Coordination and Support"** |  |
| **0900 - 1030** | **Session 5** |  |
|  | D.1 Outcome of IRCC9 meeting*Docs: - ARHC7\_D1\_IHO\_IRCC9 Report/Actions* | IHO/All |
|  | D.2 Outcome of HSSC8 meeting*Docs: - ARHC7\_D2\_IHO\_HSSC8 Report/Actions?* | IHO/All |
|  | D.3 Status of IHO-EUNetwork*Docs:**- ARHC7\_D3\_DK Report of IHO-EUNetwork* | Denmark |
|  | D.4 Information Papers*Docs:**Documents expected* | All |
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| **1030 – 1045** | **Coffee break** |  |
| **1045 – 1245** | **Session 6** |  |
|  | D.5 Capacity building*Oral reports on any ongoing activity/cooperation with CBSC etc* | All |
|  | D.6 Any issues for IRCC10 and HSSC 9 | All |
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| **1230 -1330** | **Lunch** |  |
| **1330 – 1500** | **Session 7** |  |
|  | **E. Any other business** | All |
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|  | **F. Election of new Chair and Vice-Chair** | All |
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|  | **G. Place and date of the next ARHC8 Conference** | All |
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|  | **H. Review of NHC61 List of actions** | Chair |
|  | *Docs:**- ARHC7\_List of Actions* |  |
|  | **I. Closing the Conference** | Chair |
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| **1500 – 1530** | **Coffee break** |  |