

IHO Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica (HCA)  
9th Meeting, Simon's Town, Cape Town, South Africa, 12-14 October 2009

ANNOTATED AGENDA

**1.- Opening**

The HCA Chairman will open the meeting at 09:00 on 12th October 2009, at the Quay Side Hotel, Simon's Town, Cape Town, South Africa, welcoming HCA Members and Observers. A representative of the South African Government will welcome participants. The local organizer will provide information on local arrangements. The Chairman will provide a verbal report on the main activities executed by the Commission since the last Meeting.

**2.- HCA Membership Status**

The Chairman will report on the existing situation with regard to Membership. It will be reminded that in accordance with Article 2, only the representatives of those IHO Member States, whose governments have acceded to the Antarctic Treaty, and have signed the Statutes, are formally recognized as HCA Members. Other representatives willing to formalize their country situation will be invited to sign the Statutes at this time and the number of HCA Members at the meeting will be established.

**3.- Approval of the Agenda**

The Chairman will introduce the Final Agenda, as circulated and commented in advance. The Commission might wish to amend it as necessary. The Commission will be requested to approve the text of the Agenda and to agree with the proposed Timetable.

**4.- Election of Vice-Chairman**

According to Art 5.2 of the Statutes, the Vice-Chairman shall be elected at the beginning of each Conference by a simple majority of those Members present. The Chairman will ask for name(s) of volunteers and will ask the Commission to decide.

**5.- Status of List of Actions resulting from the 8th HCA Meeting**

The Chairman will provide an update on the status of the List of Actions arising from the 8th meeting. HCA Members who have been identified as responsible for any of these actions should be ready to provide additional information on actions taken. The Commission should decide on the subject and should adopt the best course of action for those activities that have not been completed yet, if any.

**6.- Relevant International Organizations' Report**

The following Organizations have been invited to attend the 7th HCA and to provide a report on their activities and experiences. These reports could be useful to the Commission in identifying actions to fulfill its objective. The Commission will be invited to comment on the reports submitted and to identify actions that should be taken.

6.1 ATCM (Plus intervention from New Zealand on Antarctic Treaty Meeting of Experts (ATME) on the Management of Ship-borne Tourism in the Antarctic Treaty Area)

6.2 COMNAP

6.3 IMO

6.4 IAATO

6.5 SCAR

6.6 IOC

6.7 SANAP (South African National Antarctic Programme)

**7.- HCA Activities in the light of the IHO Work Program**

7.1 INT chart scheme.

The Secretary of the HCA will report on the status of the INT chart scheme and production. The Commission will be invited to comment on the report and to provide guidance to the Chairman on actions to be developed by the HCA.

#### 7.2 ENC Scheme.

The Secretary of the HCA will report on the status of ENC scheme and production.

The Commission will be invited to comment on the report and to provide guidance to the Chairman on actions to be developed by the HCA.

#### 7.3 Interaction with IOC:

✓ The IOC/IHO GEBCO Project

The GEBCO representative will be invited to report on the main activities of SCUFN and TSCOM, with regard to Antarctic issues. The Commission will be invited to comment on the report and to identify tasks that need to be considered by the Commission in its work program.

✓ The IBCSO Project, an IOC/IHO/SCAR Project.

The IBCSO representative will report on the progress made with the new regional International Bathymetric Chart project. The Commission will be invited to comment on the report and provide guidance to the Chairman as to what actions should be taken by the Commission to improve cooperation with IBCSO.

#### 7.4 Hydrographic surveying, nautical charting, nautical publications and information status.

✓ Presentation of National Reports. HCA Members will be invited to report on their national activities. Reports shall include experience with new techniques and equipment, as well as project proposals to speed-up compilation and production.

The Commission might identify actions to improve cooperation and collaboration among HCA Members in fulfilling the Commission's objective.

✓ S-55 Status

HCA Secretary will report on the global Antarctic status. The Commission will be invited to comment on the reports and to provide guidance to the Chairman on the way the HCA could best benefit from this effort and keep information updated on a permanent basis.

#### 7.5 Nautical Publications and Information. IHO/HCA web page.

The Secretary of HCA will report on the content of the nautical publications and information posted on the IHO web page. The Committee might identify ways to take advantage of this tool and to improve its content, bearing in mind the users' interest.

#### 7.6 Capacity Building Issues.

The Chairman will report on the outcome of the last CBC meeting. The Commission shall discuss the needs, initiatives and projects related to HCA.

### 8. HCA Survey Prioritisation Working Group

The Chairman of the WG shall present a Progress Report with regard to the Surveying Programme.

The Commission will be invited to comment the report and to identify ways to improve the collection of hydrographic information.

### 9.- Any other business.

#### 9.1 Preparation of the Seminar to be offered to the 2010 IAATO Annual Meeting.

The Chairman will introduce this item explaining the objective of the Seminar, the arrangements so far made and the details that require HCA Members advice. The Chairman will offer a table of content including the corresponding speakers for consideration. The Commission will be invited to develop further these drafts and agree on the way forward.

### 10.- Time and Place of next Meeting

The Chairman will invite the Commission to fix the venue and dates for the 10th HCA Meeting.

**11.- Approval of Action List.**

Before the Closure there will be time available for the preparation of documentation and approval of the Action List agreed, with identification of responsibilities and deadline for accomplishing the actions.

**12.- Closure**

The Chairman will close the Meeting at 16:00 on 14th October 2009.