

49th NHC Meeting
Reykjavik, 8-9 February, 2005

NHC/49 Letter 2

Information for the meeting

Reykjavik, 07.01.2005

Dear Colleague

I will start this letter by inform you (you might already know it) that new Director General Mr. Georg Kr. Larusson took over 1st January. He is a lawyer and former director of The Icelandic Directorate of Immigration.

Mr. Larusson has decided that I, Hilmar Helgason, shall take over as the Hydrographer of Iceland and Asgrimur L Asgrimsson as Assistant Hydrographer.

General arrangements and your participation

Thank you all for your response to the NHC/49 Letter 1. The NHC 49th meeting venue and the accommodation will be at Hotel Loftleidir. I have made the accommodation reservation for each participant for single rooms on the Hotel Loftleidir from 7th to 10th of February 2005.

The list of participants is attached as a document **NHC/49_1B**. I have also attached **48th NHC Action items** from 48th meeting. I have to apologise that I am not sure which of those items are still left.

Travel information from the airport:

From Keflavík Airport to Reykjavík is a connection with all arriving flights. The Flybus will take passengers to the Reykjavik bus terminal and from there passengers are taken to all the major hotels in Reykjavik. The tour will take about 40 - 50 minutes. Price with the bus is ISK 1.100 pr. person, approx 14 Euros

Draft Overview Program of the Meeting

The Draft Program is attached as the document **NHC/49/1D**.

Agenda of the Meeting

The draft Agenda of the meeting is attached as a document **NHC/49/2A**.

The most important issues for the meeting will be the **IHO 3rd EIHC** in April. This means that for the other issues the time is limited.

I remind you that during the **NHC 48th Meeting** it was agreed that the following **specific agenda** items for this annual meeting would be addressed:

- Bilateral/mutual meetings for ENC production issues

- Continuous updating of the IHO S-55.

Captain Mike Barritt will attend the NHC Conference to assist with the standing Agenda Items on the S-55 data-base and RHC input to the IHOCBC.

Documents of the meeting

You are kindly asked to deliver to me (e-mail: hilmar@lhg.is) your **National Reports** and **other documents** for the meeting at latest **18th of January 2005**.

Also if you have some comments regarding the arrangements, about the Agenda or any other issues please send them to me.

We plan to distribute the meeting documents and further information as soon as possible, but not later **20th of January 2005**.

Once again, you all are warmly welcome to our common meeting.

Best regards,

Hilmar Helgason