

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Dear Sir,

On September 01, 2002, the elected Directing Committee formed by its President, Rear Admiral Alexandros MARATOS; Director 1, Rear Admiral Kenneth BARBOR and Director 2, Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA took office.

During the previous weeks, the elected Directing Committee participated in several meetings to gain a better understanding of the working procedures in force at the IHB, and the status of tasks entrusted to the IHB.

In order to provide Member States with the most suitable co-ordination service, the Directing Committee, agreed on the following distribution of responsibilities:

President:

Main topics would include:

- Relations with United Nations; International Maritime Organization; European Union; International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authority; International Commission for the Scientific Exploration of the Mediterranean and Non-Member States.
- SPWG; ABLOS; Maritime Safety Information; Hydrographic Surveying Information Services and INT Chart Scheme and Paper Chart issues.
- Matters referring to IHO Membership and IHB Administration; Host Government Affairs and Public Relations.

and the following Regional Hydrographic Commissions:

- North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission
- North Sea Hydrographic Commission
- Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission
- Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission

Director 1:

Main topics would include:

- Relations with the International Cartographic Association; International Organization for Standardization and International Electrotechnical Commission.
- LAC issues as well as on all Cartographic Information Services, including CHRIS, WEND and others related.
- Matters referring to IHB Property and Information Technology.

and the following Regional Hydrographic Commissions:

- Nordic Hydrographic Commission
- USA/Canada Hydrographic Commission
- East Asia Hydrographic Commission
- South Africa and Islands Hydrographic Commission
- South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission

Director 2:

Main topics would include:

- Relations with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission; all International Bodies related to Antarctic matters and the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, FIG and IMA.
- Capacity Building, Training and Education; Technical Co-operation activities as well as GEBCO and International Bathymetric Mapping Projects.
- Matters referring to Information Management (Publications).

and the following Regional Hydrographic Commissions and Committee:

- Eastern Atlantic Hydrographic Commission
- South East Pacific Hydrographic Commission
- ROPME Sea Area Hydrographic Commission
- Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico Hydrographic Commission
- Antarctic Hydrographic Committee

The above represents an initial division of responsibilities which may be adjusted in the future should the Directing Committee deem it necessary.

The Directing Committee sincerely hopes that these arrangements will facilitate Member States' contact with the Bureau and benefit the Organization.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Rear Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President