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PART 1 - GENERAL

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IHO WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2003 (updated)

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INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC BULLETIN ON IHO WEB SITE

References: a) IHB CL 41/2002
 b) IHB CL 62/2001
 c) IHB CL 18/2003

Dear Hydrographer,

Please find attached herewith a copy of the IHO Annual Report 2002, Part 1 - General (English version) which provides information on the activities conducted by the Organization during last year. The French and Spanish versions will be distributed as soon as possible.

Also, in accordance with the Work Programme Planning Cycle approved by Decision 14 b) of the XVIth I.H. Conference, we are providing you with an updated version of the IHO Work Programme for 2003, based on the Work Programme 2003-2007 approved by Decision 14 a) of the XVIth IHC and following the accomplishment of the preceding year's Work Programme (CL41/2002 refers).

Member States are kindly requested to provide comments on these two documents. If changes are proposed to the Work Programme for 2003, the IHB will consider them and inform Member States accordingly.

The IHO Work Programme for 2004 is under preparation, based on the Work Programme 2003-2007 mentioned above and on the Budget 2003-2007 approved by Decision 21 of the XVIth IHC. The proposed IHO Work Programme for 2004, together with the IHO Budget for 2004, will be distributed by August, along with a revised 5-Year Work Programme and Budget, for approval by 30 October and implementation in January 2004.

It is planned that the IHO Annual Report for 2003 will be based mainly on the Work Programme for 2003, and its presentation will be somewhat improved, integrating some of the characteristics of the printed I.H. Bulletin. Therefore, Member States will, in due time, be able to check the achievements of the Organization against the Programme and will thus be able to assess the degree of effectiveness of the Organization.

Finally, as you will be aware from IHB CL 18/2003, the IHO Web site has been completely redesigned and the new Web site structure has been in place since 8 March. Taking into account the feedback already received and considering that this means of communication offers the advantage of improving the visibility of the IHO, as well as facilitating Public Relations, the D.C. has decided to make the International Hydrographic Bulletin available on the IHO Web Site. This I.H. Bulletin effectively replaces the "I.H. Bulletin-Newsletter", which was implemented in January 2002, and the 3 annual printed versions (CL62/2001 refers). It will no longer be necessary to continue producing a printed version of the Bulletin, as it will be kept updated on a permanent basis, starting this month (April 2003).

Any comments from Member States would be most welcome.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

(original signed)

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA
Director

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- IHO Work Programme for 2003 (updated)

IHO WORK PROGRAMME 2003

(Based on IHO Work Programme 2003-2007 approved by XVIth IHC)

Programme 1 Co-operation with Member States and with International Organizations

| Task ID | Description | Comments (if any) |
|-------------------|--|--------------------------|
| O 1. 1. 1. | Meeting of Regional Hydrographic Commissions | |
| | NIOHC | |
| | SAIHC | |
| | USCHC | |
| | RSAHC | |
| | NHC | |
| | EAHC | |
| | MBSHC | |
| | BSHC | |
| | SEPHC | |
| | Hydrographic Committee on Antarctic | |
| O 1. 2. 1. | Meetings of International Organizations | |
| | * International Maritime Organization (IMO) | |
| | - Assembly | |
| | - Council | |
| | - Technical Cooperation Committee (TC) | |
| | - Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) | |
| | - Subcommittee on Safety of Navigation (NAV) | |
| | - Subcommittee on Radiocomm. and SAR (COMSAR) | |
| | * Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) | |
| | - IOC Assembly | |
| | * Hydro Committee PanAm. Inst. Geog.and Hist.(PAIGH) | |
| | * Antarctic related organizations | |
| | - Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties (ATCP) | |

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| | * United Nations (UN) | |
| | - UNICPOLOS | |
| | * Federation International of Surveyors (FIG) | |
| T 1. 1. 1 | Study the establishment or enlargement of regional hydrographic commissions in: | |
| | * North East Pacific | |
| T 1. 2. 1. | * ICA through signature of Co-operation Agreements. | |
| T 1. 3. 1 | Initiate: | |
| | * Formation of an RHC for North East Pacific (Canada, USA, Mexico and Central America) (see also Task 1.1.1) | |

Programme 2 Capacity Building

| Task ID | Description | Comments (if any) |
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| O 2. 1. 2. | Meetings with IMA (Trieste) | |
| O 2. 1. 6. | Meetings Capacity Building Committee (IHOCBC) | |
| T 2. 1. 1 | Continuation of a project for the development of Hydrography, Nautical cartography and Safety of Navigation infrastructure in Central America, in co-operation with COCATRAM, Mexico (as Coordinator of the "Plan Puebla-Panama") and the Interamerican Development Bank. | |
| T 2. 1. 2 | Develop a study team to assess the status of Hydrography, Aids to Navigation and Safety of Navigation in Western and Central Africa (with IMO, IALA, IAPH and others), with a view to formulating a development project. This is an initiative of regional states. | |
| T 2. 1. 3 | MEDA7 project Part 2 (with EC and IMA Trieste). | |
| T 2. 1. 4 | Project for Safety of Navigation Services on Lake Victoria (with IMO and IALA). | |

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| T 2. 1. 5 | Technical Co-operation for the Development of Hydrography and Aids to Navigation in the Black Sea (with EC and countries involved). | |
| T 2. 1. 7 | Carry out visits of Technical Cooperation to the following countries and organizations: | |
| | * Central America and Mexico - see Task 2. 1. 1. | |
| | * Central and Western Africa - see task 2. 1.2 | |
| T 2. 1. 8 | Research the establishment of an IHO scholarship scheme for students from developing countries, and propose budget provisions. | |
| T 2. 2. 1 | Carry out, through the work of the relevant WG, a complete revision of the IHO Basic Documents, including membership procedures addressed by the IHO Convention. | |
| T 2. 2. 2 | Re-integrate suspended Member States. | |
| | * Surinam (in cooperation with Netherlands) | |
| | * Democratic Republic of Congo | |

Programme 3 Techniques and Standards Support

| Task ID | Description | Comments (if any) |
|------------------|---|--------------------------|
| O 3. 1. 1 | Attendance/Organization of related Meetings | |
| | * CHRIS | |
| | - C&SMWG | |
| | * SubGroup DPSAG | |
| | - TSMAD | |
| | * TSMAD SuB WG | |
| | - SNPWG | |
| | * WEND | |
| | * Industry Days | |
| T 3. 1. 1 | Revise, develop, and maintain the following publications: | |
| | * M-4 | |

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| | * M-11 | |
| | * S-23 | |
| | * S-59 | |
| O 3. 2. 3. | Meetings of the Tidal Committee | |
| | * IAG EUREF | |
| O 3. 2. 5. | Meetings and conferences of the ABLOS WG | |
| T 3. 2. 1 | Compilation of the IHO Manual on Hydrographic Surveying. (M-13) | |
| T 3. 2. 2 | Development of the WEB version of the IHO Hydrographic Dictionary [Project DHYDRO]. | |
| T 3. 2. 3 | Consult Member States on the need to establish standards for surveying in navigable rivers and inland waterways, to address special subjects such as hydrometric levels, survey techniques, depiction of coasts, shifting channels etc. | |
| T 3. 2. 4 | Revise, develop and maintain the following publications : | |
| | * S-32 | |
| | * S-60 | |
| | * S-44 | |
| | * S-51 | |
| | * S-55 | |
| O.3.3.1/2/3 | Meetings of the FIG/IHO/ICA A.Board | |
| T 3. 3. 1 | Maintenance and updating of the 9 th edition of the Standards of Competence | |
| | Preparation of future editions (for standards), as necessary. | |
| T 3. 3. 2 | Revise, develop and maintain: | |
| | * M-5 | |
| | * M-6 [new publication] | |
| | * S-47. | |

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| T 3. 3. 3 | Development of Standards of Competence for Nautical Cartographers through the new Advisory Board. Maintenance and updating of these Standards (M-8) | |
| T 3. 3. 4 | Coordinate actions with international funding agencies for the promotion of hydrographic training and education in developing countries. | |
| O 3. 4. 2. | Meetings related to the Development of Standards | |
| | * ICA Conference | |
| | * ICA Commission on Spatial Data Standards | |
| | * ICA Marine Cartography | |
| | * International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) | |
| | * W.G. 7 Test approval | |
| | * Harmonization Group MIO | |
| | * International Standards Organization (ISO) TC 211 | |
| O 3. 4. 3 | Meetings related to GEBCO Program | |
| | * GEBCO Joint Guiding Committee | |
| | * SCUFN | |
| | * SCDB | |
| | * Int. Bathy. Charts Regional Projects | |
| | + IBCCA | |
| | + IBCSEP | |
| T 3. 4. 1 | Revise, develop and maintain the following publications : | |
| | * B-6 | |
| | * B-8 | |
| T 3. 4. 3 | Organization of the GEBCO Centenary Conference. | |
| O 3. 5. 1. | Meeting of the CPRNW | |
| T 3. 5. 1 | Revise, develop and maintain the following publications : | |
| | * S-53 | |
| | * M-12. | |

Programme 4 Information Management and Public Relations

| Task ID | Description | Comments (if any) |
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| O 4.1.1. | * Maintain and develop IHO Web-site | |
| T 4. 1. 1 | Provide an annual distribution of IHO publications on CD-ROM. | |
| T 4. 1. 2 | Revise, develop and maintain the following publications : | |
| | * P-4 | |
| | * P-5 | |
| | * P-7 (Annually) | |
| | * M-3 (Permanently updated) | |
| T 4. 1. 3 | Maintenance of an IHB Library of reference books and journals. | |
| T 4. 2. 1 | Deliver papers on this subject (importance of hydrography) at appropriate conferences and seminars and issue press releases during all major IHO meetings. | |
| T 4. 2. 2 | Provide briefings on Hydrography and on the IHO to senior decision makers during visits to Member and Non-Member States. | |
| T 4. 2. 5 | Produce a new publication collating legal cases related to charting and nautical accidents. | |

Programme 5 General Organization Development

| Task ID | Description | Comments (if any) |
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| O 5. 1. 1. | Review IHO Work Program on annually basis | |
| T 5. 1. 1 | To study further re-structuring of the Organization so that it can better respond to the requirements of Member States and the objectives articulated in the Strategic Plan, and to improve cost-effectiveness. | |
| | Attendance/organization of SPWG and Chair Group meetings | |
| O 5. 2. 1. | Provide Translation Services | |

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