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IHO COMMITTEE ON HYDROGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS
(CHRIS) - RESULT OF ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

References: a) CL 36/2007
b) CL 61/2007

Dear Hydrographer,

1 Reference a) sought nominations for the Chair of CHRIS. Reference b) identified Captain Vaughan NAIL (UK) and Captain Steve BARNUM (USA) as candidates and invited Member States to vote for their preferences.

2 The IHB thanks the following Member States who responded to CL 61/2007: Algeria, Australia, Bahrain, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Iran, Japan, Korea (Rep. of), Latvia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, UK, USA.

3 20 Member States voted in favour of Captain Vaughan Nail and 16 voted in favour of Captain Steve Barnum. The result of the voting therefore indicates that **Captain Vaughan NAIL (UK)** has been elected as the next Chair of CHRIS.

4 In its response, France has drawn the attention of the Directing Committee to the fact that under paragraph 2.5 of the Terms of Reference of CHRIS, the election of the Chairman comes under the responsibility of the Committee. In normal circumstances this would mean that elections would take place at the next CHRIS meeting. However, in this case, the current Chairman became ineligible to continue in office until the next meeting and the Vice-Chairman was unable to assume the duties of Chairman temporarily. Furthermore, no nominations were forthcoming from the members of CHRIS attending the last meeting in October 2006, when this situation was forecast. Accordingly, the IHB asked for nominations from all Member States and consequently the election process involved all Member States.

5 As indicated in reference b), confirmation of Captain NAIL as the new Chair of CHRIS and selection of the Vice-Chair will take place at the next meeting of CHRIS 4-9 November 2007 in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Ward', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Captain Robert WARD
Director