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**IHO PROGRAMME OF EVENTS - LONGCAST
AND REQUEST FOR STATES TO CONSIDER HOSTING MEETINGS**

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The programme of events of the IHO continues to expand. This is a direct consequence of the increasing scope, pace and range of activities included in the IHO work programme approved by Member States. The Directing Committee notes from personal experience that it is often difficult to plan and organise which events to attend - particularly when some meetings are called at relatively short notice or clash with meetings in other parts of the world.

Longcast

2. The Directing Committee invited all Chairs of bodies of the IHO and associated organisations to indicate the most likely dates and venues for meetings planned to be held in 2013, and where possible in 2014 as well. Unfortunately, not all Chairs have been able to respond with details. Nevertheless, the dates and venues that are known have been included in the IHO calendar available on the IHO website. These dates are also included in the longcast provided at Annex A. Where no information has been provided for 2013, the approximate dates for previous meetings have been used as guidance.

3. There are some busy periods, particularly in the northern hemisphere autumn. The Directing Committee is encouraging meeting organisers to avoid these periods wherever possible. The dates for the 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference will also need be taken into account for meetings arranged in 2014.

Request for Hosts for Meetings

4. The Directing Committee is aware that some States are unable to attend IHO meetings if they regularly involve long distance travel and consequent high expense. For this reason, the Directing Committee would like to encourage more States to consider hosting meetings. The financial impact of hosting a meeting can usually be minimised and could be less than the cost of travel to a long-distance destination.

5. As a general rule, a venue appropriate to the number of participants is required. It should be convenient to moderately priced accommodation so as to minimise commuting between hotels and the meeting venue. Video projectors and work desks for delegates are normally required at all meetings. Depending on the nature of the meeting there is sometimes a requirement for small rooms to enable sub-groups to carry out tasks. For larger meetings, access to microphones is a great assistance in controlling the meeting and enabling a better understanding of the speakers - especially for those not sharing the same first language as the speaker. It should be stressed that, as with other inter-governmental working meetings, there is no requirement or expectation to provide free meals, accommodation or entertainment.

6. Hosting a meeting also provides an opportunity to expose the work of the IHO to staff and to the higher levels of government and the wider public in that country.

Conclusion

7. The Directing Committee hopes that meeting organisers and Member States find the calendar information at Annex A useful in developing their forward plans and budgets. Revised versions of the longcast will be promulgated from time to time. Meanwhile, the most up to date calendar of events is maintained on the IHO website.

8. The Committee will be very pleased to receive offers to host IHO meetings, so that this can be included in planning for the future. Please indicate if you have a preference for a particular meeting or size of meeting. Any offers will be passed to relevant Committees or Working Groups for their consideration.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Ward', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert WARD
President

Annex A: IHO Programme of Events - Longcast 2013-14

IHO PROGRAMME OF EVENTS - LONGCAST 2013-14 (as at 1 November 2012)

** Items in grey italics are events and dates repeated from 2012 that have not yet been confirmed for 2013*

Date	IHO Meetings	Other international meetings	Venue
2013			
<i>Date not decided*</i>	<i>HDWG 1</i>		
15-18 January	TSMAD 25		Tokyo, Japan
21-25 January		COMSAR 17	London, UK
23-24 January	EAHC - 7th Coordination Meeting		Busan, Rep. of Korea
29 January - 1 February	WWNWS Document review		London, UK
30-31 January - 1 February	MSDI Conference + MSDIWG 4		Copenhagen, Denmark
18-20 February	DPSWG 9		Monaco
19 -22 February	NIOHC 13		Yangon, Myanmar
4-6 March	RSAHC 5		Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
18-22 March	IALA e-Nav 13		Paris, France
18-19 March	SWAtHC 7		Buenos Aires, Argentina
<i>March ?*</i>	<i>USCHC 36</i>		<i>New Orleans, USA</i>
25-28 March		US Hydro Conference	New Orleans, USA
15 - 17 April	NHC 57		Stockholm, Sweden
15-25 April	IBSC 36		Lisbon, Portugal
13-17 May	TWLWG 5		Helsinki, Finland
13 - 14 May		ISO/TC211	venue not yet announced
20 - 29 May		ATCM	Brussels, Belgium
30 May -1 June	CBSC 11		Wollongong, Australia
03 - 04 June	IRCC 5		Wollongong, Australia
10-14 June	TSMAD 26 and DIPWG 5		Silver Spring, USA

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12-21 June		IMO MSC 92	London, UK
17-21 June	SEPHC 11		Lima, Peru
26 June - 6 July		IOC Assembly	Paris, France
10-12 July		TC 63	London, UK
16-18 July	DQWG 7		New Brunswick, Canada
25-30 August		ICA Conference	Dresden, Germany
<i>September ?*</i>	<i>WENDWG 3</i>		
02-06 September		IMO NAV 59	London, UK
09 September		IC-ENC/Primar JTEWG9	UK
Sep / Oct	TSCOM 29 SCRUM 2		Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
16 -18 September	BSHC 18		Tallin, Estonia
18-19 September	SAIHC		Lisbon, Portugal
23-27 September	SCUFN 26		Tokyo, Japan
23-27 September		IALA e-Nav 14	Paris, France
24-27 September	WWNWS 5		Monaco
25-27 September	MBSHC 27		Istanbul, Turkey
01-02 October	ABLOS 20 Business Meeting		Muscat, Oman
<i>October ?*</i>	<i>ARHC 4</i>		<i>USA</i>
03-04 October	GEBCO GC		Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
14-15 October	SAIHC 10		Lisbon, Portugal
04-08 November	SWPHC 12		Vanuatu
04- 05 November		ISO/TC211	USA
04 November	HSSC CG Meeting		Shanghai, China
05-08 November	HSSC 5		Shanghai, China
<i>November ?*</i>	<i>SNPWG 16</i>		

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<i>November ?*</i>	<i>MACHC 14</i>		
25 November - 04 December		IMO Assembly 28	London, UK
<i>December ?*</i>	<i>IHO/IMO/WMO/IOC/IALA/ IAEA Capacity Building Meeting</i>		
<i>Early December ?</i>	<i>HCA 13</i>		<i>Cadiz, Spain</i>
2014			
<i>January ?*</i>	<i>CSPCWG 10</i>		<i>Wellington, New Zealand</i>
<i>???? *</i>	<i>DQWG 8</i>		
<i>???? *</i>	<i>MSDIWG 5</i>		
<i>???? *</i>	<i>EAtHC 13</i>		
<i>???? *</i>	<i>NSHC 31</i>		
<i>January</i>	<i>EAHC 8 Coordination Meeting</i>		
<i>January ?*</i>	<i>TSMAD 27</i>		
<i>February ?*</i>	<i>NIOHC 14</i>		
<i>March ?*</i>	<i>SWAtHC 8</i>		
<i>April ?*</i>	<i>NHC 58</i>		
<i>April ?*</i>	<i>USCHC 37</i>		
<i>May ?*</i>	<i>IBSC 37</i>		
<i>May ?*</i>	<i>TSMAD 28 - DIPWG 6</i>		
<i>May ?*</i>	<i>TWLWG 6</i>		
<i>June*</i>	<i>CBSC 12</i>		
<i>June*</i>	<i>IRCC 6</i>		
<i>September ?*</i>	<i>BSHC 19</i>		
<i>September ?*</i>	<i>WWNWS 6</i>		
October	5th IHO Extraordinary International Conference		Monaco

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<i>October ?*</i>	<i>ABLOS 21 Business Meeting</i>		
<i>October ?*</i>	<i>ARHC 5</i>		<i>Russian Federation</i>
<i>November ?*</i>	<i>HSSC 6</i>		
<i>November ?*</i>	<i>SNWPG 17</i>		
<i>November ?*</i>	<i>MACHC 15</i>		
<i>December ?*</i>	<i>HCA 14</i>		