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2ª REUNION DEL COMITÉ DE LA OHI SOBRE NORMAS Y SERVICIOS
HIDROGRAFICOS (HSSC) - CARTA DE BIENVENIDA DEL PRESIDENTE.

Referencia: a) Circular del BHI No. 29/2010 del 6 de Abril del 2010 - 2ª Reunión del Comité de la OHI sobre Normas y Servicios Hidrográficos (HSSC); 26-29 de Octubre del 2010, Rostock, Alemania.

Estimado(a) Director(a),

1. La 2ª Reunión del Comité de la OHI sobre Normas y Servicios Hidrográficos (HSSC) fue anunciada en la Circular de la referencia. Los principales documentos de la reunión están incluidos ahora en el sitio Web de la OHI:

http://www.iho-ohi.net/mtg_docs/com_wg/HSSC/HSSC2/HSSC2Docs.htm.

Se invita a todos los Estados Miembros y Observadores a estudiarlos.

2. Se recuerda a todos los Estados Miembros y Observadores, independientemente de si asisten o no a la reunión, que, conforme a las reglas administrativas del HSSC, los documentos que proporcionen comentarios sustantivos para su discusión durante la reunión deberán enviarse al Secretario del HSSC, en el BHI, lo más tardar tres semanas antes de la reunión, a saber **no más tarde del 5 de Octubre del 2010.**

3. El Presidente del Comité, el Capitán de Navío Vaughan NAIL, ha preparado una carta de bienvenida para todos los delegados y observadores que tengan la intención de participar en la reunión de Rostock, Alemania. Se adjunta a esta Circular su carta (*en Inglés únicamente*) para su envío a todos los participantes.

En nombre del Comité Directivo,
Atentamente,

Robert WARD
Director

Anexo: Carta del Presidente del HSSC del 9 de Septiembre del 2010 (*en Inglés únicamente*).

Distribución: Estados Miembros de la OHI + Organizaciones Internacionales no Gubernamentales Acreditadas.

Copia para información a: los posibles Participantes.

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Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee

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Prospective Participants in the 2nd Meeting of the HSSC

HSSC Chairman's Welcoming Comments

Ref: IHB Circular Letter CL29/2010 dated 6 April 2010 - *2nd Meeting of the IHO Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC); 26-29 October 2010, Rostock, Germany.*

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to invite and welcome you to participate in the second meeting of the IHO Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC), kindly hosted by the Bundesamt für Seeschifffahrt und Hydrographie (Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency) in Rostock, Germany. For those who have not yet registered, details are available on the IHO website at: http://www.iho-ohi.net/mtg_docs/com_wg/HSSC/HSSC2/HSSC2_Rostock_Registration.doc

As you are aware, all technical elements of the IHO work programme are allocated to the HSSC. A key role of the committee is to agree on how the IHO's technical programme can best be achieved, by allocating work to Working Groups as appropriate, monitoring progress and when work is completed, providing Member States with recommendations for adoption. The HSSC also has another important role of identifying technical initiatives which are necessary to underpin the future strategy of the Organisation. I consider that we are well placed to balance the strategic implications of new developments with practical guidance on their implementation. Following the first meeting of the HSSC, working groups have continued with their busy programme of work and we will have the opportunity to review both their progress and future plans for standards development. It is unsurprising that with several major technical initiatives underway, as well as the gradual implementation of the new IHO strategic planning process, there are a number of high level papers which provide signposts to future ways of working which we need to examine carefully.

At this meeting, HSSC will consider the current IHO Strategic Plan and attempt to define the role the Committee can undertake to ensure that the purpose of the strategic planning process is achieved in a pragmatic and efficient manner. This may mean suggesting revisions to the Directing Committee on the methodology proposed, the measurement metrics (PI's), or the levels of responsibility that have been assigned. Practical business rules may also need to be established. I would also like to draw your attention to the paper introducing the proposed standard S-99 (HSSC2-05.1B), which provides guidance on practical management of the IHO Geospatial Information Registry (S-100). Although the new S-100 framework enables use of hydrographic data by a wider community, we must ensure that an effective, user-friendly and cost-effective regime of management controls exist in order to maximise the potential of the new model. I would therefore be grateful if Committee members would give advance consideration to the detailed draft of S-99 provided. We must also address some important safety-related issues which have arisen since HSSC1. In response, paper HSSC2-05.1C proposes a new procedure for the effective promulgation of ENC encoding information throughout the IHO.

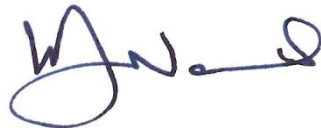
We must also be conscious of related developments taking place outside the Organisation, which could be of benefit to our core mission. This year we will be receiving presentations on "Port ENC and ECDIS" and "3D nautical GIS", in order to provoke our thoughts on potential directions of development.

In order to perform the important governance role that has been given to the HSSC, I respectfully request that delegates prepare by studying the meeting papers in advance of the meeting. In order to

enhance our ability to offer concise and clear recommendations to Member States, I hope that all delegates will be in a position to express constructive and authoritative opinions on behalf of the Member State or the organization that they represent, when this is appropriate. The IHB, as the committee secretariat, has already posted the committee papers on the IHB website in accordance with the timescales laid down in the *HSSC Instructions for the Submission of Reports and Proposals*. It will be very difficult for me, as your Chairman, to make the HSSC effective if delegates have not prepared for the meeting, or do not have the authority to express opinions or to participate actively.

I look forward to see as many of you at the meeting as possible. Best wishes in your preparations,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Vaughan Nail', with a large loop at the end.

Captain Vaughan NAIL
Chairman of HSSC