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39th MEETING OF THE FIG/IHO/ICA INTERNATIONAL BOARD ON STANDARDS OF COMPETENCE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYORS AND NAUTICAL CARTOGRAPHERS (IBSC39)

Brest, France, 4-15 April 2016

LOGISTICS INFORMATION

1. The IBSC39 will be hosted by the French Hydrographic Service (*Service Hydrographique et Océanographique de la Marine - SHOM*) in Brest, France, from 4 to 15 April 2016.
2. The Programmes submitted for recognition will be reviewed by the IBSC from 4 to 8 April and the submitting organizations will be communicated on their individual schedules for presenting the submissions before the Board. From 9 to 15 the Board will work on the revision of the Standards.
3. IBSC39 will be held in the Gaillard room at the SHOM, 13 Rue de Châtellier, 29200 Brest. SHOM's office is a military site and delegates from submitting organizations are invited to duly complete the identification section (biodata and passport data) of the registration form provided in Annex A. **The deadline for submission is 1 March 2016.**
4. The registration form must be accompanied by the form "*Demande de Contrôle Elementaire*" (Annex B), with the parts "*Renseignements d'Identité*" and "*Renseignements Professionnels*" filled in, and with a copy. If you have any question regarding the information in Annex B please contact the hosts using the coordinates under item 12. A copy of your identification (passport or ID card) is also required and should be sent with the registration.

Accommodation in Brest

5. Special accommodation rates at the hotel *Le Continental* (<http://www.oceaniahotels.co.uk/h/hotel-le-continental-brest/presentation>) have been negotiated for the duration of the meeting, so should delegates wish to stay there. The information for reservation can be obtained in Annex C (English version) and in Annex D (French version) and delegates are invited to book directly with the hotel. A buffet breakfast is available daily within the hotel at a cost of 15€ per person per day.

6. Other options of hotel are available in Brest and delegates are invited to organize their booking at their earliest convenience.

Transportation to and from Brest

7. Brest is located at approximately 600 kilometres West from Paris. The following transport options are available to travel to and from Brest:
 - *Brest Bretagne* airport is reachable by a range of either domestic or international flights (www.brest.aeroport.fr/en/). Transfer from the airport to downtown Brest can be made either by taxi (right outside the airport, about 10 min) or using the Airport shuttle service (www.brest.aeroport.fr/en/access-and-parking/airport-shuttle-bus, 10-15 min to *Liberté* station), at delegates' own expense.
 - High Speed Trains (TGV) regularly depart from Paris's Montparnasse Railway Station. TGVs arrive to Brest Central Station, which is only 250 meters away from the hotel *Le Continental*. A one-way journey takes about 4 hours. Please refer to the SNCF website for current fare and timetable information www.voyages-sncf.com. Regarding transfer from Paris airports to *Montparnasse* Railway Station, please refer to the **Transportation to and from Paris airports** paragraph.

Transportation to and from Paris airports

8. There are numerous options to get to and from Paris airports (*Paris-Charles de Gaulle* and *Paris-Orly*) downtown Paris and to the Montparnasse Railway Station. Please refer to the respective pages at www.aeroportsdeparis.fr.

Daily transport to and from SHOM

9. Every morning, a bus will pick up attendees at the hotel *Le Continental*, which is located approximately 4km from SHOM, such as most of local hotels located in the city center. Delegates not staying in this hotel can proceed to the hotel *Le Continental* in order to join the group. Otherwise, public transport to the SHOM can be undertaken in the following ways:
 - Taxi; and
 - Brest City Council bus service using line 10 *Liberté-Guilers*. Take the bus heading towards *Guilers* and get off at *Bergot* station, at only 5 minutes to SHOM by walk. During the week, the bus service runs approximately every 20 minutes from *Liberté* square (*Multiplexe* station, opposite to the cinema theater). For more information please refer to the line 10 map provided on their website:
<http://www.bibus.fr/wpFichiers/1/1/Ressources/file/BIBUS-Ligne%2010-%20novembre%202013%20site%20web.pdf>

General Information for Brest

10. Brest is located in the Finistere (Brittany) region, precisely in the North-West of France at 52 km from Quimper, the department capital. Renown for being sheltered by what is probably the prettiest bays in northwest of France. Brest is also one of France's most historic ports that played an important role in military history over the years, but was sadly totally destroyed during the Second World War. The rebuild of the city resulted is a restored city with new architecture, fashioned to an almost grid-like layout. For visitors, Brest remains the perfect match between wild landscapes, nautical activities, regional fine cuisine and a lively nautical feel.

11. For more information about Brest, including things to do and see during your stay, please refer to the following websites;

www.brest-metropole-tourisme.fr/en/

www.brittanytourism.com/ideas/short-break/brest

Visa requirements

12. Depending on your nationality, the purpose and duration of your visit, you may require a visa to visit France. We urge you to check visa requirements at your earliest convenience. If you require any assistance, or a letter of invitation, please liaise with the points of contact (please see item 12).

Contact details

13. The point of contact regarding the conferences details, more particularly logistical, visa and accommodation assistance are provided hereafter:

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