



INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION
CAPACITY BUILDING SUB COMMITTEE (CBSC)

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Members of the CBSC

CBSC letter 2013

Dear colleagues,

2013 was a very interesting year in terms of capacity building with quite significant developments. As usual I am sending you this letter to inform you about some major issues since our last meeting in Wollongong.

I am happy to inform you that we have additional support in the IHB for the CB work. The successfully selected and recruited new CB Assistant started on 1 July for a contract of 6 months. Her name is Bianca Costin.

We have been working on the CB Strategy since the last meeting and I think the current draft is already quite complete. I thank all of you who provided their input at the meeting in Wollongong and afterwards. The next steps will be to present it at the CB Stakeholder Meeting in March 2014 and to finalize it.

I already mentioned the Stakeholder Seminar, which is going to be held from 5 to 6 March 2014 in Monaco back to back with the IBSC Stakeholder Seminar, please read the IHO CL 72/2913 referring to this for further details. I am sure this seminar will carry the cooperation of CB with the industry and other stakeholders to a new level and I hope that many of you will be able to participate.

The number of submissions is growing, which is excellent. At the same time it increases the need to provide submissions in accordance with our procedures. The time limit for submissions of 1 April is as important as the processing according to the procedures well in advance of the meeting. Please use your influence to assure the timely and complete submissions within your Regional Hydrographic Commissions. As decided during our last meeting, I will send a reminder to all RHC Chairs as well.

At the last meeting we discussed the widening of the scope of the CB Coordinators and to improve the involvement of all RHCs. In the meantime we developed draft TORs for the CB Coordinators. There is a new role of CB Coordinators for those RHCs which are

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not in need for CB support, but who have expertise, are running programs or have potential capacities that might be interesting for the CB in other regions and as a whole. I would like to thank all CB Coordinators for their very important work. Our subcommittee would not be able to operate without your contribution.

In November the joint CB meeting of IHO, IMO, IOC, WMO, IALA, IAEA and FIG was held at the IHB in Monaco. The important exchange of experiences and the coordination of existing programs within this informal group is very fruitful. Additionally it was decided to develop a joint and interdisciplinary CB project for an area. The IMO took the lead for that development.

In 2013 we achieved quite some improvements in our work for Capacity Building, both at the last meeting and in a lot of inter sessional work. 2014 will be very important for us to develop the IHO CB further and a good opportunity to raise our visibility with the 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference in October as a climax.

I would like to thank you for your most valuable participation in the IHO capacity building initiative and I am looking forward to seeing you all in good health at the next CBSC meeting in Brest, 14 to 16 May 2014!

Let me finally send you warm seasonal greetings and the best wishes for a happy new year 2014 for you and your families.

Best personal regards,

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