



INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION
CAPACITY BUILDING SUB COMMITTEE (CBSC)

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Members of the CBSC

CBSC letter 2017

Dear colleagues,

Another busy year is soon coming to an end. As a tradition, now for the seventh time, I am sending you an annual letter to inform you about some major issues since our last meeting in Paramaribo.

First, I would like to highlight that Capacity Building is still and probably even more in focus of the IHO Secretariat and the Member States. At the first council meeting in October CB played an important role and it is obvious that our work is being particularly appreciated and seen as one of the major strategic endeavors of the IHO.

Based on the report of the IRCC chair, C-1 endorsed the proposal for increasing the capacity building support at the IHO Secretariat and tasked the Secretary-General to further investigate and report on the feasibility of recruiting a new regular staff member at the Secretariat and to install an interim solution on short term as a matter of urgency.

You have been informed by Alberto already, that as a consequence, the Secretary-General decided that Ms Sandrine Brunel will be a full time Capacity Building Assistant starting on 1 January 2018. Sandrine has been supporting the IHO CB execution as a part time Assistant and I know that she will be an important contributor to CB in her new dedicated role. Welcome Sandrine to the CBSC on a full time basis! I would like to thank the Secretary General and the whole Secretariat for the flexibility in finding an interim solution so quickly.

There are more changes in our Subcommittee since the elections in Paramaribo with the new Vice-Chair Lamberto. We can welcome several new members. Vincent Lamarre (FR) replaced Eric Langlois and our former Vice-Chair Olumide Omotoso from Nigeria has been replaced by Ayodeji Olumide Olugbode. For the RSAHC we are waiting for the confirmation of Hamdan al Yahmadi (Oman) as the new CB-Coordinator, replacing Jeff Briant in this position (now responsible for only three regions).

I welcome all of the new members to our group and sincerely thank the former members Eric and Olumide.

The updated list of members of our Subcommittee can be found following the link:
https://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/CBC/CBC_Misc/CBSC_members.pdf

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The 10th Joint IHO/IMO/WMO/IOC/IALA/IAEA/FIG/IMPACT Capacity Building (CB) Coordination Meeting was held on 7-8 November 2017, at the IALA Headquarters in Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France. The International Maritime Pilots Association (IMPACT) joined the informal group for the first time, IAEA and FIG were not present at the meeting. Alberto and I represented the IHO. Further details can be found in the November edition of the IHO-bulletin.

Now I would like to draw your attention to the e-mail sent from Alberto on 3 November. The questionnaire is meant to help CB Coordinators to describe how they see the impact of the CB activities. Please use this template to describe the progress made in your region and identify the activities that contributed for this success. The template lists some examples that may help you in this task. Please submit your cases of success at your earliest convenience but not later than 30 January 2018.

Some activities planned for 2017 have been cancelled or postponed to 2018 or added for 2018. The list will be distributed by Alberto seeking your approval.

The time limit for submissions of 1 April is as important as the processing according to the procedures well in advance of the meeting. As usual I would like to ask you to assure the timely and complete submissions within your Regional Hydrographic Commissions.

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 Goa, India on the 30 May to 1 June 2018.

Let me finally send you warm seasonal greetings and the best wishes for a happy new year 2018 for you and your families.

Best personal regards,

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