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**Brest, France, 14-16 May 2014**  
**CHAIRMAN REPORT**

The last 12 month since the meeting in Wollongong, Australia have been very busy in terms of Capacity Building. The report will concentrate on the main topics.

### **1. Strategy**

As it was decided at our last meeting, the Strategy WG elaborated a draft revised capacity building strategy. I disseminated this draft to all CBSC members by the end of September 2013 for further comments and input. After some rounds in refining the draft the work was finalized in February this year. After the Stakeholder Seminar I produced a consolidated version with some late remarks. I would like to thank all members of that WG and of all CBSC members for their very active participation. We will have to adopt a final version during this meeting and I will present it to IRCC and EIHC.

### **2. Stakeholder Seminar**

In March this year a CB stakeholder seminar was held at the IHB. In two days there were very open and fruitful discussions. It started with the provision of information related to CB from the CBSC, from the industry and other stakeholders and from trainees. The draft new CB strategy of the IHO has been presented and some very valid input has been provided by the audience. About 60 participants joined the seminar, which has been broadcasted as a livestream via internet. For more details see I refer to the relevant agenda item.

### **3. Procedures**

The number of procedures is increasing. This is in my view not a bureaucratic overload! It is in fact a necessary improvement and clarification for the practical work of CB. This is becoming more and more important in view of the growing CB activities. I thank the IHB for their constructive input regarding these improvements.



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#### 4. Membership

The membership to the CBSC is open to all MS of the IHO. The IHB and I think it is necessary to have a clear overview who is a member of the CBSC and who is an observer of a meeting. Thus I would like to ask all MS who want to become a CBSC member, to clearly indicate this to the Secretary.

#### 5. CB Coordinators

CB Coordinators play an extraordinary important role in the success of CB efforts in the IHO. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all all them for their very active and supportive activities. I know that your task is demanding. You are the crucial link between the practical provision and the procedural work. Besides that you are promoting CB in your region. To further substantiate this task we drafted TOR for CB Coordinators.

#### 6. IHB Work

With the growing success of CB, The administrative work is growing likewise. I have to thank the IHB explicitly for their work, namely Director Mustafa Iptes, Alberto Neves and Bianca Costin.

#### 7. Intersessional work

It is very important to be flexible enough to react in-between two meetings and reach decisions by e-mail when necessary. This has been introduced and used more widely. I think this is a very helpful tool indeed. I would like to thank you all for their constructive participation in these cases.

A future development of the CB strategy may provide some guidance on how to proceed in a suitable way.

#### 8. Contribution from Japan and the Republic of Korea to the Capacity Building

The extraordinary generous contribution from ROK and Japan have been one major factor in the success of CB. I am very confident to sustain the fruitful cooperation with both countries.



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## 9. Joint Capacity Building efforts

In November 2013 the annual joint CB meeting of IHO, IMO, IOC, WMO, IALA, FIG and IAEA was held at the IHB in Monaco. IHB Director Iptes, Alberto Neves and the CBSC Chairman joined the meeting and found it very helpful to exchange experiences, to develop common projects and to foster the visibility of CB. The IMO volunteered to develop a joint project.

## 10. EIHC5

At the last IH Conference the following task was given to CBSC:

CBSC to review the CB Strategy based on the discussions had and report back to the next Conference.

CB issues will play an important role and the next extraordinary conference in October and we can possibly use the presentation of the revised strategy to further foster the CB issues and its visibility to a wide audience.

## 11. Developments and improvement of our work

Two years ago, when I was chairing my first CBSC meeting, I brought up some issues that we should try to improve:

- Take more time for strategic issues and the further development of CB
- Streamline and ease the secretarial work including the development of a management Database;
- Further improve the procedures;
- Facilitate and speed up the process from submission to execution of projects;
- Identify measures to improve the long-term effects of CB-projects;
- Standardized trainings and a modular structure of them may facilitate the CB provision; improve the contact and cooperation with the IBSC;
- Check whether e-learning or self-learning can be used to some extend;
- Monitor the provisions in place for raising the awareness for the need for hydrography;
- Further improve PR measures.



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In my view we all have been quite active in many of these issues and I am confident, that we have reached a lot and we are still on our track to a comprehensive IHO CB, which is growing and evolving constantly. More projects, more ideas and eventually more funds and resources are promising elements of our work in the CBSC. The CB is now much more visible in the hydrographic community. We will have to use this momentum and further develop the hydrographic capacity worldwide.

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