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CHAIRMAN REPORT

During the last 12 month the IHO Capacity Building has seen some drawbacks on the one hand and many positive developments on the other hand. The report will concentrate on the main topics since the last meeting in Mexico City, Mexico.

1. Strategy

The revised Strategy is in place and it has proven to be an excellent basis for the work in Capacity Building. At this stage we will have to make sure to use it accordingly and to substantiate it with further improved operational rules and to enhance the range and the effect by sufficient funds and further developments.

2. CB Funds

Capacity Building in Hydrography is an issue for almost all countries. The CB fund becomes important especially for the countries that can not do this capacity development without support. The direct funds are limited and less than needed. To deal with that deficit we could either concentrate on high priority projects or find ways to raise the contribution from wealthier MS that benefit from a project. Anyway it is clear that we have to stick strictly to our strategy and regulations. Some submissions will probably be on a waiting list comparable to this year until further funds are

We can strive to increase the CB funds and there are some positive perspectives in that regard. But we will always have to prioritise the projects submitted. In addition, there are some chances now at hand to multiply our direct investments. available.

In 2015 at the meeting in Mexico we faced a dramatic lack of funds for 2016. The situation changed and improved significantly over the year. This situation is a systematic problem that is caused by the fact that we don't have multi-year support already guaranteed well ahead. For this meeting, the IHB and me can provide a much clearer picture of the funds to be expected for 2017.

For the 2016 CBWP currently funds are available for most of the projects, but not for all of them. We will have to decide on the way forward for the latter ones. For the 2017 WP at this stage funds can be expected (but are not confirmed) of roughly 600.000€, from which 145.000€ are not earmarked. This is much less than what is needed according to the submissions received.



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Anyway, the work of the CBSC goes far beyond the allocation of the CB funds. We still have to improve our overview of and to increase our role in the overall investments and activities in CB.

3. IHC19 / 1st Assembly

The CBSC 14 meeting is the last one before the next Conference (or first Assembly) . This means we will have to provide our work plans very soon for the next 3 years at least. It is surely easier and more realistic to provide a three year work plan rather than one for 5 years. The work for the CB Coordinators in preparing the work plan therefore probably is a good basis for a forward-looking CB planning in the region.

4. IHB Work

With the growing success of CB, the administrative work is growing likewise. The support from the IHB staff is essential to cope with that. I want to thank the IHB explicitly for their work, the fundamental support from Alberto Costa Neves, Director Iptes and additionally the extended contribution from the Bureau.

5. CB Management

I would like to thank the CB coordinators and the RHCs for their contributions according to the procedures. It seems that these procedures are becoming more and more regularly used and the workflow is improving steadily. Moreover, the development of the management database and a browser-based web-application is making good progress. There will be updates on the status at the meeting and we will find time to discuss the further developments and the portfolio of procedures.

6. Membership

The membership to the CBSC is open to all MS of the IHO. There have been some changes especially for the CB Coordinators. I would like to welcome all new members to this Sub-Committee and thank them in advance for their contribution to this important work of the IHO.



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7. CB Coordinators

CB Coordinators play an extraordinary important role in the success of CB efforts within the IHO. Almost all RHCs now have a scheme in place to assure the continuity in the work of the CB-Coordinators and don't change them with the routine of rotating chairmanship. I would like to take the opportunity to thank them all for their very active and supportive activities. I know that their task is demanding, but the CB Coordinators are the crucial link between the practical provision and the procedural work. Besides that they are promoting CB in their region.

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. There are good signs to prolongue the support or to even enhance it. In March the sixth Programme Management Board (PMB 6) was held at the IHB. The contribution from ROK for 2016 of 400.000 KWON has been confirmed. The earmarked projects are the CAT A course at USM (two students), the CAT B in Korea and the Training for Trainers programme.

9. Joint Capacity Building efforts

In December 2015 the annual joint CB meeting of IHO, IMO, IOC, WMO, IALA, FIG and IAEA was held at the WMO office in Geneva, Switzerland. IHB Director Iptes, Alberto Neves and the CBSC Chairman joined the meeting. Although IMO and IOC didn't take part in the meeting, it was found very helpful to exchange experiences, to come up with common projects and to foster the visibility of CB. The World Maritime Organization provided very helpful information on how they do CB and how to deal with donor agencies. In addition, IALA gave new insight into their World Wide Academy programme.

10. Developments and improvement of our work

As discussed at the last meeting you will find the updated 2016 CB work programme and the current draft version of the 2017 Management Plan on the IHO website and you will find as well all submissions received and reviewed for detailed information. This will surely help us to prioritize the submissions even more adequately.

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