

**IHO Colours & Symbols Maintenance Working Group (C&SMWG)
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Request for strategy papers from CHRIS Chairman, Robert Ward, Australia

1. I would like TSMAD and C&SMWG to bring some options papers and proposals to the CHRIS for consideration. The papers should canvass:
 - a. the future of e3.1 ENC prod spec
 - b. the potential for "e3.2", the difficulties, the reasons why it is unavoidable (if that is the case) and where might MIO's fit in (if at all)?
 - c. renaming S57 e4.0 as S100 (thereby dissuading any assumption of an immediate and new ENC prod spec and focussing attention on a contemporary hydrographic and maritime environmental data transfer standard)
 - d. the IHO level of involvement in S52 and the pres lib, the ramifications, the options
 - e. the restructuring of CHRIS after 2007 (the "super CHRIS"). Which of the current technical committees and WG's will belong to CHRIS? what will the hierarchy be? Do we need a subsidiary coordinating body for TSMAD, C&S and CSPCWG - "the portrayal standards coordinating group/sub committee/chair group"?
 - f. the relationship between discussion groups on the IHO website (=non ECDIS matters) and the OEF (primarily ECDIS). Should the OEF be an IHO sponsored website? Does it need to have an air of independence from IHO? Why? If not, why have a separate website at all?
2. Once the ad hoc TSMAD and C&SMWG have met over the next few weeks, I think we need to put some options on the discussion groups for an airing prior to formulating the papers for a submission deadline of 15 July - latest!
3. It would then be my intention to table the options papers not only at CHRIS (for decisions) but immediately beforehand at the ECDIS Stakeholder Forum for feedback and comment to be used at CHRIS.
4. I have attached a v0 draft programme for the Stakeholders Forum to give an idea of what I think needs to be discussed and how we might go about it. I would welcome any comments from anyone. What have I missed? Have I covered all the important issues? Is the timing reasonable? etc.

Please spread the word, encourage debate and get back to me with any thoughts.
That goes for all the other addressees too!

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