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(Neil Guy, IHB)

An invitation was extended to the IHO to brief the above Conference on IHO activities and especially the relationship between the systems and standards employed in commercial and defence environments. R/Adm Neil GUY represented the IHB.

In addition to the IHO presentation papers and presentations were made on strategic developments in open GIS, rapid environment assessment, additional military layers, feature foundation data, DGIWG, shuttle radar topography mission and digital production. In addition training, courses and exercises were reported to the Conference.

Matters of interest to the IHO related to the utilization of hydrographic and coastal data in a military environment and the consideration necessary to ensure that unnecessary environmental impact is made during military operations. The integration of hydrographic and other data was emphasized, indicating the importance of better utilization of data held by Hydrographic Offices in the wider concept of capacity building.

It was evident that benefit could be obtained by closer cooperation in purely technical matters and the experience obtained by the military geographic officers would be of interest to the IHO.

An invitation was extended to the IHB for a Director to present papers at the NATO Geographic Officers Course on the interaction between cartography and hydrography and between commercial and military use of Hydrographic data and information. The first of these will be during September 2001 and R/Adm Guy will attend and present the papers.
