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3rd INTERNATIONAL ECDIS CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION
SINGAPORE, 19-21 October 2009

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Chief Hydrographer of Singapore has informed the Directing Committee that the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) are organizing the 3rd International Conference on ECDIS in Singapore from 19 to 21 October 2009. This follows on from similar events held in 1998 and 2003. The conference will be followed by the inaugural meeting of the IHO Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) which will take place in Singapore from 22-24 October.
2. The 3rd International ECDIS Conference comes at a particularly significant time when IMO is close to finalising its consideration of carriage requirements for ECDIS, and ECDIS technology is finding its way into many other maritime applications. For this reason the theme for the conference is "*ECDIS - Beyond Navigation*".
3. Further details will be announced in due course. In the meantime, the Directing Committee encourages all Member States to support this Conference and to give it the widest possible publicity among the range of ECDIS stakeholders and others who will have an interest in the event.
4. A copy of the preliminary announcement for the Conference and an expression of interest form are attached to this CL. Further details are available on the IHO website or by contacting the conference organisers at: iec_mpa@mpa.gov.sg

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Captain Robert WARD
Director

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3RD INTERNATIONAL ECDIS CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION ECDIS - BEYOND NAVIGATION

Date: 19th-21st October

SINGAPORE

CONTACT : IEC_MPA@mpa.gov.sg

Organising Committee:
Maritime and Port Authority of
Singapore
United Kingdom Hydrographic
Office

Dear Sir/Madam,

Invitation to 3rd International ECDIS Conference (IEC 2009)

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) will be organizing the 3rd International ECDIS Conference, (IEC 2009) from 19th – 21st October 2009. The IEC 2009 is an intensive 3-day conference, consisting of a programme of lectures, discussion groups and case studies, centered on the theme “ECDIS – Beyond Navigation”.

Since its conception, ECDIS has been used in other areas such as marine environment geographical information systems, ship and vessel traffic simulators and fleet management systems. The IEC 2009 will bring together ECDIS stakeholders and users to Singapore to exchange and share ideas on the uses and benefits of ECDIS beyond its traditional navigational role.

Prominent speakers from shipping companies, hydrographic offices, ECDIS manufacturers and chart distributors will be invited to offer their views and share their experiences on the latest developments, technologies, practices and trends.

In addition to non-traditional uses of ECDIS, the important topic of the impending International Maritime Organisation mandatory carriage requirement of ECDIS will be addressed. The impact, benefits and road leading to mandatory ECDIS carriage will be presented and discussed.

During the 3 days, delegates will have the opportunity to visit the IEC 2009 Exhibition. The exhibition will showcase the latest ECDIS available in the market and related products and services from leading manufacturers and other supporting organisations.

Attending the Conference

If you are interested in attending the IEC 2009, please complete the attached form and return it to the IEC 2009 Organising Committee. You will then be placed on the mailing list to receive further information about the conference, including special programmes for accompanying persons.

Who Should Attend

- Academic Institutions
- Enforcement Agencies
- Shipping Lines
- Shipping Companies
- Ship Owners
- Pilotage Companies
- Marine Equipment Companies
- ECDIS Companies
- Distribution Agencies
- Port Authorities
- Navies/Coast Guard
- Maritime Safety Agencies
- Hydrographic Offices
- Legal Institutions and firms

Yours Sincerely,

Parry Oei (Dr.)
Chief Hydrographer Singapore

Rear Admiral Ian Moncrieff BA
UK National Hydrographer

Expression of Interest Form

To express your interest in attending the 3rd International ECDIS Conference (IEC2009) please complete the form and send it to:

IEC2009 Conference Organising Committee

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Email: IEC_MPA@mpa.gov.sg

Name:

Organisation:

Mailing Address:

Country: Postal Code:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

- I plan to attend the Conference with accompanying persons.
Please send me a detailed programme and registration form (available in Mid April 2009)

- My Company wishes to set up a booth in the exhibition.
Please send me more details.