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Paper for Consideration by HSSC

Format for future Stakeholders' Forum events

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Executive Summary:	This paper reports on the progress of action HSSC4/37 which invited the IHB to reconsider the format for future Stakeholders' Forum events, to improve interest and interaction with stakeholders.
Related Documents:	Final minutes of HSSC 4 (section 8.1) IHO CL 46/2013 dated 17 July - <i>THS UK-IFHS-IHO Conference "Digital Hydrography on the Maritime Web" (Southampton, UK, 29-30 October 2013)</i> IHO CCL 1 dated 15 August 2013 - <i>5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference - Announcement and General Arrangements</i>
Related Projects:	NA.

Introduction / Background

1. Following the outcomes of the IHO Stakeholders' Forum held on 26 and 27 Sept. 2012 in conjunction with HSSC-4, the HSSC supported the continuation of the Forum subject to reconsidering the structure of the event and invited the IHB to reconsider the format of future events to improve interest and interaction with stakeholders (action HSSC4/37).
2. During the discussions at HSSC-4, views were expressed in favour of a two or three-day event with a format based on round-table discussions and break-out groups addressing pre-defined subjects. Others identified the need to improve the attractiveness of the announcement and to connect with a broader spectrum of stakeholders. It was also suggested to seek ways to improve interaction with active mariners.
3. This paper reports on the opportunities for future stakeholders' events in accordance with the IHO Work Programme tasks concerning outreach and engagement with stakeholders.

THS UK-IFHS-IHO Conference "Digital Hydrography on the Maritime Web"

4. As reported to IHO Member States and IHO Stakeholders in CL 46/2013 dated 17 July, the IHO is co-sponsoring with the International Federation of Hydrographic Societies (IFHS) a two-day conference called "Digital Hydrography on the Maritime Web / Embracing the Challenges and Opportunities". The Conference will be organized by The Hydrographic Society UK (THS UK), in Southampton, United Kingdom, on 29 and 30 October 2013.
5. The feedback from the IHO 2012 Stakeholders' Forum was taken into account in designing the format of the Conference. The programme is based on four half-day sessions which will address respectively "The users' perspective", "Presentation and quality of products", "Innovations in surveying" and "Training". Each session will start with an invited keynote address followed by two or three presentations, selected from the abstracts received, and then a stakeholders' forum led by a panel moderated by the session chair.
6. Further details on the Conference are available at <http://www.hydroconferences.org/digitalhydro>.

7. An oral report on the conduct and outcome of the Conference will be provided at HSSC-5.

5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference

8. The 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference (EIHC5) will take place in Monaco from 6 to 10 October 2014.

9. Taking into account Decision 5 of IHC18 that acknowledged the increasing and very important contribution of industry to the IHO Work Programme, the draft programme of the Conference includes two special half-day plenary sessions which will enable industry stakeholders and others to present issues of topical interest to Member States.

10. The selection of items for the stakeholders' sessions and the organization of the sessions will be considered by the Directing Committee later this year.

Other events

11. Due to the proximity of IEHC5, it does not appear viable to consider combining a stakeholders' event with HSSC-6 in 2014.

12. Table 1 lists the other events that the IHB is aware of which could offer opportunities to interact with stakeholders in 2014.

*Table 1
Potential Stakeholders' Events planned in 2014*

Events	Date (2014)	Location	Comments
E-navigation Underway 2014	28-30 Jan	Ferry Route Copenhagen, Denmark - Oslo, Norway - Copenhagen, Denmark	
IIC Technologies Workshop on Electronic Charting	29-30 Jan	Vancouver, Canada	
IHO/MSDI Open Forum	4 Feb	Silver Spring, Maryland, USA	In conjunction with MSDIWG-5
World Ocean Summit 2014	24-26 Feb	San Francisco, California, USA	
5 th Polar Shipping Summit	26-27 Feb	London, UK	
Oceanology International 2014	11-13 Mar	London, UK	
IHO Capacity Building Stakeholders' Seminar	11-12 Mar	Monaco	
XXII IMPA ¹ Congress	7-11 Apr	Panama City, Panama	
ENC-GNSS 2014	14-17 Apr	Rotterdam, Netherlands	
XVIII IALA Conference	25-31 May	A Coruña, Spain	

¹ IMPA : International Maritime Pilots' Association.

Events	Date (2014)	Location	Comments
15 th CARIS International User Group Conference	02-05 Jun	Brest, France	
XXV FIG International Congress	16-21 Jun	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	
ESRI International User Conference	14-18 Jul	San Diego, California, USA	
Oceanology International China 2014	03-05 Sep	Shanghai, China	
Sea Tech Week	13-17 Oct	Brest, France	
2da Convencion Mexicana de Hidrografia	22-24 Oct	Manzanillo, Mexico	
Euronaval 2014	27-31 Oct	Paris-Le Bourget, France	
Hydro 2014	[27-31 Oct]	Aberdeen, UK	Dates to be confirmed
2 nd International Ocean Research Conference	17-21 Nov	Barcelona, Spain	

13. It is suggested that HSSC reviews this list and considers, taking into account the available resources, which events would justify the involvement of representatives from IHO Member States and/or from the IHB.

Action required of HSSC

14. The HSSC is invited to:

- a. **note** this report;
- b. **review** the list of stakeholders' events which would justify the involvement of the IHO; and
- c. **take any action** as appropriate.