

6TH MEETING OF THE HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
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Paper for Consideration by HSSC
Outcome of EIHC-5 affecting HSSC

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Executive Summary:	This paper presents the decisions agreed by the 5 th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference that may be relevant to the work of HSSC.
Related Documents:	CONF.EX5/G/01/Rev.2 - <i>Draft programme and agenda</i>
Related Projects:	HSSC Work Programme Maintenance of IHO Publications and Services related to ENC and ECDIS.

Introduction

1. The 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference (EIHC-5) was held in Monaco from 6 to 10 October 2014. It was attended by almost 300 delegates representing 65 Member States, 12 other coastal States and 21 observer organizations. About 30 companies and organizations participated in the associated industry exhibition.
2. The deliberations of the Conference benefited from an information session which addressed topical issues arranged under four themes:
 - Theme 1: The Place of Hydrographic Data in a Geospatial World;
 - Theme 2: E-navigation - Its Impact on the IHO and Member States;
 - Theme 3: Technology Update;
 - Theme 4: Capacity Building.

The presentations are available on the IHO web site at www.iho.int > International Hydrographic Conference > CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS > Documents during the Conference > Powerpoint Presentations (see [here](#)).

Outcome

3. The table in Annex lists the decisions of the Conference that may be relevant to the work of HSSC with an indication of potential impact on HSSC.
4. The Conference agreed that the 19th International Hydrographic Conference (or 1st Assembly, subject to the entry into force of the Protocol of Amendments to the IHO Convention) will take place either from 27 to 31 March or from 3 to 7 April 2017, exact dates to be confirmed.

Action required of HSSC

5. The HSSC is invited to:
 - a. **Note** this report,
 - b. **Consider** the potential impact of Conference decisions relevant to its work,
 - c. **Take any other actions** considered necessary.

Annex

Decisions of the 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference relevant to HSSC

No	Decision	Potential impact on HSSC
2	<p>The Conference noted the Report on the Technical Capacity of the International Hydrographic Bureau and agreed: (...) 3. the revised amendment to IHO Resolution 12/1962 - <i>Documentation</i> as amended: <i>It is resolved that the IHB shall publish its Annual Report (Parts 1 and 2), the IHO Yearbook and the periodic I.H. Bulletin in either bilingual (English/French) or in separate English and French versions. In addition, the Bureau should (without increasing for this reason the present number of Translator Staff) endeavour to publish at least its Annual Report (Part 1) and the periodic I.H. Bulletin in Spanish.</i> <i>The language(s) of other IHO reference documents, guidelines and standards shall be at least one of the official languages decided on a case by case basis in the IHO Work Programme, taking into account the strategic priorities of the IHO, the intended use of the document, the resources of the Bureau and the assistance offered by Member States.</i></p>	<p>The language(s) of the publications under the responsibility of HSSC shall be at least one of the official languages and decided on a case by case basis in the IHO Work Programme, taking into account the strategic priorities of the IHO, the intended use of the document, the resources of the IHB and the assistance offered by Member States. Seer document HSSC6-08A - <i>Status report on IHO Publications on Standards and Specification.</i></p>
2	<p><i>(continued)</i> (...) 6. that the recruitment of an IHB staff member to undertake the duties of S-100 Registry Manager should be given priority as soon as an opportunity occurs. (...)</p>	<p>Facilitation of the maintenance of the Registry and outreach activities associated with the uptake of S-100 for non-IHO applications.</p>

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3	<p>Noting that progress towards more results-based programming is important, and is supported by robust reporting on performance, including results and needs, as well as valid estimates of resource needs,</p> <p>The Conference decided to reinforce the existing reporting requirements for Committees, Sub-Committees, and Working Groups (WGs), and underlined the importance of submitting these reports in order to offer the IHB and Member States a tool to both estimate and provide the necessary resources as well as assess results and progress. Accordingly the Conference tasked the IHB Directing Committee:</p> <p>1) to direct the Chairs of Committees, Sub-committees and WGs to, twice annually at year-end and mid-year, report on the overall status of their respective work programmes by completing a simple, two-part template that requests brief lists of a) current goals and priorities, and b) current or expected gaps and needs.</p> <p>2) to communicate these brief summary reports in an IHO Circular Letter, as well as noting any groups that did not report, with a view to offering Member States a snapshot of the status of the work of the IHO.</p> <p>3) to request in the above mentioned Circular Letter, contributions and/or volunteers to help meet any gaps or needs.</p> <p>4) to use these biannual reports to inform the drafting of the annual IHO Work Programme, as well as the 5-year Work Programme.</p> <p>The Conference decided that Member States will be invited to consider this issue in the context of the 2018 - 2020 Work Programme and Budget.</p>	Additional requirements placed on the Chairs of HSSC Working Groups.
7	<p>The Conference noted the HSSC Report and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. supported the process of restructuring and future activities of the HSSC Working Groups through active participation and other in-kind contributions, and 2. acknowledged the increasing and very important contribution being made by industry in their role as Expert Contributors, especially in the development of S-100 and its related applications, and in the maintenance of many other IHO technical standards. 	See agenda item 4.2.
8	<p>The Conference tasked the IRCC to establish a Working Group (WG) to prepare a new IHO publication on policy for trusted crowd-sourced bathymetry, taking into account EIHC-5 PRO4 and the comments during the Conference. The WG should comprise IHO Member States and invited Expert Contributors, including members of IHO-IOC TSCOM. The WG should seek advice and input from relevant HSSC Working Groups as required.</p>	Potential impact on the HSSC Work Plan
14	<p>The Conference approved the work programme and budget for 2015.</p>	Impact on the HSSC Work Plan. See HSSC6-10A - <i>Draft HSSC Work Plan</i>