



Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee

Report of ABLOS to HSSC 6

9-13 November 2015,

Busan, Republic of Korea

Presented by John Brown (ABLOS Chair)

Principal activities and achievements

- ✦ The 21st meeting of ABLOS was hosted by the Technical University of Denmark (DTU)
- ✦ It was followed by a seminar titled '*UNCLOS and the Arctic – Changes Now and in the Near Future*'
- ✦ All ABLOS members and IHO appointed observers from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Japan, Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom were present.



Principal activities and achievements

- ✦ The meeting continued preparations for the 8th ABLOS Conference, which was subsequently held in Monaco 20-22 October 2015.
- ✦ The meeting discussed the next round of revisions identified during the final stages of review of Edition 5.0.0 of the Manual on Technical Aspects of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea - 1982 (TALOS Manual - C-51). An Editorial Board was appointed, under the leadership of Mr Chris Carleton, to progress this work.



Principal activities and achievements

- ✦ One Board member, whose term is due to end in July 2015, expressed a desire to continue to serve for a further four-year term. The Board unanimously supported the application, and the IAG approved the additional term.
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Principal activities and achievements

- ✦ The ABLOS meeting was followed by a Law of the Sea seminar, which was attended by approximately 65 delegates from across the region, including including United Kingdom, Faroe Islands and Greenland, as well as representatives from a wide selection of Danish government ministries, technical authorities and universities.



Major tasks of future work programme

- ✦ Work continued through the year on preparations for 8th ABLOS Conference in Monaco scheduled for late October 2015 under the theme “*UNCLOS: Advances in Governing the Blue World*”.
- ✦ Next round of revisions for the TALOS Manual, from sections that were identified as requiring revision during the final stages of review of Edition 5.0.0, has commenced.



22nd ABLOS Business meeting and 8th Conference – Monaco October 2015

- ✦ 22nd Business Meeting hosted by IHB discussed final preparations for 8th conference and then hot wash up after conference.
- ✦ “UNCLOS : Advances in managing the Blue World” drew presenters from Australia, Canada, Chile, Denmark, France, Greece, Indonesia, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand and UK.
- ✦ 70 delegates from 28 IHO member states



8th Conference

- ✦ Presentation given by DOALOS highlighting the effectiveness of S-121 (Maritime Limits and Boundaries) as a medium for maritime limits and boundaries data. It was strongly recommended that States Parties consider using this format for lodging information to which they desire the UN to give due publicity.
- ✦ Next conference 10 – 11 October 2017 in Monaco theme “Pushing the Limits of UNCLOS”



Other Items of Note

- ✦ It is noted that 4 of the 8 ABLOS members are now serving their second term; it is of concern that, whilst there are 4 IHO observers, there are no IAG observers gaining experience potentially to progress as IAG appointed members.



Action requested of HSSC

- a. Note this report
- b. Endorse the continuation of ABLOS to pursue its work under its Terms of Reference
- c. Review and endorse the work program of Annex B

