

**FIRST MEETING OF THE IHO INTER REGIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE
IHO-IRCC1
Auditorium Rainier III, Monaco, 05 June 2009**

**Report of work of
the Nordic Hydrographic Commission (NHC)**

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The Nordic Hydrographic Commission (NHC) was originally established on 1926. All Nordic Hydrographic Offices are NHC members, i.e. Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Normally NHC has had a meeting every year. Latest meeting was in Helsinki in April 2009 where *Mr. Georg Kr. Lárusson* (Iceland) was elected as the NHC Chair.

The NHC has dealt mainly IHO issues and common Nordic issues at its meetings. These include joint Nordic contribution to IHO working groups, e.g. S-44 Working Group and Data Quality Working Group. There are also Nordic Working Groups, e.g. for chart production staff, for harmonising paper charts, for improving data exchange within the Offices, for validation of multibeam data, and for developing guidance for distribution of information on nautical publications. The NHC has contributed to the work of the ISPWG. There have been discussions on the status of approval of the IHO amended Convention and new IHO Member States, the WEND Concept, ENC distribution and development of MSDI. The members have forwarded hydrography related information in their National Reports.

For the time being there are no CBC Proposals within the NHC.

The co-operation within the NHC has been active and fruitful.
