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IHO TSMAD 28th and DIPWG 6th MEETING – SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA 31 MARCH – 04 APRIL 2014.

TRAVEL AND MEETING INFORMATION

The Australian Hydrographic Office is pleased to welcome TSMAD and DIPWG members and accompanying persons to Sydney, Australia for TSMAD28/DIPWG6.

MEETING VENUE

The meeting will be held at:

Karstens Conference Centre and Meeting Rooms.

111 Harrington Street,
Sydney, NSW
2000,
AUSTRALIA.
TP: +61 1300 008 710
Email: info@karstens.com.au

www.karstens.com.au

A map of The Rocks showing the location of the venue is at Annex A. The building also houses the Canadian Embassy, so look for the large “Canada” at the front of the building. Take the elevator to Level 1 and turn right past the reception desk. The meeting room is at the end of the hall.

MEETING SESSIONS

Each day will commence at 0900. Morning tea will commence at 1030 until 1050, lunch will be between 1230 and 1400, and afternoon tea will commence at 1530 until 1550. Each day should conclude by 1700.

REGISTRATION

All members and/or observers intending to attend the meeting must notify Jeff WOOTTON, Barry GREENSLADE, Colby HARMON and Tony PHARAOH as soon as possible to assist in finalising numbers and details for the venue (this may be best done by notifying us at the same time that you book your accommodation). **Please email your intention to attend the meeting before 28 February 2014 to:**

jeff.wootton@defence.gov.au
barrie.greenslade@ukho.gov.uk
colby.harmon@noaa.gov
anthony.pharaoh@iho.int

LUNCH

Lunch will be at delegates own expense. The Rocks is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Sydney, and as such, there are many restaurants, cafes and pubs within easy walking distance of the meeting venue.

ACCOMMODATION

There are many hotels located within or near The Rocks that are within a maximum 10 minutes walk from the meeting venue, which should suit any budget. A selection of hotels, with an indication of the approximate minimum price for the hotel for 6 nights (30 March to 05 April) is as follows:

Quay West Suites Sydney (5 Star)	AUD\$2299	Very close to venue
Shangri La Hotel	AUD\$2165	Less than 5 minutes walk
Four Seasons Hotel Sydney (5 Star)	AUD\$2070	Very close to venue
Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel at Circular Quay (5 Star)	AUD\$1934	Less than 5 minutes walk
Intercontinental Sydney (5 Star)	AUD\$1872	10 minutes walk
Harbour Rocks Hotel Sydney (4.5 Star)	AUD\$1842	Less than 5 minutes walk
Sir Stamford Circular Quay (5 Star)	AUD\$1812	10 minutes walk
Rendezvous Stafford Hotel Sydney (4 Star)	AUD\$1770	Less than 5 minutes walk
Holiday Inn Old Sydney (4.5 Star)	AUD\$1644	5 minutes walk
Mantra 2 Bond Street (4.5 Star)	AUD\$1598	Less than 5 minutes walk
Sofitel Sydney Wentworth (4 Star)	AUD\$1320	10 Minutes walk
Amora Hotel Jamison Sydney (5 Star)	AUD\$1353	Less than 5 minutes walk
The Menzies (4 Star)	AUD\$1256	5 minutes walk
Travelodge Wynyard (4 Star)	AUD\$1172	5 minutes walk
Medina Serviced Apartments Martin Place (4 Star)	AUD\$1110	10 minutes walk
Russell Hotel in the Rocks (3.5 Stars)	AUD\$894	Less than 5 minutes walk
Napoleon on Kent (4 Stars)	AUD\$854	5 minutes walk

The above is just a sample of the hotels located within easy walking distance of the meeting venue. A wider selection of hotels can be found by doing a Google search on "The Rocks Sydney Hotels". If there are any questions or if you would like assistance with your booking please contact Jeff.

SOCIAL DINNER

A social evening will be organised for Wednesday 02 April. Dinner will be at the delegates own expense, and further information about the night will be made available on day 1 of the meeting.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PASSPORTS, VISAS AND VACCINATIONS

Please check the latest information from the Australian Department of Immigration's website, www.immi.gov.au. Vaccinations are not required unless you have come from, or have visited, a yellow fever infected country or zone within 6 days prior to arrival. You do not need any other health certificate to enter Australia.

QUARANTINE

Australia is an island continent, well protected from most animal and agricultural pests and diseases. To help maintain this, strict quarantine regulations apply, and the casual importation of food, seeds, animals, plants and animal or plant products is prohibited.

Quarantine regulations are strictly enforced, and penalties are very high. When you arrive in Australia, if you have any doubts about an item in your possession, **declare it**, and one of our helpful Customs Officers will assess it. More information is available from: www.daff.gov.au/biosecurity.

CUSTOMS

In common with most other countries, Australia allows in-bound passengers to import modest amounts of duty free alcohol, tobacco and perfume. High value gifts imported into Australia may be subject to a tax. More information is available at: www.customs.gov.au/site/page4352.asp.

Note that all Australian international inbound and outbound flights are subject to **security screening restrictions for liquids, aerosols and gels (LAG's)**. **Passengers are not able to carry onboard (in carry-on luggage) more than one litre in total of LAG's. LAG's must be in containers no larger than 100ml each and fit comfortably within a one litre transparent re-sealable plastic bag.** If you purchase duty free alcohol or perfume in containers/bottles of more than 100ml at your place of origin, **it will be confiscated by Customs Officials before you board your flight** unless it is packed in your checked luggage. For more information go to: www.travelsecure.infrastructure.gov.au/international/lags/index.aspx.

Note that you will pass a duty free outlet when you disembark the plane in Sydney before going through customs where you can buy products that you wish to consume in Australia. There are also duty free outlets in Sydney and at the airport to purchase duty free products to take back home if you wish, but please be mindful of the restrictions on LAG's.

CURRENCY AND CREDIT CARDS

The unit of currency in Australia is the Australian Dollar (AUD\$). Notes come in AUD\$100, AUD\$50, AUD\$20, AUD\$10 and AU\$5 denominations. Coins come in 5, 10, 20, 50 (cents), AUD\$1 and AUD\$2 denominations.

Major credit cards such as American Express, Visa, MasterCard and Diners Club are widely accepted. ATMs (Cashpoints) are very commonplace throughout Australia, and generally accept a wide range of cards, including Cirrus/Maestro cards. Please take care in Sydney early in the morning and at night when using ATM machines.

Currency converters such as Travelex can be found at the airport and in the city.

TAX REFUNDS

Australia has a Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 10%, which by law is always included in the displayed or marked price. For tourists buying goods in excess of AUD\$300 as part of a single purchase, a refund of the tax is available when the goods are exported. This can be

obtained through the Tourist Refund Scheme (TRS) desk at your airport of departure. Please note, however, that most Australian shops serving tourists do provide a tax-free purchasing option on presentation of a valid passport and airline ticket. TRS does not apply in these cases.

AIRPORT TRANSPORT

Several shuttle bus services operate between Sydney Airport and Sydney hotels. The largest (and most cost effective) company that I could find was **KST Sydney Airporter**. The prices are around AUD\$15:00 one way or AUD\$28:00 return per person. It is recommended that the service be pre-booked and you will need to provide flight and arrival time details. For bookings go to www.kst.com.au/Sydney/Sydney-Airport-Shuttle-Bus. If there are any problems with bookings please contact Jeff.

For those that would rather take a taxi from the airport, there are taxi ranks directly outside both the International and Domestic terminals at Sydney Airport. The taxi fare into the city is approximately AUD\$55:00 and all passengers going to/from the airport must also pay a AUD\$3:75 per person airport toll.

For train buffs, there is an airport train which goes directly to the city. Trains leave approximately every 10 minutes and the journey to the city takes about 15 minutes. The nearest stations to The Rocks area of Sydney are **Circular Quay** or **Wynyard**, which are 3-4 blocks away. You can catch a taxi or walk from the station to your Hotel. Trains leave from both the International and Domestic terminals at Sydney Airport and tickets are AUD\$16:40 one way or AUD\$32:80 return. To find the station at the airport, which is below the terminals, follow the railway signs.

Public bus services run from the airport, but it is not recommended as it is about a 1km walk to the bus stop at the airport, a change of buses is required half-way to the city and there are no public bus stops for the relevant routes close to the hotel.

Self drive rental cars are available at Sydney Airport and in the city (Avis, Budget, Eurocar, Hertz etc.) starting at about AUD\$60:00 per day. Advance booking is recommended if you intend to hire a car. Please note that parking in the city is at a premium, and it will cost from AUD\$35:00 per day to park a car at your Hotel.

CLIMATE

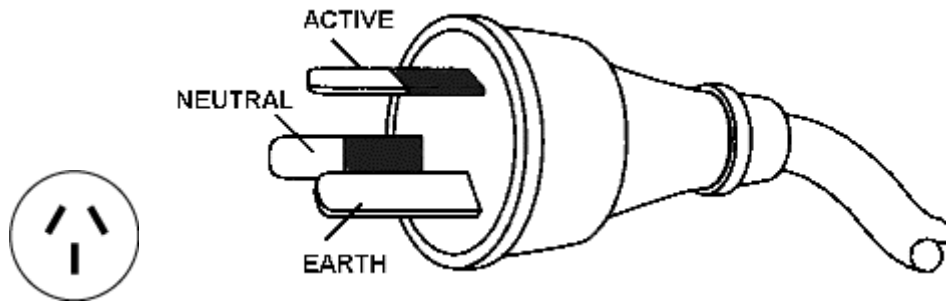
April in Australia is mid-autumn and the weather is generally very nice at this time of year. The average temperature ranges from about 14°C minimum to about 22°C maximum. Being the middle of autumn, the weather may vary so come prepared for warmer temperatures and possibly rainy conditions. Average rainfall in Sydney in April is about 105mm. Additional information on Australian climate can be found at www.bom.gov.au.

INSURANCE

The organisers and hosts cannot accept any responsibility for the above information, nor for any accidents, losses and/or damages that may occur. Delegates are advised to obtain travel, medical, personal accident and luggage insurance in their home countries prior to departure.

TRAVEL TIPS

Electrical voltage is 240V AC, 50Hz. Power outlet boards will be available for use in the meeting room. You will need an adaptor to fit your plug into an Australian 3 pin socket.



Tipping is not obligatory. It is at your own discretion and only for very good service. As a guide, add 7-10% to a restaurant bill.

Smoking is not permitted within public buildings, including clubs and pubs, and is also not permitted on any public transport, including domestic air flights.

TOURIST INFORMATION AND SIGHTSEEING TOURS

Local sightseeing and tourist information will be available at your Hotel for Sydney and the surrounding area. All arrangements should be made and paid for individually. If anyone has any particular interest, please contact Jeff directly. There is a very good tourist information centre in The Rocks. For further information on tourist activities go to www.sydney.com.au. Anyone who wants to know more about Sydney when you arrive at the airport, you can grab a booklet from the terminal corridor before you reach customs.

DEPARTING AUSTRALIA

All persons 12 years and older departing Australia must pay various Departure Taxes. This should be included in the price of your air fare, but it is advised that you check.

We look forward to welcoming you to Australia

ANNEX A:

