

ARCTIC REGIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION
1st Meeting, 4-6 October 2010, Ottawa, Canada

The first meeting of the Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission took place in Ottawa, Canada, organized by the Canadian Hydrographic Service, between 4-6 October. Twenty one delegates participated from Canada, Denmark, Norway, Russian Federation and USA. Vadm Alexandros Maratos participated representing the Bureau. Various presentations were made by the participants and invited guests in order to highlight the importance of this region to safety and environmental issues and to examine possible problems that exist and how to face them. The President of the Directing Committee presented briefly issues of the Organizations of interest to the participants and especially the co-operation with other organizations.

The most important part of the meeting was the approval of the Statutes of the Commission. The signature of the Statutes by the five bordering Countries, which became the members of the Commission, took place on 6th of October during a special ceremony. The signed Statutes were handed to the President of the Directing Committee to be kept by the Bureau acting as the repository of these Statutes.

Dr Savithri NARAYANAN the Dominion Hydrographer was elected Chair person of the ARHC. The 2nd meeting will take place in September/October 2011, hosted by Denmark.



