

## **Establishment of a BSHC Internet domain ( [www.bshc.pro](http://www.bshc.pro) )**

### **Background**

From previous BSH Conferences we note the decisions taken to establish a BSHC website.

At BSHC17 it was decided that Germany and Sweden should cooperate in the establishment of a prototype homepage (BSHC17 #Action 6). Germany then did most of the work to build a prototype.

The status was reported at BSHC18 and member states were invited to provide comments and proposals for improvements (BSHC18 #Action 15). It was also decided at BSHC18 that Sweden should take the role as host and primary “care taker” of the domain.

### **Status**

Sweden has not been able to make much progress concerning content and usability of [www.bshc.pro](http://www.bshc.pro) in the period after BSHC18. It is now realistic to put some efforts in to this task in conjunction with that also the Baltic Sea Bathymetry Database (BSBD) portal needs a future maintenance regime and we will establish that during 2014.

We note from internet traffic statistics that there is a recorded usage of the website and also that it has been used to link to the BSBD portal ([data.bshc.pro](http://data.bshc.pro)).

### **Planned work**

After some discussions internally at the Swedish HO we recognise some necessary actions.

- Decide on and implement the technical platform best suited for future maintenance from a Swedish viewpoint.
- Nominate a primary editor (Sweden).
- Establish and maintain a list of national contact persons from BSHC member states.
- Connect with BSHC chair and chairs of active BSHC working groups and establish procedures to create and manage the content of the site.
- Start the work to improve and maintain content.

If there is any progress before BSHC19 it will be reported at the conference.

### **The commission is invited to**

- Take note of the report
- Discuss, comment and propose improvements