



INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION
MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION



MACHC Letter 11 / 2010
15 June 2010

To: MACHC Full Member States
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Directorate of Hydrography and Navigation (Peru) < dihidronav@dhn.mil.pe > < jpaz@dhn.mil.pe >

Subject: **Haiti donors meeting**

Reference: IHB Letter dated 29 May 2010.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. As you are aware, the Maritime and Navigation Service of Haiti (SEMANAH) is seeking IHO support for the establishment of the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service in Haiti (SHOH), triggered by the support offered by different authorities after the severe earthquake that hit Haiti on 12 January 2010.

2. The required support will include an advisory on the organization, the donation of equipment and vessels, and the capacity of the personnel. Details will be provided later.

Some countries had already offered to support Haiti and the IHB is seeking to coordinate efforts (Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, Japan, Peru, The Netherlands UK, USA, and Venezuela so far). It seems to be common sense to have a "Haiti donors meeting" taking the opportunity of the next MACHC meeting which will be held in Paramaribo, Suriname, from November 8th to 12th 2010. The MACHC Chair is planning to open a window on the XIth MACHC meeting Agenda and put the matter over the table on November 10th and, if necessary, the 11th.

3. In consequence, you are kindly invited to attend the Haiti Donors Meeting and to confirm your participation **by 30 JUL 2010**. Details on the logistic arrangements and the Registration Form may be found in the MACHC letter 09/2010 which follows enclosed.

For a matter of control, you are kindly requested to acknowledge the receipt of this letter by e-mail to < int.rel@dhn.mar.mil.br >

Yours sincerely,

LUIZ FERNANDO PALMER FONSECA
Vice Admiral (Brazil)

Brazilian Director of Hydrography and Navigation - MACHC Chairman

Enclosures:

- A) IHB Letter dated 29 May 2010; and
- B) MACHC Letter 09/2010.

Copy:

IHB; Haiti.

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Monaco, 29 May 2010.

Vice Admiral Fernando PALMER
Chairman
Meso American and Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission

Ref.: IHB Letter dated 19 March 2010.

Dear Admiral,

1.- The IHB Letter in the reference was addressed to the Hydrographers of Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, UK, USA and Venezuela, seeking opinions and comments on the proposal suggested by Haiti in order to organize a special "donors' meeting" to coordinate, advance and assist the Maritime and Navigation Service of Haiti (SEMANAH) in the establishment of the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service in Haiti (SHOH), triggered by the support offered by different authorities after the severe earthquake that hit Haiti on 12 January 2010.

2.- As I had anticipated you at the SWAtHC meeting, the position of the IHB is that, probably, the next MACHC Conference that will take place from the 8th to the 12th of November 2010 in Suriname may be the most appropriate opportunity to hold the requested donors' meeting, as part of the Conference. Nevertheless, it was considered appropriate to wait for the comments from the addressees of the letter in the reference before starting to further develop this idea.

3.- The responses received can be summarized as follow:

- a) Brazil, Canada, the UK and the USA indicating that they support the idea of a donors' meeting and they consider that the MACHC Meeting is the appropriate venue for this to happen.
- b) France (SHOM) supports the initiative, but needs to seek views from their Foreign Affairs authorities to learn about their national policy on the subject.
- c) No response has been received from Chile and Venezuela.

It is worth mentioning that Haiti (SEMANAH) has expressed full support to the possibility of having this donors' meeting as part of the MACHC meeting in Suriname, 8-12 November 2010 and have added that Japan, Peru and The Netherlands have expressed their willingness to participate in the special meeting and contribute to the development of the SHOH.

4.- It is the opinion of the IHB that there are good grounds for a successful meeting. Nevertheless, its success very much depends on two elements. On one side, a clear definition of the needs must be documented by Haiti well in advance of the meeting and secondly, participants attending MACHC and ready to commit their countries to support Haiti shall be empowered to express that support at the meeting, so that a coherent work program can be develop. This second component probably might require extra national coordination between Hydrographers attending the MACHC and their specialized national aid agencies; therefore as the sooner this event is announced, the better. With regard to the first point, SEMANAH, being the national agency under which the SHOH is being established, must further develop the programme that provides a general overview of the activities in the project and it must clearly identify the needs for the implementation of the project. To our knowledge, they are working on this and a draft will be submitted to the IHB for comments before it becomes the final document.

5.- We would also like to inform that the CBSC Chair has agreed that this initiative should be discussed at the next CBSC aiming at receiving comments and advice from the participants in order to ensure that all details are covered in the preparation of the donors' meeting; besides, receiving some indication on potential supportive countries and the way they can be involved.

6.- The purpose of this letter is to provide you with all the information the IHB manages on the subject and to kindly request you to consider this donors' meeting as part of the MACHC meeting. In our view, it would be very important that the MACHC Chair issue a special invitation letter to all MACHC Members, including other potential countries that have expressed their interest (Brazil, Canada, Chile (*), France, Japan, Peru, The Netherlands UK, USA, Venezuela (*)) and others that might be identified at the CBSC Meeting). The invitation letter should include the document that Haiti is preparing, in which the project and the needs will be identified.

7.- We very much appreciate your comments in order to proceed accordingly. In case of any doubt, we might have the opportunity to discuss the details either at the IOC Executive Council in Paris, or at the CBSC and/or the IRCC meetings in New Orleans, in the very near future.

With my personal regards,

On behalf of the Directing Committee,
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hugo Gorziglia', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hugo Gorziglia
Captain - Chilean Navy
IHB Director

(*). Despite the fact that they have not replied the IHB letter in the reference.

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MACHC Letter 09 / 2010
28 May 2010

To: MACHC Member States and Observers

Subject: **11th MACHC Meeting**

References: a) MACHC Letter 32/2009;
b) MACHC Statutes;
c) MACHC Action List 10-08.

Dear Hydrographer,

4. Accomplishing the referred documents, I hereby officially announce the dates and the venue of the XIth MACHC Meeting.

5. The Organizers have agreed on the terms of the venue and accommodations for the forthcoming MACHC meeting. The meeting will be held within the premises of the Marriott Paramaribo, Suriname, from November 08th to 12th, 2010. A special welcome from the Maritime Authority of Suriname (MAS) and general information follows in Annex to this letter.

Attached to the e-mail which sent this Letter also followed the Registration Form to the event.

6. I would kindly ask you to

– make your hotel reservations as soon as possible and e-mail a copy of the hotel reservation to the Maritime Authority Suriname (MAS) <info.11machc@mas.sr>. Note you are requested to make reservations **before July 30th**;

– fill in your Registration Form and e-mail it to the MACHC Secretary <int.rel@dhn.mar.mil.br>, with a copy to the Maritime Authority Suriname (MAS) <info.11machc@mas.sr> by **September 15th 2010**.

The Agenda and Timetable will be provided at the appropriate time.

Yours sincerely,

LUIZ FERNANDO PALMER FONSECA

Vice Admiral (Brazil)

Brazilian Director of Hydrography and Navigation - MACHC Chairman



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The 11th MACHC Meeting in Suriname
A warm welcome to Suriname

Dear participant,

The Maritime Authority Suriname welcomes you to Suriname, on behalf of the Meso American & Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission of the International Hydrographic Organization. We are proud to host the 11th MACHC Meeting from November 8 – 12, 2010.



It's our pleasure to present to all participants of the 11th MACHC Meeting the following special rates at the Courtyard by Marriott Paramaribo.

Visit <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pbcmcy-courtyard-paramaribo/> for more detailed information.

Before and During Meeting dates 8 – 12 November 2010:

King/Double Queen Room	\$ 99.00,-	per person - \$110.00,-	with partner
Jacuzzi King Room	\$ 127.44,-	per person - \$139.24,-	with partner
Riverview Room	\$ 135.70,-	per person - \$147.50,-	with partner
Suite	\$ 218.30,-	per person - \$236.10,-	with partner

Quoted rates include: Buffet Breakfast, 10% Service Charge and 8% VAT Charge.

Quoted rates exclude: Transportation from the J.A.P. International Airport - hotel (v.v.).

After Meeting dates 8 -12 November 2010:

King/Double Queen Room	\$ 93.75,-	per person - with partner additional \$ 30.00,-
Jacuzzi King Room	\$ 105.00,-	per person - with partner additional \$ 30.00,-
Riverview Room	\$ 112.50,-	per person - with partner additional \$ 30.00,-
Suite	\$ 175.00,-	per person - with partner additional \$ 30.00,-

Quoted rates include: Buffet Breakfast;

Quoted rates exclude: Transportation from the J.A.P. International Airport to the Hotel and vice versa, 10% Service Charge and 8% VAT Charge.

Methods of Reservation:

For your convenience there are two methods of making a reservation:

1. Directly at the hotel via:

Telephone: (597) 456000

Fax: (597) 456677

Email: nargiz.raghoebarsingh@courtyard.com

2. Online reservations:

Email: nargiz.raghoebarsingh@courtyard.com

Select days of arrival and departure

Mark corporate or promotional rate

Enter code: N/A

Confirm reservation

Terms and Conditions for Reservations

- Extra person \$30.00 excluding 10% Service Charge and 8% VAT Charge.
- Reservations can be guaranteed by credit card (Master card, Visa card or American Express).

Please find below the bank information and account numbers:

RBTT Bank Suriname	For USD:197.48.193
Adress: Kerkplein 1	For Euro:197.41.669
Account: IPH Suriname N.V.	For SRD: 197.48.185

Group Rate Booking Rules:

- Quoted room rate is only applicable for registered conference participants
- Maximum of 2 adults in one room
- 3rd person of 12 years and older will be charged 30 USD excluding 8% tax, 10% service charge and breakfast
- Maximum 2 children under 12 years of age stay complimentary in parent room (Breakfast for children not included)
- Full amount of at least 1 room night should be prepaid

If you find it necessary to cancel or change plans, please inform us before 30 July, 2010 by 6 pm. Cancellations after 30 September, 2010 will comprise a penalty of 100% of the invoice amount.

Airport Shuttle Transportation:

Airport shuttle transportation is provided on request for the amount of 10.00 USD per person / one way

Accommodation

You are invited to make your reservations directly with the hotel, preferably before **July 30, 2010**, in order to secure a room at this time of the year. When making reservations, it is recommended that you indicate that you will be participating in the 11th MACHC Meeting in order to benefit from the preferential rate.

Registration Form

The Organizing Committee is pleased to attach a copy of the registration form and is kindly requesting the delegates to send completed forms electronically to the Maritime Authority Suriname and a copy to the Secretariat of the Meso American & Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission:

1. **Maritime Authority Suriname:** info.11machc@mas.sr
2. **MACHC secretariat:** int.rel@dhn.mar.mil.br

Visas

In relation to visas, application forms can be downloaded from the website:

www.surinameembassy.org/mvk_form.pdf.

If a delegate is unable to obtain a visa from the nearest Suriname Embassy or Consulate, a diplomatic or courtesy visa can be obtained on entry into Suriname.

The Republic of Suriname is situated in the continent of South America just north of the Equator. It is bordered in the South by the Federal Republic of Brazil, in the North by the Atlantic Ocean, in the East by the French Overseas Department of French Guyana and in the West by the former British colony Guyana, now the Co-operative Republic of Guyana. For more detailed information please visit <http://www.surinameembassy.org/>.



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The 11th MACHC Meeting in Suriname
8 – 12 November 2010**



REGISTRATION FORM

(Please send this via e-mail to the Maritime Authority Suriname <info.11machc@mas.sr> and a copy to the Secretariat of the Meso American & Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission <int.rel@dhn.mar.mil.br> before 15 September, 2010)

- Notes:
- The boxes will expand as you type your answers
 - Contact the Maritime Authority Suriname on any logistic matter: info.11machc@mas.sr
Phone: +597 – 476733 ext. 260
Fax: +597 - 472940

Member State / Organization

Contact Details:

Last Name
 First Name
 Position / Job title / Role
 Nationality
 Telephone
 E-mail
 Name of partner (if applicable)

Your Arrival at Y.A.P. International Airport

Date	
Flight Number	
Airline	
Arrival Time	

Your Departure from Y.A.P. International Airport

Date	
Flight Number	
Airline	
Departure Time	

Selected Hotel	1. Courtyard by Marriott Paramaribo	En-Suite room:		
		Yes or No?	Single or Double?	Smoking?
2. Other	Arrival Date			
	Departure Date			
	Name of other hotel			

Transport

1. From YAPI Airport to the Courtyard by Marriott Paramaribo	Yes or No?
2. From the Courtyard by Marriott Paramaribo to YAPI Airport	Yes or No?

Comments
 Date