

# Report of the status of work of the HSSC DQWG and Proposals for the further work of the Nordic Data Quality Working Group

[14 March 2011]

## Status of the IHO HSSC DQWG

The HSSC end meeting was held in Rostock on 26-29 October 2010. The meeting expressed some concern of the slow progress of the DQWG work. The IHO DQWG also suffered on lack members which has had a negative effect on the work of the NDQWG.

HSSC DQWG3 was held in Rostock, Germany on 5 November 2011. The DQWG3 reviewed the guidance of the HSSC2, the progress of its work and decided on further actions. The main tasks of the DQWG are to analyse the results of the questionnaires dealing with the use of the quality indicators for modern and legacy data (IHO CL 17/2010 and CL 56/2010), to perform a questionnaire to the mariners and analyse its results (to be sent in March 2011).

The next HSSC DQWG4 meeting will be held in Helsinki, Finland on 14-17 June 2011 [or at the next week]. The above mentioned issues will be dealt at the next DQWG4 meeting. In addition the meeting will review the DQWG TORs, membership and Work Program, and drafted it's reporting to HSSC3.

The timing of the DQWG4 allows a possibility to the Nordic participants to have a NDQWG meeting on 14 June afternoon, if found feasible.

## Status of the Nordic DQWG

The NHC/53 established the Nordic Data Quality Working Group (NDQWG) approved the TORs for it. The objective of the NDQWG, according to its TORs, is to contribute to the work of the IHO DQWG and to ensure that the Nordic opinions and proposals will be duly recognised by the HSSC DQWG.

Members of the NDQWG (according to our understanding).

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NO	NHS	N.N		<i>No nominated member since Lynn Kolbeinson</i>
SE	SMA	Kennet Gustafsson	kennet.gustafsson@sjofartsverket.se	Member of DQWG.

There is no NDQWG Chair nominated for the time being. Finland proposes *Mr. Antti Castrén* as the NDQWG Chair.

The NDQWG has been inactive because waiting for the progress of the HSSC DQWG. The NHC54 decided that the work should be activated after the HSSC2 meeting. So far there has not been any activity of the NDQWG since the NHC54 meeting.

### Proposal to the future work for the NDQWG

Finland strongly encourages all the NDQWG members to contribute actively to the HSSC DQWG work.

Finland proposes that the NDQWG should still continue, at least as a Correspondence Group, to discuss on joint data quality issues. The existing TORs covers quite widely data quality issues and no changes to them is proposed at this stage. The NDQWG may identify by itself issues where the harmonisation of the Nordic opinions may be needed, or where Nordic development is feasible.

The communication within the NDQWG may be mainly via e-mail. The NDQWG may meet on feasible occasions, e.g. in connection with the DQWG meetings. Next opportunity may be in June before the DQWG4 meeting in Helsinki.

### Actions requested from NHC/55 Conference

The Conference is requested to

- take note on this report
- to decide on the further work of the NDQWG
- to confirm the countries NDQWG membership
- to nominate a new Chair for NDQWG
- give guidance, if any, to the future work for the NDQWG.