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IHB Administration

■ New Directing Committee

- President: Robert WARD (Australia) Prog. 1
- DCoord.: Mustafa IPTES (Turkey) Prog. 3 (IRCC)
- DTech.: Gilles BESSERO (France) Prog. 2 (HSSC)

Ref.: IHO CL 77/2012

■ Seconded officers

- Departure: Baek Soo KIM (ROK)
- Appointment: Myung Won PARK (ROK)
- Extension: Satoshi Yamao (Japan)

⇒ IHB Staff: 19 + 2



IHO Administration

- Approval of the Protocol of Amendments to the IHO Convention
 - 39 approvals / 48 (ref. 2005)
 - All NHC Member States have approved the Protocol
- Awaiting accession
 - Bulgaria (1992)
 - Haiti (2012)
 - Mauritania (1991)
 - Montenegro (2012)
 - Sierra Leone (2010)



IHO Administration

■ Approval of new MS

- Viet Nam (2011) : 32/52 (DK, FI, IS, NO, SE)
- Brunei Darussalam (2012) : 30/52 (DK, FI, IS, NO, SE)
- Georgia (2012) : 23/52 (DK, FI, IS, NO, SE)



ENC issues

■ IHO ENC Catalogue

- Responses to CL No 51/2012: DK, FI, IS, NO, SE
- 24 positive responses as of 1st April 2013
- IHB priority: ensure that the IHO ENC Catalogue, referenced in IMO circulars on ECDIS, is fully operational and easily maintainable
=> Action in progress in liaison with Primar and IC-ENC
(to be reported to 3rd WEND WG meeting)



C-55 Updates

- Last update in Areas
 - March 2013 DK
 - March 2012 FI
 - March 2010 IS
 - December 2012 NO
 - January 2013 SE
- Development of a new framework
- Decision No 17 of the 18th IHC concerning the improvement of survey coverage



Public Relations

■ World Hydrography Day

- Theme 2012: International hydrographic cooperation – supporting safe navigation
- Theme 2013: Hydrography - supporting the blue economy

■ 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference: 6 to 10 October 2014

■ International Hydrographic Review

=> agenda item 12



Capacity Building

- Expected decrease of funding
 - 2012 CBSC Budget : 516k€
 - 2013 CBSC Budget : 140k€
 - Selection of priorities
 - Explore alternative mechanisms (involvement of the private sector?)

- Review if / how NHC Members wish to be involved in the provision of CB support?



IHO Work Programme

■ Programme breakdown

- Programme
 - Elements
 - Tasks
- Programme 1: Corporate Affairs
- Programme 2: Hydrographic Services and Standards
- Programme 3: Inter Regional Coordination and Support

■ The Conference approves the five-year programme and budget

■ MS approve the annual implementation



IHO Work Programme

- Implementation of performance monitoring
- Insufficient participation of MS in IHO subordinate bodies
- Establishment of a 3-year rolling schedule of meetings
 - *Potential NHC Members' offers for venues?*



Actions requested of NHC

- Report in-country progress on approving New Member States, including any difficulties being encountered or IHB assistance required
- Respond to CL 51/2012 about the IHO ENC reference collection and catalogue
- Provide regular update information for C-55 and IHO Year Book
- Consider the Commission contribution to the implementation of Decision No 17 of the 18th IHC
- Consider the Commission contribution to CB support
- Consider the Commission contribution to the IHO long-cast programme

