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4.A Report from the IHB

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IHO Administration

- Protocol of Amendments to the IHO Convention
 - 41 approvals / 48 (ref. 2005)
(Approval by Argentina yet to be notified)
All NHC Member States have approved the Protocol
 - First Assembly in 2017 at the earliest
- Status of IHO membership
 - New MS: Georgia (83rd), Viet Nam (84th), Brunei (85th)
 - 3 suspended MS (Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Serbia)
 - Majority: simple = 42 - 2/3 = 55 (abstention = NO)



IHO Administration

- Awaiting accession
 - Bulgaria (1992)
 - Haiti (2012)
 - Mauritania (1991)
 - Sierra Leone (2010)
- Applications for membership (in the course of notification)
 - Malta
 - Vanuatu
 - Solomon Islands



IHO Administration

■ Staff

- New Seconded Officers

- Woong Kyo SONG (ROK)
- Kentaro KANEDA (Japan)
- Luis HERNANDEZ (Peru)

■ Maintenance of Publications

	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE
C-55	2014*	2014	2010	2013	2015
P-5	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Mar 2014	Oct 2014



* Update in report to NHC59

Current issues: EIHC-5

- ~ 300 participants from 65 Member States, 2 pending Member States, 10 non Member States, 20 Observers
- Industry Exhibition and Capacity Building Exhibition
- The proceedings are posted on the IHO website
- Strategic issues:
 - Need to consider novel ways to supplement hydrographic data gathering (satellite derived bathymetry and crowd-sourcing techniques)
 - The world moves from a map and chart-based paradigm to one that places the management and provision of national reference geodata services ahead of map and chart production



Current issues: Status of the Work Programme

- The Conference introduced a biennial assessment based on summary reports from all IHO organs
- First assessment reported in IHO CL 17/2015
- 5 Regional Hydrographic Commissions submitted a status report (NSHC, EAthC, MACHC, SAIHC, NIOHC)



Current issues: Capacity Building

- Implementation of the revised IHO Capacity Building Strategy
- Training opportunities: calls for candidates
 - *Closed: 7th course in Marine Cartography and Data Assessment (Category B) of the IHO – Nippon Foundation CHART Project*
 - *Closed: 12th course of the GEBCO Training Programme (Nippon Foundation)*
 - Planned (Sept.): 2016-2017 session of the Master of Science Programme in Hydrographic Surveying at the University of Southern Mississippi (ROK)



Current issues: Crowd Sourced Bathymetry

- IRCC-7 is expected to establish a working group to provide guidelines on the collection and use of crowd-sourced bathymetry
- IHO DCDB is being upgraded to collect and make available crowd-sourced bathymetric data.



Current issues: Post-2015 Agendas

The development of ...

- the post-2015 sustainable development goals
- *[the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction]*

offers an opportunity to highlight the fundamental role of hydrography



The negotiation processes are driven and controlled by **Member States** (see IHO CL 53/2014, 2/2015, and 4/2015 – action NHC58/3 refers)

Item on the agenda of IRCC-7

(see IRCC7-10B - Relations with other International Organizations and IHO Stakeholders)



Public Relations

■ World Hydrography Day

- Theme 2015: Our seas and waterways - yet to be fully charted and explored (IHO CL 03 & 28/2015)

■ IHO Stakeholder Forum

- Next forum proposed during HSSC-7

■ International Hydrographic Review

- Promotion of technical and other achievements



Action requested of NHC

- Expedite the approval of new applicants to IHO membership
- Revise annually entries in C-55 and IHO Yearbook P-5
- Implement the bi-annual reporting regime
- Promote IHO interests at the national and regional level in the preparation of the post-2015 agendas
- Consider submitting papers for publication in the IH Review

