



Report of the SWAtHC 2nd Meeting on the 18-19th of March, 2008 in Rio de Janeiro



A. The meeting

The meeting was held at the Directorate of Hydrography and Navigation in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. There were 11 participants from 03 South West Atlantic Countries attending the meeting, plus the IHB representatives Captain Hugo Gorziglia and Captain Federico Bermejo. See the list of participants in CHAtSO 2-01b.

B. The Agenda Issue

Opening of the Meeting

Vice-Admiral Edison Lawrence Mariath welcomed the participants to Rio de Janeiro and formally opened the meeting.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The following minor adjustments to the agenda were suggested:

- Report on Technical visit of CBC representative to Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay Hydrographic Offices
- Representation in the new IHO Council
- Approval of the Commission's logotype

The agenda of the meeting was then approved as amended

2. Reports on activities within Nautical Charting and Hydrographic Surveying in each South West Atlantic countries

Each country briefly introduced their National Report.

National Report of Argentina (CHAtSO 2. 05-1)

No comments on the Argentina Report.

National Report of Brazil (CHAtSO 2. 05-2)

No comments on the Brazil Report.

National Report of Uruguay (CHAtSO 2.05-3)

No comments on the Uruguay Report

3. Reporting of joint projects

Nothing to report

4. Reporting of Working Groups

Cartographic Planning W.G

Captain Carlos Augusto Medeiros de Albuquerque reported on the work with the report on Cartographic Planning W.G (CHAtSO 2.06-1 and CHAtSO 2.06-2)

ISPWG

Captain Wesley reported on the work with the report on the Strategic Plan Work Group (CHAtSO 2.07-4)



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HCIWWG

Captain Wesley reported on the work with the report on Hydrographic, Cartographic Inland Waters Work Group (CHAtSO 2.07-5)

5. The IHO Work

5.1 CBC

Captain Wesley reported on the work with the report on the CBC program (CHAtSO 2.07-2)

CBC supports the participation of the CHAtSO members in the following workshop:

- a) Development of standard operational procedures for multibeam Hydrographic Survey; and
- b) Fluvial Hydrographic Survey.

Technical support in developing a regional Hydro-Cartographic Plan (IHO Work Program 2008- task 2.3.2)

5.2 CHRIS

Captain Wesley reported on the work with a report on the 19th CHRIS meeting (CHAtSO 2-07.3). He emphasized the approval of the MACHC and the SWAtHC new borders.

5.3 WEND

Captain Wesley reported on the work with the report on the X WEND (CHAtSO 2.07.1). He emphasized the cover, consistence and prices issues of ENC.

6. Other international activities regarding nautical charting and hydrographic surveying

IEHG

Captain Carlos Augusto Medeiros de Albuquerque reported on the work with the report on IEHG (CHAtSO 2.07-6).

7. Relations to other (private) charting interests in the South West Atlantic countries

Nothing to report.

8. Discussions of general trends and policy questions within the area of nautical charting and hydrographic surveying

RHC input to the CBC

Captain Goziglia noted the vital importance of the RHC input to the CBC, including full visibility of capacity building programmes and suggested that Hydrographic Offices exchange information to meet the minimum requirements of the activities.

9. Date and place of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held in Montevideo in MARCH. Dates to be decide.



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10. Other issues

Captain Gorziglia asked all representatives to pay attention to the following issues:

- The GEBCO questions, supporting the GEBCO Adviser Committee activities; and
- If the present delegations would support a workshop on the Hydrographic Commission for Antarctica activities, during the next Antarctica Treaty meeting which will be held in Kiev on the 02nd-13th of JUNE 2008.

11. Closing of the meeting

Vice-Admiral Lawrence thanked the participants for the very good cooperation and contributions to the meeting

Niterói, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 19 of march 2008.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Albuquerque', written over a light grey rectangular background.

CARLO AUGUSTO MEDEIROS DE ALBUQUERQUE
CAPTAIN
SECRETARY