



# Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC) 5 Report to SWPHC12

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# IRCC5 Report

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IRCC is one of two major Committees of the IHO – the other being HSSC

Its mission is to promote and coordinate those activities that might benefit from a regional approach, e.g. capacity building, training and education, promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings, GEBCO and WEND – all matters identified as strategic objectives of the IHO

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- IRCC5 met in Australia 3-4 June 2013
- 44 attendees from 30 countries and organisations
- The minutes can be found on the IHO website under the Committees & WG tab
- This short report focuses on the most important matters discussed

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Engage Member States to ratify IHO Convention

Engage with suspended IHO members and new applicants

Extensive presentations by Chairs of RHCs and of IRCC bodies:

- Work by NZ on risk-based criteria for prioritising surveys
- SAIHC to work with IOC to develop tide-gauge network
- Success of WWNWS.

Capacity building:

- Revision of strategy
- CB stakeholders seminar Monaco Mar 14

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## WENDWG:

- Revised TOR for WENDWG
- Revised WEND guidelines approved and sent to IHB for Member States approval
- Discussion of “cartographic boundary”

## IBSC:

- 16 programmes were submitted or re-submitted in 2013 and 10 were awarded recognition
- IBSC Standards were reviewed, and a work plan and timetable for the complete revision of the standards were agreed

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## European Commission:

- Outline of the experiences and the current coordination
- create a Working Group to deal with EC matters

## IHO Resolution 1/2005:

- expand the scope from "Response to Disasters" to "Response to Marine Disasters, and Contribution to Prevention and Alert Systems"

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## Administration:

- The IRCC meets annually and the Chair and Vice Chair are elected to serve between IHC or EIHC meetings – generally three years. Following the retirement of the Vice-Chair (RAdm Nick Lambert), RAdm Tom Karsten (UK) was elected Vice-Chair
- The current Chair, Dr Savi Narayanan (Canada), has recently announced her retirement. The next IRCC will therefore be chaired by the Vice-Chair
- Next meetings:
  - IRCC6 - Paris (France) 19-20 May 2014.
  - IRCC7 - Mexico in 2015 (dates and venue TBD)

# Proposals

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SWPHC delegates are invited to note this report