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SWPHC CIRCULAR LETTER

- Objet** : Preparation of the 10th Conference of the International Hydrographic Organization South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission.
- References** :
a/ Report of the 9th SWPHC Conference dated 7 May 2009.
b/ SWPHC CL n° 5 SHOM/DSPRE/REX/NP dated 4 February 2010.
- Enclosures** :
1/ Registration form.
2/ Draft agenda of the 10th SWPHC Conference.
3/ Actions list resulting from the 9th SWPHC Conference.

Dear Hydrographer, *dear colleague*

I am very pleased to inform you that I have been appointed as Chief Executive of the French Navy Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service (SHOM), succeeding Ingénieur général (Hydrographer) Gilles Bessero.

I take this opportunity to update you on the preparation of the 10th Conference of the IHO South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission (SWPHC) which will take place in Honiara, Solomon, on 9 and 10 November 2010. In that way, I am pleased to provide you with information collected with the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Development of Solomon.

The venue is the Heritage Park Hotel (Honiara). Attendees are requested to confirm their participation in the Conference by **1 October 2010** to the Chair, Solomon and

Addressees : Mailing list.

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IHB. A registration form is attached in enclosure 1. Please, note that you are requested to make your own hotel reservation¹.

An information paper on logistics will be posted on the IHO website in due course (10th meeting of the SWPHC home page: http://www.iho-ohi.net/mtg_docs/rhc/SWPHC/SWPHC10/SWPHC10_Docs.htm).

A standard draft agenda for the SWPHC meeting is attached in enclosure 2. In order to prepare the meeting, you are kindly requested to send to the Chair², by **1 October 2010**, your proposals and comments about the draft agenda and also your inputs and documents related to the agenda items and the actions resulting from the 9th SWPHC Conference (see action list attached in enclosure 3).

I would be grateful to Member States if you can provide the Chair² with your national reports, by **10 October 2010**.

Addressees are also kindly requested to check their contact information in the distribution list and report any change or update to the Chair².

Yours Sincerely

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Enclosure 1: Registration form.

**10th IHO - SWPHC meeting
Honiara, Solomon, 9-10 November 2010
REGISTRATION FORM**

Please send this registration form via e-mail **before 1 October 2010**

- to SHOM (dspre-rex@shom.fr and armelle.avez@shom.fr)
- copy to Mrs Nicola Gagahe Rupert (nicola.gagahe.rupert@gmail.com)
- copy to IHB (info@ihb.mc)

Member State /Organization

Last Name
First Name
Position / Job title / Role
Nationality
Telephone
E-mail
Is your spouse coming (yes/no)?

Your Arrival at Honiara International Airport

Date
Arrival Time
Flight Number
Airline and origin

Your Departure from Honiara International Airport

Date
Departure Time
Flight Number
Airline and origin

Passport details

Nationality
Date and place of birth
Passport number
Place and date of delivery
Date of expiration

In which hotel are you staying?

| | yes/no dates of check-in / check-out |
|---|---|
| Heritage Park Hotel | |
| Do you intend to stay in another hotel (which one)? | |

Enclosure 2: Draft agenda of the 10th SWPHC Conference.

| Time | Agenda item | Subject | Pilote |
|---|---------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 9th November | | | |
| 09:00 | 1 | Welcome & opening remarks. | <i>Chair and Host Nation</i> |
| 09:30 | 2 | Approval of the agenda. | <i>Chair</i> |
| 09:45 | 3 | Review of action items from the 9th SWPHC Conference. | <i>Chair, all members</i> |
| 10:30 | <i>Coffee break</i> | | |
| 11:00 | 4 | Exchange of information through national reports. | <i>All members</i> |
| 11:45 | 5 | Reports from other international, regional agencies and observers. | <i>IHB, SOPAC, SPC, PacMA, IMO</i> |
| 12:30 | <i>Lunch</i> | | |
| 14:00 | 6 | Reports on IHO meetings (IRCC, HSSC...). | <i>Chair, IHB, all members</i> |
| 15:30 | <i>Coffee break</i> | | |
| 16:00 | 7 | Reports on IHO CBSC meetings and actions (including regional cooperation in surveying and chart production). | <i>Australia, all members</i> |
| Wednesday 10th November | | | |
| 09:00 | 8 | Review of the INT chart scheme for area L. ICCWG. | <i>Australia Chair</i> |
| 10:00 | 9 | Report on GMDSS, MSI and NAVAREA coordination. | <i>All members</i> |
| 10:30 | <i>Coffee break</i> | | |
| 11:00 | 10 | IHO special publication C-55. | <i>IHB and all members</i> |
| 11:45 | 11 | Progress with production and distribution of ENC. | <i>Australia, IHB, all members</i> |
| 12:30 | <i>Lunch</i> | | |
| 14:00 | 12 | Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of the World Hydrography Day 2011 • Procedures in response to marine disasters | <i>Chair, IHB, all members</i> |
| 15:00 | 13 | Date and venue of next Conference. | <i>Chair</i> |
| 15:15 | 14 | Election of Chair and Vice Chair. | <i>Chair</i> |
| 15:30 | <i>Coffee break</i> | | |
| 16:00 | 15 | Summary of resolutions, decisions, recommendations and actions. | <i>Chair</i> |
| 16:30 | 16 | Closing remarks. | <i>Chair</i> |

Enclosure 3: Actions list resulting from the 9th SWPHC Conference.

| Decision | Action | Pilote |
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| 9.1 | All members agreed the following changes to the statutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ to remove references to appendices 1 and 2, ▪ to add the agreed clauses on communication and on the election of the Commission representative to the IHO Council (to come into force when the Council is established). | Chair <i>complete</i> |
| 9.2 | Member States who have not yet ratified the protocol of amendments to the IHO Convention to ensure that the process is under way, to request assistance from the IHB if necessary and to ask their administration to accelerate the process. | Fiji, New Zealand, Tonga, USA |
| 9.3 | Fiji to provide SWPHC Chair with a point of contact at SOPAC and a report about SOPAC activities and plans of interest to the Commission. | Fiji |
| 9.4 | Fiji to secure an invitation for a SWPHC representative to the PacMA meeting to be held in Tonga, 11-14 May 2009 and to report to SWPHC Chair, IHB and NZ. | Fiji <i>complete</i> |
| 9.5 | NZ to confirm the attendance at the PacMA meeting if financial support is provided by CB funds (backup solution AU). | NZ <i>complete</i> |
| 9.6 | IHB Director to confirm with CBSC Chairman the availability of funds from the SWPHC allocation to support the attendance to PacMA meeting. | AU <i>complete</i> |
| 9.7 | Fiji to provide Chair with a point of contact at SPC/RMP. | Fiji |
| 9.8 | SWPHC members are invited to consider the provision of relevant shallow water bathymetry in response to the GEBCO program as requested in IHO Circular Letter 36/2006. | All members |
| 9.9 | AU to act as the SWPHC focal point for Capacity Building matters. | AU |
| 9.10 | AU and NZ with the assistance of the concerned States to finalize the six applications for CBSC funding discussed during the Conference for submission at CBSC7: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- PacMA meeting, May 2009 2- Solomon technical visit in 2009 3- Cook Islands technical visit in 2009 4- Kiribati technical visit in 2009 5- MSI workshop organized by AU in 2010 6- Cartographic training course in 2010-11 | Cook, Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon and, Australia, New Zealand, UK <i>complete</i> |
| 9.11 | Members to consider application for CBSC assistance in future years (out to 2015) and submit applications to AU for coordination and processing in consultation with the Chair before the 1 st of March 2010. | All members <i>complete</i> |
| 9.12 | NZ and US to provide updates to IHO C-55 publication as soon as possible. | NZ, US |
| 9.13 | All members to review the list of the main ports provided by UK and report to AU (copy to IHB Director 2) before 15 th of May 2009. | All members <i>complete</i> |
| 9.14 | Charting Authorities [Band 2 ENC producers] to propose the large scale ENC schemes (usage band 3 to 6) in their respective areas to AU by 31 th December 2009. | All members <i>complete</i> |