

**1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
JOINT IHO – SINGAPORE INNOVATION  
AND TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY**  
Video-conference, 11 May

Contribution to the IHO Work Programme 2021	
Task 2.1.6	Provide technical outreach, advice and guidance in relation to IHO standards, specifications and guidance

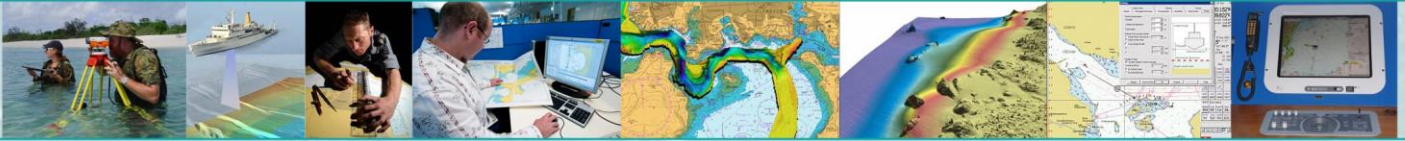
The 1<sup>st</sup> Governing Board Meeting of the Joint IHO-Singapore Innovation and Technology Laboratory (IHO Lab) was held by video teleconference (VTC) on 11 May 2021, attended by representatives from the IHO and the host country Singapore, namely the HSSC Chair, Magnus Wallhagen, the IRCC Chair, Thomas Dehling, Dr Parry Oei and Thomas Ting from Singapore. IHO Director Abri Kampfer and Assistant Director Yong Baek represented the IHO Secretariat.



**Participants of 1<sup>st</sup> Governing Board Meeting**

The attendees were confirmed as the regular members of the Governing Board. In accordance with the approved proposal to A-2 it was agreed that the first Chair should be an IHO office bearer. Director Abri Kampfer was elected as the first chair and Assistant Director Yong Baek was appointed Secretary. Singapore nominated and received unanimous support of the Governing Board for Dr Parry Oei as the first General Manager (GM) of the IHO Lab.





The meeting reviewed the concept of the IHO Lab's strategic and operative considerations on its purpose, scope, structure, and project direction proposed by the IHO Secretariat, and agreed to establish consistent directives for IHO Lab operations in accordance with the IHO Strategic Plan by preparing the Governing Board's Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure.

In order to facilitate the selection and evaluation of potential IHO Lab projects, a draft guideline prepared by the GM was reviewed. It consisted of an application form and procedure application, conditions, and funding. The meeting agreed to reduce the administrative burden on applicants by inviting less detailed applications for Phase 1 – initial selection, and only after selection as a preliminary project a more detailed proposal will be required for Phase 2 – project approval. In addition, the two projects proposed by C-4 and HSSC: *Testing the automated conversion from S-57 to S-101* and *Digital infrastructure to collect S-131 Harbour information projects* were selected as priority targets for further discussion of resulting IHO Lab projects with the chairs of the ENC Standards Maintenance Working Group (ENCWG) and the Nautical Information Provision Working Group (NIPWG).

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Governing Board is scheduled to be held by video teleconference in September 2021 with the official opening ceremony of the IHO Lab in October 2021.