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CHAIRMAN REPORT

The last 12 month since the meeting in Brest, France have been very busy in terms of Capacity Building again. The report will concentrate on the main topics.

1. Strategy

CBSC was tasked by the 18 IH Conference to present a revised Capacity Building Strategy at the 5th Extraordinary Conference. The CBSC worked intensively on the revision and IRCC was kept involved in the revision process all the time. The IBSC was actively involved as well. At CBSC 12 we adopted a final version. It received unanimous support from IRCC 6. I gave a report at the 5 EIHC last October. The Conference endorsed the new CB Strategy. All the comments were positive. Thus, the revised Strategy is in place. I would like to thank all CBSC members for their very active participation. This revised Strategy is an excellent basis for the future work in Capacity Building.

2. EIHC5

Capacity Building issues played a prominent role at the 5 Extraordinary Conference in October last year, not only due to the revised CB Strategy. The exhibition, topics in the sessions, alumnis and the recognition by HSC Prince Albert II were essential factors to improve the visibility and to highlight the importance of CB to a wide audience. The posters from the exhibition are available. So you all might want to use them to further spread the importance, needs and the success of CB during other occations.

3. IHB Work

With the growing success of CB, The administrative work is growing likewise. I have to thank the IHB explicitly for their work. And I want to highlight the fundamental support from Bianca Costin. She was working in the background until the end of 2014 and was extremely helpful. It is obvious, that we need additional personal ressources in the office to manage the growing workload.

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4. CB Management

I would like to thank the CB coordinators and the RHCs for their improved timeliness in providing input to the CB programmes. Much less reminders were needed compared to earlier years. It is essential to receive the proposals by 1 April each year.

5. Membership

The membership to the CBSC is open to all MS of the IHO. The IHB and I think it is necessary to have a clear overview who is a member of the CBSC and who is an observer of a meeting. Thus I would like to ask all MS who want to become a CBSC member, to clearly indicate this to the Secretary.

6. CB Coordinators

CB Coordinators play an extraordinary important role in the success of CB efforts in the IHO. I would like to take the opportunity to thank them all for their very active and supportive activities. I know that their task is demanding, but the CB Coordinators are the crucial link between the practical provision and the procedural work. Besides that they are promoting CB in their region.

7. Contribution from Japan and the Republic of Korea to the Capacity Building

The extraordinary generous contribution from ROK and Japan have been one major factor in the success of CB. I am very confident to sustain the fruitful cooperation with both countries.

8. Joint Capacity Building efforts

In November 2014 the annual joint CB meeting of IHO, IMO, IOC, WMO, IALA, FIG and IAEA was held at the FIG office in Copenhagen, Denmark. IHB Director Iptes, Alberto Neves and the on the first day the CBSC Chairman joined the meeting and found it very helpful to exchange experiences, to come up with common projects and to foster the visibility of CB. The development of a joint complex project is becoming more concrete.



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9. Developments and improvement of our work

The revised Strategy is in place and the CB work is becoming more and more efficient and effective. Time to lay back and relax? No, we are still facing difficulties and deficiencies and have to further improve the IHO CB. We should use this 13 CBSC meeting to think about the way ahead.

The contribution of CBSC to attract new IHO MS is quite visible in the positive effect of 3 new members and 3 new applicants.

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