

2nd S-100 stakeholders' workshop

The 2nd S-100 stakeholders' workshop was held at the UKHO in March 2010. The workshop was convened by the chairs of the IHO technical working groups that are working on the development of products and specifications based on the newly adopted IHO standard S-100. These specifications include S-101 – the ENC Product Specification and the data elements required for the so-called S-10n – Digital Nautical Publications. Like the first workshop, held two years ago, the purpose of the workshop was to gain first hand information from stakeholders on the impact, requirements and any constraints involved in the introduction of the new developments.

The workshop comprised 15 invited industry volunteers representing mariners, ship operators, ECDIS manufacturers and chart software developers, together with the chairs and sub-group leaders of the Transfer Standards Maintenance and Applications Development WG (TSMAD), the Standardisation of Nautical Publications WG (SNPWG), the Data Portrayal WG (DPWG), and the IHO Data Protection Scheme WG (DPSWG).

The workshop participants addressed a number of specific technical questions as well as developing more general principles that should be followed during the development and implementation of new S-100-based capabilities. This information will be used to guide the various working groups in their ongoing work.

If you have any observations to make or feedback, please contact the chair of TSMAD – Mr Barrie Greenslade: barrie.greenslade@ukho.gov.uk who will circulate your feedback to the relevant groups.