

Project report for Consideration by the Council
Preparations for the triennium of IHO centenary celebrations (IHO-100)

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Executive Summary: The years 2019 and 2021 will be important in the history of the International Hydrographic Organization. In accordance with Decision A-1/23, the IHO Secretariat has already started the celebration activities. First report was given to C-2. C-2 agreed to make it a permanent Council agenda item for the triennium (C-3 Action item C2.43 refers). The main activities for the IHO centenary celebrations so far undertaken and those are planned by the Secretariat are described by means of this submission.

Related Documents: Decision 23 of the 1st Session of the IHO Assembly
(*Approval of IHO Work Programme 2018-2020*)
IHO IHO CL 32/2018 – *Activities for the centenary celebrations of the IHO (IHO-100)*
IHO CCL02/2018 – *Approval of the Finance Report for 2017*
C-3 List of Action

Introduction

1. The years 2019 and 2021 are important in the history of the International Hydrographic Organization. 2019 marks the centenary of the 1st International Hydrographic Conference, which was held in London in 1919 and 2021 will be the centenary of the establishment of the International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB) in 1921 in Monaco as precursor of the modern IHO.
2. In combination with the second IHO Assembly to be held in April 2020 this sequence forms a triennium period of celebration activities (hereinafter “IHO-100”) aim to reflect the development and achievements of the Organization and the Secretariat since its installation throughout the century by means of suitable publications, media outreach and public events.
3. In accordance with Decision A-1/23 and with the endorsement of C-2, the IHO Secretariat has already started the celebration activities. The conducted and planned outreach actions for the centenary celebrations are intended to raise awareness on hydrography, nautical charting and ocean mapping activities as well as highlighting the importance of the IHO and its relations with Monaco on all available platforms. Special emphasis is to be placed on the IHO’s global scope of themes and commitments to promote the conduct of hydrography, the specific contribution of member states and the close collaboration with special United Nations and Inter Governmental Organizations, namely IMO, IOC and IALA.

Discussion

4. The main activities so far happened for the IHO-100, coordinated by the IHO Secretariat are as follows:

- a. Exhibition on "*Historical Nautical Charts and Mediterranean*" which was displayed at the Monaco Yacht Club from 1 to 13 April 2019. The Exhibition was officially opened by H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco.
- b. International Symposium on "*A Historical Approach for Measurements and Protection of Oceans and World Waters*" was held at the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco from 20 to 21 June 2019.
- c. In conjunction with the Symposium a reception was held on the roof terrace of the Oceanographic Museum to celebrate the "World Hydrography Day 2019". By means of this event, a new video clip "International Hydrographic Organization – 100 years in the making", produced by BluOrange and sponsored by industry partners, was presented for the first time.
- d. A series of altogether eight "oral history" video interviews were produced with former office bearers of the Secretariat and important contributors to IHO issues and uploaded to the IHO youtube channel.
- e. Japan and Brazil contributed videos which address specific aspects of the history and the presence of hydrography in their respective countries. Those videos are available at the IHO youtube channel too.
- f. The preparations for the publication of an IHO Prestige Book on "*100 Years of International Cooperation in Hydrography*" are progressing. Germany generously offers typesetting and printing as in-kind contribution. It is planned to present the book in the margins of the Second Assembly to the delegates.

5. The further planned activities for the IHO-100, coordinated by the IHO Secretariat are as follows:

- a. To organise a half day special session on IHO-100 at the 2nd Session of the IHO Assembly (A-2) in April 2020.
- b. To reflect the respective development of hydrography through Member States contribution to the Chart Exhibition as part of the IHO Assembly (A-2).
- c. To conduct a prestigious peak event in collaboration with the Oceanographic Institute of Monaco at the World Hydrographic Day 21st June 2021. In order to receive a good level of participation, it is planned to hold the x IRCC meeting back to back with the event.
- d. To present the work and the achievements of the IHO with special emphasis on safety of navigation in collaboration with the IMO at the IMO Assembly in November 2021.

Proposals

6. Member States and stakeholders are encouraged to contribute and attend the chart exhibition as element of the IHO Assembly (A-2),
7. Attend and propose contributions to the peak event at WHD 2021,
 - a. Address national high rank representatives to attend, and
 - b. Support ship's visits at Monaco harbour.

Impact

8. The conduct of the above proposed activities will result in additional costs which are endorsed by C-2 to be covered from the Additional Project Fund. So far all cost were covered from the budget accounts dedicated to public relation activities and no funding out of the Additional Project Fund was required.

Action required of the Council

9. The Council is invited to:
 - a. Take note of conducted activities and agree on proposed activities for the IHO-100 celebrations; and
 - b. take any other actions that may be appropriate.