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Chart Training Course

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Self introduction

Name	Linda Puriņa
Alumni year	2010
Country	Latvia
Organization	Maritime Administration of Latvia
Position/Job title	Nautical Cartographer
Current job description	Main duties - updating cartographic database, creating and updating ENCs, compiling Notices to Mariners and other nautical publications.





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My career path and projects / Achievements

- 2008 - started working in Maritime Administration of Latvia as a cartographer.
- Bachelor's degree in Geography. Cartography was small part of studies so practical and theoretical knowledge was limited.
- First duties - updating of List of Lights, Sailing directions, compilation of paper charts.
- 2011 - after finishing training course in Nautical Cartography followed promotion to Senior Cartographer's position.
- Continued working on paper charts and ENCs. With colleagues worked on new editions of List of Lights, Sailing Directions and created quality control forms and manuals for internal use.



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My career path and projects / Achievements

- 2015 – 2016 Latvian Hydrographic Service (LHS) took part in EU EMODnet Coastal Mapping project. LHS task together with other countries was to work on questionnaire and data analysis about bathymetric data governance in EU countries.
- 2015 - our organization moved to new chart production software. As a part of transition we had training in new system.
- New duties included hydrographic survey data analyzing and creating output data for charts and notices to mariners.



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My career path and projects / Achievements

- 2017 – LHS started to move chart production and data to new cartographic database and software system which is still ongoing project.
- My main duties are cartographic database updating, creating ENCs and updates, compilation of Notices on Mariners and new edition of List of Lights, chart production in Print on Demand system.
- 2019 – Nautical Cartographer - new name for cartographer position to better reflect our main responsibilities.



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Lessons learned from CHART Course

- Knowledge and experience I gained during Cartographic training in UKHO I'm using in my every day work.
- Visits to different UKHO production units and ports helped to have deeper understanding about chart production process and chart users needs.
- It is very important to learn from experts, which can share not only theoretical knowledge but also their own experience.
- It was a privilege to learn from such an experienced trainers and for a limited period of time to be a part of world leading hydrographic organization.
- I have met wonderful colleagues from around the world and inspiring trainers. I have got not only great base of knowledge and practical skills, but wonderful memories about time spent in UK.



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Suggestion for the future

- As a representative of a small country without a possibilities to study hydrography and nautical cartography I am grateful to IHO, Nippon Foundation and UKHO for providing a chance for me and other students to receive training in the profession.
- I would like to wish to continue this project as it is very significant not only to cartographers, but to all maritime community which can use more reliable, more precise and up to date cartographic products created by professionals.



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Thank you!