

**11<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE IHO INTER-REGIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
IHO-IRCC11  
Genoa, Italy, 3-5 June 2019**

**ROPME SEA AREA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION**

**RSAHC report to IRCC11**

**1. Chair**

<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. Alireza Khojasteh	IR of Iran	Feb. 2019 to date
	Captain Muhammad Khalid	Pa	Feb. 2017 – Feb. 2019
	Dr. Colonel Adel Al Shams	UAE	March 2013 – May 2016

<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. Hamdan Al Yahmadi	Oman	Feb. 2019 to date
	Mr. Alireza Khojasteh	IR of Iran	Feb. 2017 – 20 Feb. 2019
	Mr. Ahmed Parhizi	IR of Iran	March 2013 – May 2016

**2. Membership**

**Members:** Bahrain, IR of Iran, Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates (UAE)

**Associate member(s):** France, Iraq, United Kingdom, United States of America

**Observers:** Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME), Middle East Navigation Service (MENAS), International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA), and Arabian Maritime and Navigation Aids Services LLC (AMNAS)

**3. Meetings:**

Following RSAHC meetings have taken place:

6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	9-11 Feb 15
7 <sup>th</sup> Meeting	Muscat, Oman	20-22 Feb 17
8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting	Islamabad, Pakistan	18-20 Feb 19

Next meeting:

2<sup>nd</sup> extraordinary meeting of RSAHC may be scheduled prior to IHO Assembly meeting in 2020.

9<sup>th</sup> meeting will take place tentatively in February 2020 (the venue and exact date is to be determined subsequently).

**4. Current RSAHC Working Groups:**

a) RSA INT/ENC Chart Coordination working Group RSAICCWG, Coordinator IR of Iran.

**5. Status of IRCC actions (relevant for the RSAHC):**

Action on all RSAHC relevant points has been taken.

Pursuant to the Action No. 11 of the IRCC 10 and correspondence coordination with the RSAHC Member States, Mr. Saeid Parizi from IR of Iran has been selected as permanent CB Coordinator for the RSAHC region since 2018.

**6. Agenda Items:**

- a. Presentation of National Reports: Hydrographic surveying, nautical charting, nautical publications and information status;
- b. Review of Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting (C-55);
- c. INT chart scheme for Region I and NAVAREA IX self-assessment: Progress made since last meeting; actual charting status; ENC production status; new requirements and modifications proposed to the scheme;
- d. Progress on the implementation of ENC coverage and other issues;
- e. WEND WG issues;
- f. Developments of Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) in the region;
- g. Procedures in response to Marine Disasters; and
- h. Capacity building plan for the years 2019 –2021 submitted to IRCC.

**7. RSAHC cooperation with stakeholders (organizations, industry, etc.):**

RSAHC enjoys strong relationship with the industry, and healthy participation by industry in RSAHC meeting is much appreciated.

**8. Achievements and lessons learned:**

RSAHC Member States participated effectively in 8th RSAHC meeting. National reports highlighted an encouraging picture with regards to hydrographic and surveying status, which is increasing at a good rate. Growth in national hydrographic infrastructure including survey vessels and training institutes in the region is a matter of satisfaction.

There is a regional requirement to coordinate and pool the regional resources to contribute in improving hydrographic/charting status and capacity building through conducting various courses through own resources. In this regard, a regional capacity building working group has been proposed and will be established subject to consent of the Member States.

**9. Actions required of IRCC:**

The IRCC is invited to note this report and continue the capacity building support for RSAHC.

**Alireza Khojasteh, IR of Iran**

**RSAHC Chair**