



# FIG/IHO/ICA International Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers

Report to IRCC16

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## Key Achievements

Meeting held during reporting period:

- IBSC 2023 Workshop - London, UK, from 30 October to 03 November 2023.
- IBSC47 Meeting - Hamburg, Germany, from 15 to 26 April 2024.

The work programme includes:

- Review IBSC Standards and maintain IBSC Publications
- Review IBSC44 Conditional Recognized submissions and those that had been offered intersessional revision



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IBSC47 Meeting  
Hamburg, Germany,  
BSH  
15 to 26  
April 2024





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## Result of Intersessional Revisions 2023

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2023	In the IBSC46 Meeting			Intersessional Revision	After Intersessional Revisions	
Status	N Total	Standards			N Total	Standards
<b>Recognized</b>	1		S-5A		3	S-5A
			S-5B		3	S-5B
			S-8A		1	S-8A
			S-8B		1	S-8B
<b>Could be Recognized</b>	7	2	S-5A	2		
		3	S-5B	3		
		1	S-8A	1		
		1	S-8B	1		
<b>Not Recognized</b>	3	2	S-5A	2	2	S-5A
		1	S-5B	1	1	S-5B
<b>Total</b>	11			8	11	



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## Result of submissions from IBSC47

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2024 Status	In the IBSC47 Meeting			Intersessional Revision	After Intersessional Revisions	
	N Total	Standards			N Total	Standards
<b>Recognized</b>			S-5A			
			S-5B			
			Scheme			
<b>Could be Recognized</b>	15	9	S-5A	9		
		1	S-8A	1		
		5	S-5B	5		
<b>Not Recognized</b>	2	1	S-5B			
		1	S-8A			
<b>Total</b>	17			15		



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## *IRCC/IBSC Workshop with Submitting Institutions*

The workshop is planned for September. During the IBSC47 Question and Answers Section, Capt. Jose Cordova, from Ecuador, suggested that it would be good to have a preboard meeting and that the best time for a workshop would be in September.

The board will organize the workshop in the second semester of 2024, (September/TBD) inviting all institutions with recognized programmes that will submit in IBSC48 and IBSC49 (IBSC47/Decision 29).



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## RECOGNITION OF SUBJECTS

The Board decided to define fees for the recognition of Subjects, and include the following text into the annex A of the approved new Rules of Procedure:

*The fees for the recognition of Subjects are applied and the annual value will be to each Institution as follows:*

- 1 Subject recognition = 1/3 of the full recognition fee (200 euros from 2024)*
- 2 to 3 Subjects recognition = Half of the full recognition fee (300 euros from 2024)*
- 4 or more Subjects recognition = Full recognition fee (600 euros from 2024)*



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## Important Findings

- The number of submissions and the fact that most of them have a significant number of shortcomings requires a substantial increase in work of the IBSC.
- Second annual meeting is required to finalize submission reviews, the revision of the Standards ( four), among other item from the Work Plan.
- Interns from the Empowering Woman in Hydrography project shows positive results. The intention is to have interns working in institutions with IBSC recognized programmes. During the Internship, they collaborate with the Board in the revision of the Standards ( four) and in the the outreach and promotion of the Board (two).





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## The IRCC is invited to:

- a) Note this report.
- b) Acknowledge the work done by the IBSC members, to review all 17 submissions received as well as offering intersessional revisions to 15.
- c) Encourage Member States and submitting institutions to engage with the IHO Secretariat early in the process of them preparing submissions for programme recognition.
- d) Encourage Member States and submitting institutions to consult the Guidelines, the FAQs and the White Paper (IHR-Nov-2017 – Article: Maintaining the Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers) early in the process of preparing submissions for programme recognition.
- e) Agree with the IBSC Proposed Work Plan – Q2 2024 to Q2 2025 (Annex B).
- f) Approve the Revised Term of Reference including subject recognition fee (Annex C).
- g) Take any other actions as appropriate.