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Council Report

Agenda item B.2



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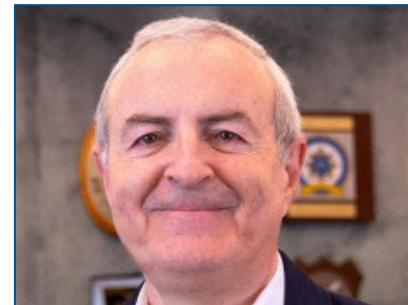
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- The new Council was established. Pia Dahl Højgaard (DK) new Council Chair and Dr Masayuki Fujita (JP) Vice-Chair.
- The next IHO Strategic Plan 2027 – 2032 will be a review.
- Introduction of the need to strengthen the resources at the IHO Secretariat for technical, operative and administrative infrastructure for S-100. Timeline for S-100 Phase 1 was confirmed.
- It was decided to continue the Empowering Women in Hydrography (EWH) as a project. CBSC to work on a proposal for a more permanent IHO body.
- Discussion on IHO meeting modalities. No decisions taken. See IHO CL 28/2024.

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- Endorsed a Project Team on Fund Generation of IHO' Project Initiatives. PT established under IRCC. First meetings in Q2 2024.
- No agreement to establish a IHO portal for MPA, but IHO Secretariat to liaise with relevant MPA data providers to implement S-122 capability and focus on MPA for High Seas and IMO adopted MPAs.
- Endorsed a proposal from HSSC and IRCC for an annual Champion of Hydrography. The award with associated new IHO Resolution was subsequently approved by IHO MS.

Winner of the first Ex Abyssis ad Alta Award was announced World Hydrography Day 2024:





Council 8 Agenda Highlights

- Proposal from HSSC for an interim establishment of an IHO Infrastructure Centre for technical, operative and administrative support of S-100 and other technical IHO services (e.g. INTToGIS, registration portal).
- Updates on the S-100 timeline. After approval of Phase 1 focus will shift to Phase 2.
- Establishment of a Strategic Plan Review Working Group (SPRWG) to work on a draft revise IHO Strategic Plan. Early draft to HSSC and IRCC (2025) and final proposal to Council 9 for endorsement and Assembly 4 (2026) for approval.
- Consider input from HSSC and IRCC on the IHO Strategic Plan 2027 – 2032.
- Update on the new IHO Portal.



BSHC 29 is invited to:



1. Note the Council report
2. For BSHC MS to note that all IHO MS are welcomed to participate at Council Meetings (observer status if not on RHC or Hydrographic Interest mandate)
3. Take any action as appropriate