



*Eastern Atlantic Hydrographic
Commission (EAtHC)*

EAtHC Letter Nº. 3/2021

30 July 2021

From: Rear Admiral Carlos Ventura Soares
Portugal National Hydrographer and EAtHC Chair

To: Members, Associate Members and Observers of the IHO EAtHC

Subject: 16th Conference of the EAtHC Conference (Plenary)

Dear EAtHC Colleagues,

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16th Conference of the EAtHC (Plenary)

I have the pleasure to officially invite you to the 16th Conference of the East Atlantic Hydrographic Commission (EAtHC), which will be hosted by Portuguese Hydrographic Office (Instituto Hidrográfico - IHPT), in Lisbon, Portugal, from the 29th of September to the 1st of October 2021.

Due pandemic limitations, the Conference will be organized in a hybrid format:

- In-person: up to two members representatives including the presenters;
- Virtual Teleconference (VTC) for all other participants;

COVID situation in Portugal and any eventual restrictions will be made available in early September

Registration

All participants should use the registration form given in Annex A and provide their information **no later than 3 September**.

A VTC invitation will be sent out to all participants in advanced to the conference starting date.

For in-person participants and all other VTC participants a registration form can be found in Annex A. All delegates are kindly requested to send the completed registration form to the EAtHC Secretariat (Commander João Vicente: dt.hi.chf@hidrografico.pt) by 3 September 2021.

For in-person participants, Annex B shows the venue, program and suggested accommodation logistics.

Recognizing the importance and value of the EAtHC community sharing and interactions, your thoughts and any further suggestions regarding the agenda are welcome. Please provide them to the EAtHC Secretariat no



later than 3 September 2021. A provisional agenda can be found in Annex C. A consolidated provisional agenda will be sent as soon as possible.

The EAtHC 15 List of Actions is available at EAtHC webpage (<https://iho.int/en/eathc16-2021>). Your comments/updates on the EAtHC actions are appreciated in preparation for the 16th EAtHC Conference. Please provide them to the EAtHC Secretariat.

II

MSI & MSDI Seminar

The EAtHC16 plenary is preceded by VTC Seminar on Maritime Safety Information (MSI) and Marine Spatial Data Infrastructures (MSDI) Regional Awareness organized by France. Registration to attend this seminar is required.

Member State's Delegates to the EAtHC16 plenary may attend the seminar, if they wish, at the Portuguese Hydrographic Institute's facilities. IHPT will provide a conference room for this purpose.

Please find, in Annex D, a draft agenda for the seminar with two similar sessions (one per day) in French on September 27th and in English on September 28th.

III

Other matters

1. National Reports

I would like to encourage all EAtHC members, even if unable to attend the next meeting, to submit a National Report in order to fully capture the relevant hydrographic issues and activities within the region. Please use the template/structure available on the IHO EAtHC webpage (<https://iho.int/en/eathc16-2021>) for both report and presentation. All Members are invited to present their updates at the plenary session. **The deadline for submitting National Reports is August 31st 2021.** Please email them to dt.hi.chf@hidrografico.pt and yves.guillam@iho.int.

2. The development of Spatial Data Infrastructures for Marine Data Management is one of the most relevant issues regarding efficient data management between parties. EAtHC members are invited to reflect and evaluate if the creation of a MSDI working group in the Commission is necessary and relevant for the region and for liaising with the IHO MSDI WG. Other commissions already created such internal WG. In order to evaluate the position of the members, Portugal prepared a questionnaire to be accessed and filled at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdq19z254EhTZSKCHAwu7xCicKswNicZDDhaDjLqTy->



[TsjuA/viewform](#). The deadline to receive the answers was June 30th, 2021. However, if your Office has not submitted its answers you can still do it until **August 31th**.

I look forward to progressing the goals of EAtHC together and building on the success of previous EAtHC conferences.

Yours sincerely,

Carlos Ventura Soares
Rear Admiral
(EAtHC Chairman)



**Annex A
REGISTRATION FORM**

16th Eastern Atlantic Hydrographic Commission Conference and MSI/MSDI Seminar

Lisbon, Portugal

29th September to 01 October (Plenary), 27 and 28 September (Seminar)

*[Please send this via e-mail to dt.hi.chf@hidrografico.pt , Copy to: julien.smeekaert@shom.fr ,
adcs@iho.int , before **3 September 2021**]*

Member State / Organization:

Contact Details

Last Name:

First name:

Position / Job Title / Role:

Nationality:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Name of partner (if applicable):

Vaccination Certificate (Yes/no):

Participation in Plenary and Seminar

Please provide your intentions (tick the appropriate box).

	VTC in IHPT (Lisbon)	VTC
Seminar, 27 September, French		
Seminar, 28 September, English		

	In-person in Lisbon	VTC
Plenary, 29 Sept – 1 Oct		

Travel details (if applicable):

	Arrival	Departure
Airport		
Date		
Flight Number		
Airline		
Time		



Hotel Information (for administrative purposes only; participants are expected to make their own accommodation arrangements). IHPT only provides transportation from and to the hotels recommended below (*).

Selected Hotel

Name	Selection
Lisbon São Bento Hotel (*) (Special accommodation package for the conference)	
Janelas Verdes (*) (Walking distance)	
York House Hotel (*) (Walking distance)	
Other (please specify)	



Annex B
VENUE, PROGRAM AND ACCOMMODATION

1. Venue for the 16th EAthC Conference

The 16th Eastern Atlantic Hydrographic Commission Conference will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, from the 29th of September to the 1st of October. The sessions will take place at the Portuguese Hydrographic Office (IHPT).

2. Program

Ice-Breaker will take place on September 28th, PM.

The meeting will commence on September 29th at 08:30 (UTC).

The plenary sessions will take place on the IHPT multi-purpose room.

The IHPT will host a dinner on the evening on September 30th.

The meeting will be closed on October 1st at 11:30 (UTC), the latest.

On October 1st in the afternoon the in-person participants can visit the Instituto Hidrográfico technical departments.

Lunch, coffee and refreshments will be served during the meeting.

Detailed information will be given later on.

3. Location:

HYDROGRAPHIC INSTITUTE

Adress:

Rua das Trinas, 49 Lisbon

1249-093 Portugal

Hydrographic Institute is located west of the city center, on the historical district of Madragoa, on one of the hills near the Tagus river.

The below link takes you to the location:

<https://goo.gl/maps/4sX6Np2mUkgBNBrk8>



4. Weather:

The climate for Lisbon in late-February the average morning temperature in Lisbon is around 12°C (54°F) and in the afternoon 18°C (65°F). The weather is likely to be partly cloudy with rain periods. The sunrise is at 0800 and the sunset at 1840.

The below link takes you to weather in Lisbon:

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/pt/lisbon/274087/october-weather/274087>

5. Local Tourism

Lisbon is a city where you feel safe wandering around day or night, where the cuisine is dedicated to creating over a thousand ways to cook the beloved bacalhau (salted cod), and where you'll find hotels and restaurants to suit every taste, budget and requirement.

Discover Lisbon, a city full of authenticity where old customs and ancient history intermix with cultural entertainment and hi-tech innovation. Lisbon is ageless, but it loves company, after all, Lisbon is famous for its hospitality and the family-like way it welcomes visitors.

A historic city with many stories to tell, where the sun shines almost all year round and with temperatures rarely falling below 15 ° C.

An authentic capital, where the traditional meets with cultural excitement and technological innovation.

You should visit the top attractions: Mosteiro dos Jerónimos, National Ancient Art Museum, Arco da Rua Augusta and the National Coach Museum, and:

- Belém – Heritage and history with a special twist
- Lisboa on 28 – When the tram goes by, time stops
- Sintra - UNESCO - Cultural Landscape and World Heritage site
- The Riverside – The pure pleasure of the riverfront
- Cascais – The fascination of the sea
- Setúbal, Palmela & Sesimbra – A perfect symbiosis of nature and sea
- Parque das Nações – Modern Lisbon, a contemporary City
- The Gastronomy – Sharing good time at the table
- And the Historical Neighbourhood – The charm and elegance of the city centre

Information pertaining to tourism within the Lisbon region can be found at: www.visitlisboa.com

6. Accommodation

Participants are encouraged to book early to avoid disappointment. In order to benefit the preferential rates we will provide a code by email. The IHPT is making arrangements for preferential rates for accommodation with the following hotel:

Lisbon São Bento Hotel 3*

(15 minute walk to IH but a bit farther from the city center)

Address: Rua de São Bento, 347, 1269-084 Lisbon, Portugal

Contact: info@lisbonsaobentohotel.pt

Tel: +351 21 382 3309

Other preferential hotels:

Janelas Verdes 4*

(10 minute walk to IH but a bit farther from the city center. It is considered a high end hotel)

Address: Rua das Janelas Verdes, 47 Lisbon 1200-690 Portugal

Contact: reservas@heritage.pt

Tel: +351 213 968 143

<http://www.asjanelasverdes.com>

Location map: <https://www.asjanelasverdes.com/en/location-map>

York House Hotel 4*

(5 minute walk to IH but a bit farther from the city center. This is the closest accommodation to IH, with the exception of Airbnb's and some hostels. It is considered a high end hotel)

Address: Rua das Janelas Verdes, 32 Lisbon 1200-691 Portugal

Contact: reservations@yorkhouse.com

Tel: +351 213 962 435

www.yorkhouselisboa.com

Location map: . <https://www.yorkhouselisboa.com/pt/como-chegar-yorkhouse>

7. Transportations

The City of Lisbon is capital of Portugal and lies in the western Iberian Peninsula on the Atlantic Ocean and the River Tagus.

Recommended travel to Lisbon by air through the Lisbon Airport (official site: <https://www.ana.pt/en/lis/home>), located just 20 minutes away from the city centre.

Getting to or coming from the Lisbon Airport is easy. You have at your service an efficient public transportation network that can ensure you arrive where you need to go quickly and comfortably. Information pertaining to Public Transportation can be found at:

<https://www.ana.pt/en/lis/access-parking/getting-to-and-from-the-airport/public-transportation>

Travel by Airplane:

Lisbon is served by Lisbon Airport (Aeroporto da Portela) located at north of the city and at approximately 5 km from the city center. From the airport it is possible to travel to the city by taxi, subway or bus.

Travel by Taxi:

Traveling by taxi is usually the fastest and more comfortable way to travel upon arrival. The taxi fare from the airport to city center (and vice-versa) is around 15-20 €, depending on traffic and whether the airport tax of 5 € is applied (some taxi drivers do not apply it).

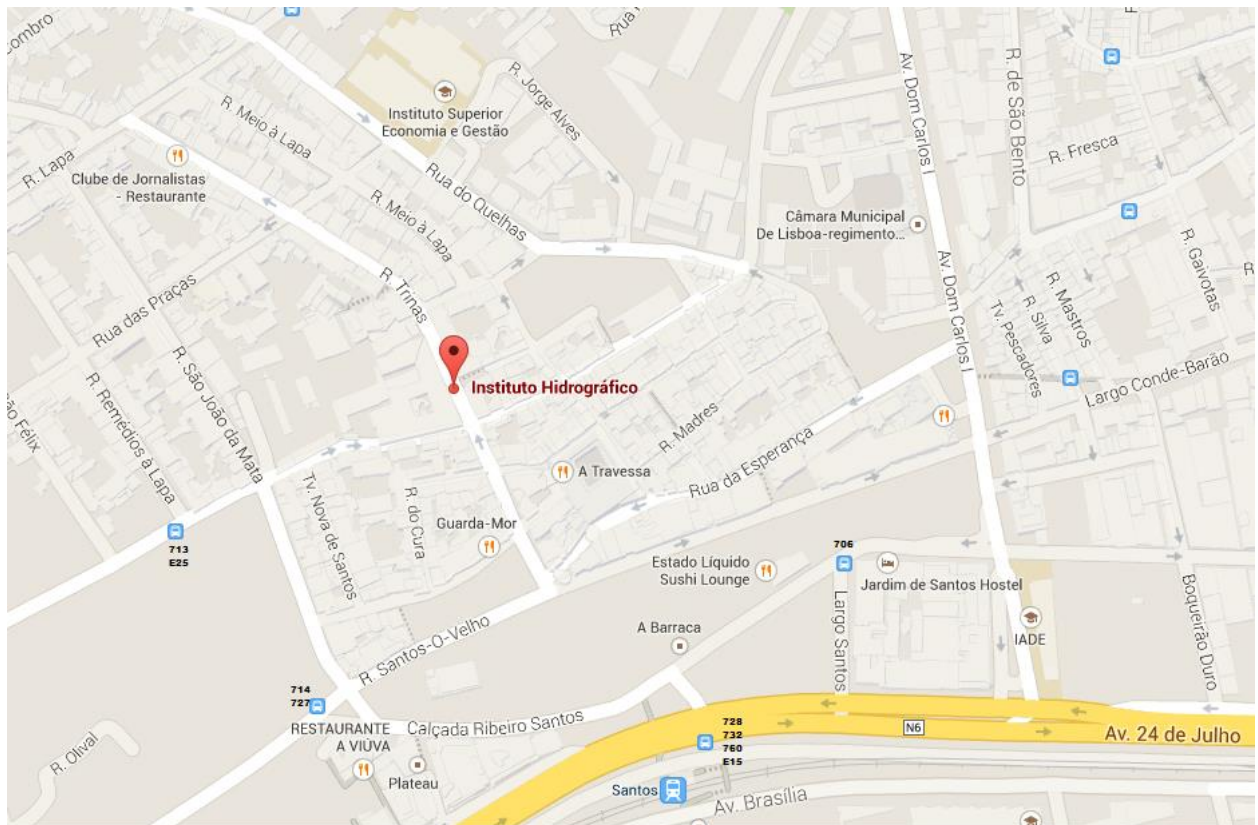
Travel in the city:

The public transport system of Lisbon is run by Carris-Metro. Tickets can be bought for each journey on buses and trams or at subway stations, but the cheapest way to travel is to use pre-purchased cards (LisboaViva cards) that can be charged either with journeys or money. More detailed information can be found on the following sites:

More Information: <http://www.carris.pt/en/home/> (buses and trains)

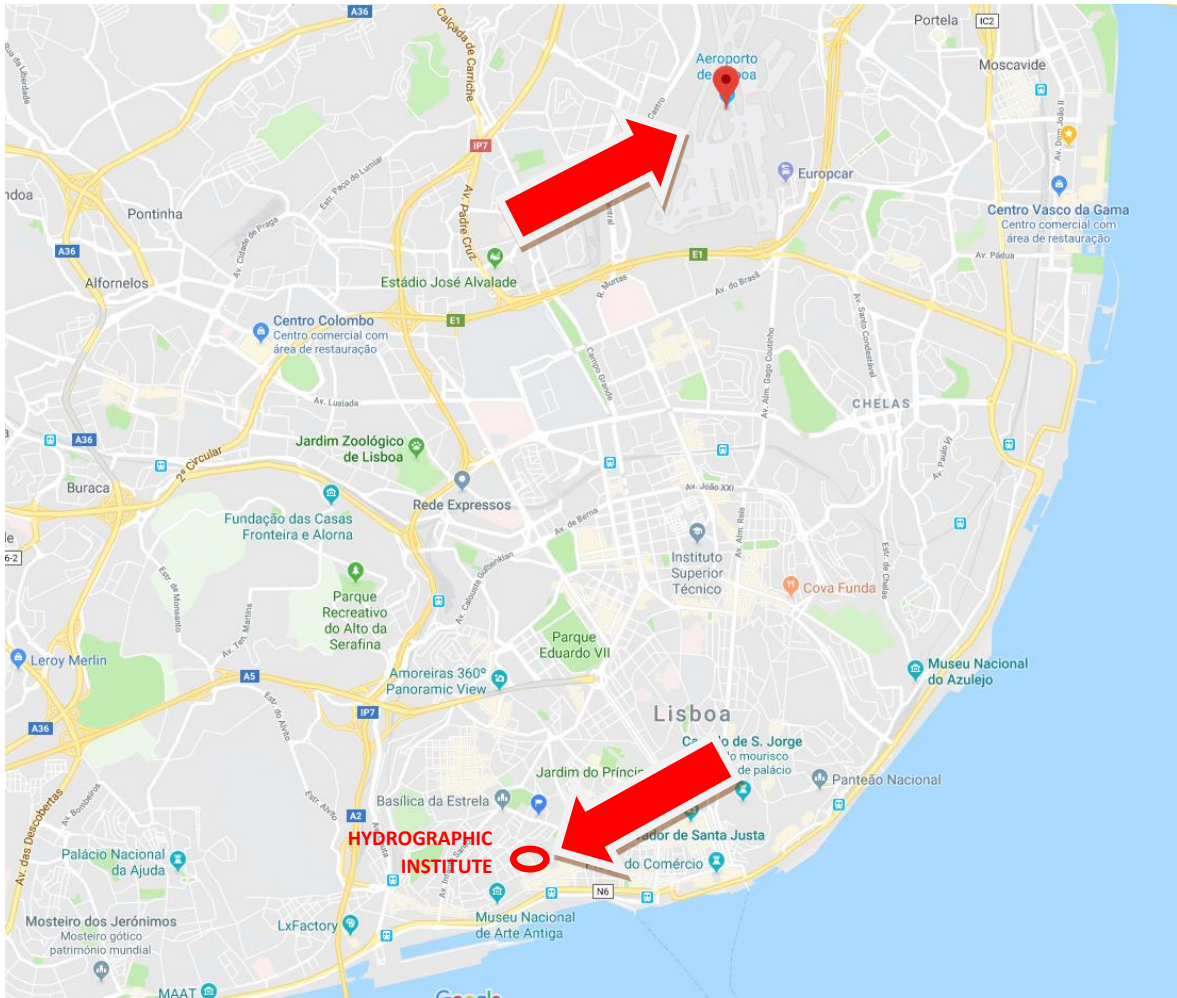
<http://www.metrolisboa.pt/eng/> (subway)

Location Maps



HYDROGRAPHIC INSTITUTE GPS: N 38° 42' 31" W 9° 9' 82





Lisbon Airport (Aeroporto da Portela)

Annex C PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Opening

- Administrative announcement
- Opening Remarks and welcome

1. EAtHC Administration/organizational issues

- 1.1. Approval of Agenda
- 1.2. Chairmanship/Vice-Chairmanship
- 1.3. Matters Arising from Minutes of EAtHC15
- 1.4. Review of 15th EAtHC Actions List
- 1.5. Actions and Recommendations arising from IRCC13
- 1.6. Review of the current EAtHC Statutes

2. IHO Matters

- 2.1. IHO Secretariat Report
- 2.2. IRCC13 Report
- 2.3. HSSC13 Report
- 2.4. WENDWG Report
- 2.5. MSDI Report
- 2.6. Crowd Sourced Bathymetry Report (CSB)

3. EAtHC Committees and Working Groups

- 3.1. ICCWG
- 3.2. Approval of ICCWG TOR
- 3.3. Report on GDMSS, MSI and NAVAREA Coordination
- 3.4. Capacity Building Plan
- 3.5. Assistance, training and education: offers and needs
- 3.6. MSDI WG proposal
- 3.7. Disaster Response
- 3.8. Bilateral and Regional Cooperation Agreements
- 3.9. Regional projects

4. S-100 implementation in the Region

5. IHO Revised Strategic Plan 2021-2026

6. National Reports

7. Relevant International and Regional Organizations' Report (tbc)

- 7.1. General Bathymetric Charts of the Oceans (GEBCO) and Seabed 2030
- 7.2. International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- 7.3. International Association of Lighthouse Authorities (IALA)
- 7.4. International Oceanographic Commission (IOC) IOC Sub Commission for Africa & the Adjacent Island States (IOCAFRICA)
- 7.5. Maritime Organization of West and Central Africa (MOWCA)
- 7.6. Ports Management Association of West and Central Africa (PMAWCA)
- 7.7. The Atlantic International Research Centre (AIR CENTRE)
- 7.8. Support to West Africa Integrated Maritime Security (SWAIMS)



8. Industry and other organizations presentations (tbc)

- 8.1. IC-ENC
- 8.2. PRIMAR
- 8.3. KONGSBERG Maritime
- 8.4. Teledyne Caris
- 8.5. EOMAP
- 8.6. iXBlue
- 8.7. QPS
- 8.8. ESRI
- 8.9. MRA

9. Closure

- 9.1. Any other business
- 9.2. Review of Actions and Decisions
- 9.3. Details for next meeting
- 9.4. Closing remarks



Annex D

Maritime Safety Information (MSI) and Marine Spatial Data Infrastructures (MSDI) Regional Awareness Seminar	Renseignements de Sécurité Maritime (RSM) et Infrastructures de Données Spatiales Maritimes (IDSM) Séminaire régional de sensibilisation
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VTC : 27 and 28 September 2021

Action P-32 of the CBWP 2021

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Day 1: Monday 27 September 2021 - Jour 1: lundi 27 septembre 2021			
French speaking sessions – Sessions francophones			
Time (UTC+2)	Event	Content	Presenter
09: 45 10: 00	Opening	Objectifs du séminaire Organisation	Julien Smeekaert - Shom (IHO capacity building coordinator)
10:00 11:30	Session 1	RSM (MSI) Echanger avec NAVAREA II	Amandine Lefrançois – Shom – NAVAREA II Coordinator
11:30 12:00		Retour d’expérience Conclusions	Participants Amandine Lefrançois
12: 00 14: 00	Pause déjeuner		
14: 00 - 15: 30	Session 2	IDSM (MSDI)	Shom
15: 30 16: 00		Retour d’expérience Conclusions Fin de la première journée	Participants Shom IHO CB coordinator
Day 2: Tuesday 28 September 2021 - Jour 2: mardi 28 septembre 2021			
English speaking sessions – Sessions anglophones			
09: 45 10: 00	Opening	Objectives of the Seminar Organisation	Julien Smeekaert - Shom (IHO capacity building coordinator)
10:00 11:30	Session 3	MSI Working with NAVAREA II	Amandine Lefrançois – Shom – NAVAREA II Coordinator
11:30 12:00		Feedback from countries Conclusions	Participants Amandine Lefrançois
12: 00 14: 00	Lunch break		
14: 00 - 15: 30	Session 4	MSDI	Shom
15 : 30 16 : 00		Feedback from countries Conclusions End of second day and seminar	Participants Shom IHO CB coordinator

