

Report Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC)

1. Background

The Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (Programme 3 of the IHO Work Programme) supervises the IHO Capacity Building Strategy, promotes the wider use and collection of marine data and is responsible for the policy matters related to the Worldwide Electronic Navigational Chart Database (WEND), unless otherwise instructed by the Council. The IRCC coordinates and promotes cooperation with other international and regional organizations in areas of mutual interest, including but not limited to the operation of the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service, the development and maintenance of standards of competence for hydrographic surveyors and nautical cartographers, mapping the seafloor and governing undersea feature names.

Membership of IRCC comprises the Chairs of the

- Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHCs),
- Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica (HCA),
- Capacity Building Sub-Committee (CBSC),
- World-Wide Navigational Warning Service Sub-Committee (WWNWS-SC),
- International Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers (IBSC),
- Worldwide ENC Database (WEND) Working Group (WENDWG),
- IHO-European Union (EU) Network Working Group (IENWG),
- Marine Spatial Data Infrastructures (MSDI) Working Group (MSDIWG),
- Crowd-Sourced Bathymetry Working Group (CSBWG),
- General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO) Guiding Committee.

Chair: Thomas Dehling (Germany) since 2020
Parry Oei (Singapore) until 2020

Vice-Chair: John Nyberg (USA) since 2020
Thomas Dehling (Germany) until 2020

This report is provided by the IRCC-Chair and comprises general information on the current most important topics of the IRCC.

2. Meetings since the last NSHC Conference

- IHO-IRCC11, Genoa, Italy, 3-5 June 2019
- IHO-IRCC12, vtc, 6-7 October 2020

3. Important topics of the IRCC:

The implementation of the Revised Strategic Plan puts some tasks to IRCC and the Sub-committees. The Strategic Performance Indicators (SPI) will be monitored by the Council and we will have to develop useful means to measure and provide appropriate and applicable SPIs.

The CBSC is instructed to develop a system of performance indicators to measure, in accordance with the Revised Strategic Plan, the effectiveness and efficiency of CB activities. This system should be oriented on the expected effects and outcomes of CB support, not on the achievement of the CB activities.

IRCC, subordinate bodies (Chairs/Vice-Chairs) and RHCs (Chairs/Vice-Chairs) shall experiment the implementation of the Strategic Plan and consider during this process, following gap analysis if appropriate, whether our organization and work programmes are fit for purpose, in particular for meeting Goals 2 and 3.

The S-100 Implementation Strategy concerning all three IHO Work Programmes. WP 3 is the IRCC part of this important development and it is related to several bodies of the IRCC. IRCC is tasked to submit a new IHO Resolution on WEND100 Principles to the Council for endorsement, followed by a submission to Member States for approval and inclusion as a reference in Annex 3 of the S-100 Implementation RoadMap.

The establishment of an IHO e-Learning Center will be coordinated by the CSBC in close liaison with ROK and with contributions from several other Sub-Committees as agreed at IRCC-12.

Further information can be found in the IHO report to this NSHC Conference.

Next meeting:

13th Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC13)
VTC (23-25 June 2021)

4. Actions for NSHC34

The Commission is invited to:

- a. take note of the report
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