

INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 2nd MEETING OF THE IHO HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS WORKING GROUP (HSWG2) MEETING

Dublin, Ireland, 15th – 18th February 2022

10th January 2022

Dear Members of the HSWG,

- Following the initial notice given in early December 2021, all members of the HSWG are hereby invited to attend the 2nd meeting of the HSWG, which will be held at Collins Barracks, Dublin, Ireland, from 15th to 18th February 2022.
- 2. The Irish Department of Transport have graciously agreed to host the IHO HSWG2 meeting.
- 3. The intention is to hold the meeting as a 'hybrid' event, meaning those who are unable to attend in person, can do so remotely. Please be aware that the meeting schedule will be based on a full working day in the local time zone (GMT).
- 4. All attending the meeting, whether in person or remotely, must complete the online registration form no later than 30th January 2022. The form is available here https://online.iho-khoa.kr/registration
- 5. If you have any special requirements, dietry or otherwise, please inform the Chair no later than 20th January. [<u>david.parker@ukho.gov.uk</u>]
- During the 4 days of HSWG2, meetings will also be held for the Satellite Derived Bathymetry and Manual on Hydrography Project Teams (SDBPT and MHPT), as well as the newly formed S44 Drafting Team. Full details of proposed timings are available in the Agenda. [https://iho.int/en/hswg2]
- 7. There are many hotels available in central Dublin near to the venue, covering a broad spectrum. A list of suitable hotels is provided in Annex A. A discount has been agreed at one of the hotels (although not the closest see annex A.
- 8. Anyone requiring a letter of invitation from DoT for the purposes of obtaining a Visa to visit the Republic of Ireland is requested to inform Declan Black [<u>Declanblack@transport.gov.ie</u>] at the earliest opportunity.

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9. IMPORTANT NOTE: COVID-19. The global Covid-19 situation remains an issue for many nations, with travel between international borders still subject to ongoing restrictions and complications, with the situation unlikely to change for the foreseeable future. Therefore, a decision will be taken at the end of January 2022 as to whether to default to an online meeting only. Please bear this in mind when arranging travel, insurance etc. Please check the following link for up-to-date travel requirements when entering Ireland: [gov.ie - Current rules for travelling to Ireland (www.gov.ie)] Face masks are likley to be required to be worn at all times during the meetings.

On behalf of the Chair, HSWG,

Yours sincerely,

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Sam Harper Secretary HSWG

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Annex A HSWG2 Logistics

Venue

Collins Barracks, Benburb St, Dublin 7, D07 XKV4 <u>https://www.museum.ie/en-IE/Museums/Decorative-Arts-History/Visitor-Information/Opening-Hours,-Location-and-Facilities</u>

Airport

Dublin - DUB

Hotels

- 1. There are a number of hotels in the vicinity of the meeting venue (within 30min walk).
- 2. Ashling Hotel (1 min walk)
- 3. Maldron Hotel Smithfield (10 min walk)
- 4. The Hendrick Smithfield (10 min walk)
- 5. Hilton Dublin Kilmainham (25 Min walk, 18 min Tram)
- 6. Jurys Inn Christchurch Dublin (20 min walk, 14 min Tram) **Discount Code JIREMO220222** (This is the primary hotel for the <u>Remote Hydrography Conference and Exhibition</u> 22-24th Feb)
- 7. Radisson Blu Royal Hotel (25 min walk, 21 min Tram)
- 8. Hyatt Centric The Liberties (23 min walk, 21 min Tram)
- 9. The venue is also on the Luas Tram Red Line which provides easy access from the city centre <u>https://luas.ie/map/</u>

Dublin Airport to City Centre

Bus connections (20-30 min) <u>https://www.aircoach.ie/</u> <u>https://www.dublinexpress.ie/</u> Taxi cost from Dublin airport to City Centre is approx. €25-30

General Information

https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/77952-government-advice-on-internationaltravel/#travelling-to-ireland https://www.visitdublin.com/ https://www.discoverireland.ie/

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