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NCWG Letter 01/2022

To NCWG Members

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8th NCWG Meeting, 15 – 18 November 2022 in Wollongong, Australia

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to inform you that the 8th meeting of the Nautical Cartography Working Group (NCWG-8) will take place in Wollongong, Australia from 15 to 18 November 2022, thanks to the kind invitation of the Australian Hydrographic Office.

The meeting will commence on **Tuesday 15 November at 09:30** and is scheduled to close no later than lunchtime on Friday 18 November. On other days we are planning to start at 09:00 and finish by 17:00.

The meeting will be organised as in-person event, but recognising the still ongoing restrictions and uncertainties related to travel an option to participate through VTC will be arranged for those unable to travel.

Agenda

The draft agenda for the meeting is in preparation and will be posted on the meeting web page at <https://iho.int/en/ncwg8-2022> when ready. The draft agenda will consist of our standing items and items noted during the year as well reporting from the Baseline Portrayal Project Team.

In order to maximise the value of the meeting, I encourage you to propose your own topics of interest as soon as possible. Perhaps there are subjects that you are currently reviewing within your own office, which would benefit from input from a wider viewpoint. Or you may consider submitting papers related to optimising paper chart production through automation, portrayal development or enhancements in production etc. which could benefit the wider hydrographic

community. You may also consider sharing the latest on your plans for the future of your paper charts.

A 'Recommended format for Submission of Proposals to NCWG meetings' is available for your convenience in NCWG Basic WG Documents page at <https://iho.int/en/basic-wg-documents-2>. Submit your papers to the Chair (mikko.hovi@traficom.fi) and Vice-Chair (nick.rodwell@ukho.gov.uk) at your earliest convenience, and no later than **27 September 2022**.

All documents will be posted on the meeting web page at <https://iho.int/en/ncwg8-2022> as and when they are received.

Please note that the invitation to submit topics equally applies to those WG members who are unable to attend the meeting, provided they are accompanied by sufficiently detailed explanatory notes.

Logistics Information

The meeting will be held at the Sage Hotel Wollongong in Wollongong, Australia. Detailed logistics information provided by the Australian Hydrographic Office is posted on the meeting web page at <https://iho.int/en/ncwg8-2022>.

Attendance

The attendance of participants is a key component for the success of any IHO meeting. However, in order to minimize the workload and associated side costs, Member States should consider the possibility of limiting the number of their delegations (in general up to two participants in addition to working groups' office bearers, if any), so meeting rooms and seating arrangements can be optimized. If more participants are planned, it is important to liaise with the host country to ensure it is feasible.

Do note that this meeting is primarily an in-person meeting, and that the VTC option is mainly intended as 'back-up' for those unable travel due to still existing travel restrictions.

Registration

Please register for the meeting as soon as possible, using the 'Online Registration' on the IHO website.

All participants intending to participate in the meeting in-person should register no later than **30 September 2022**. For VTC participation, the registration should be completed no later than 11 November 2022.

Participants planning for in-person participation that are unable to confirm their attendance before the deadline are invited to inform the host (robert.cario@defence.gov.au) and the IHO Secretariat (yves.guillam@iho.int) on their plans to attend and the number of potential participants at the deadline.

I would also appreciate it, if all working group members that are not able to attend meeting at all could inform me about this.

Social Events

The Australian Hydrographic Office has kindly been planning for an ice-breaker cocktail reception for **Monday 14 November** from 6 – 8pm. You may want to take this into consideration when making your travel plans.

A social evening will be organised for the Wednesday evening. Dinner will be at the delegates own expense and further information about the night will be made available on day 1 of the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all in November in Australia.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mikko Hovi', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mikko Hovi
Chair NCWG