

**DRAFT REPORT OF THE XXII<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE FIG/IHO INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD ON STANDARDS OF COMPETENCE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYORS**

New Delhi, India, 7- 13 April 1999

**1. Location and attendance**

The XXII<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the FIG/IHO **International** Advisory Board was held at the " India International Centre", New Delhi, from 7 to 13 April 1999. The following were present :

Captain Hugo Gorziglia (IHO) (Chairman)  
Mr. Svante Astermo (FIG) (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr. Razali B. Ahmad (FIG)  
Mr. Gordon Johnston (FIG)  
Lt. Cdr. Steve Shipman (IHO)  
Rear Admiral K.R. Srinivasan (IHO)  
Dr. David Wells (FIG)  
Captain Federico Bermejo (Secretary) (IHB)

Cdr. S. Mittal , **Indian Navy**, attended the meeting as programme coordinator and assistant to the Board.

The Chairman introduced **and welcomed** Mr. Gordon **Johnston**, new member of the Board appointed by FIG.

**2. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the Agenda**

Radm Srinivasan, AVSM, host of the **meeting**, welcomed the Board. Vice Admiral Harinder Singh AVSM, Deputy Chief of Naval Staff, Indian Navy, inaugurated the meeting, stressing the importance of the Board's mission.

The Chairman opened the meeting and the Agenda was adopted with some minor amendments.

**3. Administrative arrangements**

A conference room and secretarial facilities were provided by the National Hydrographic Office, India. The host member of the Board and the programme coordinator explained the Administrative arrangements and social events scheduled.

**4. Matters arising from previous meetings**

**4.1 Inter-sessional activities**

The Chairman and members of the Board report on various inter-sessional activities, among which are the following :

- Contribution of the Board to the IHO Strategic Plan in relation to Education and Training
- The meeting of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, February 1999, in which the future of surveying and land surveying, along with other subjects related to education and training were discussed;
- The General Congress of FIG
- The presentation of the A. Board's activities to every FIG Congress
- The efforts of the Hydrographic Society in establishing closer contact with the Board
- The implementation of the Free International Course in Hydrography by the National Hydrographic School in Goa, India

The Board considered also the request from the IHB concerning its participation in the establishment of Standards for Nautical Cartographers. It was agreed that the need of establishing Standards for Nautical Cartographers exists but the task should be carried out by other bodies. However, the Board is ready to provide assistance to the task that at present is being developed by IMA (Trieste) with Draft Standards for Cartographers to be provided by RAdm Srinivasan, member of the A. Board, for discussion at the XXIII I.A.B. Meeting..

## **4.2 Courses pending**

The Board discussed the pending recognition of the "Course in Hydrography" from the University of Plymouth (UK). It was felt that the course was not offering enough nautical background for a Category A course. Therefore, recognition was granted at Category B (Option 1) and a letter will be sent to the relevant authorities encouraging the increase of that subject so that recognition at Category A may be awarded in the future.

## **4.3. Standards**

The Chairman informed the Board that a letter had been sent on 3 September 1998 to the Heads of several H.O. and other institutions requesting their comments on the present Standards. Some of the comments were relevant and will be considered in the next edition of the Standards.

## **5. Review of Courses**

### **5.1 Long Course in Hydrography of the U.K. Royal Navy Hydrographic School**

This course is intended to replace the present Long Course in 2001. Some concerns of the Board about this course were amply addressed by the representative from RNHS and the course was awarded recognition at Category A with Option 6, in combination with the Basic Course and 4 years of practical experience.

### **5.2 Free Course in Hydrography of the National Hydrographic School, Goa, India**

The Board reviewed this course and decided to recognize this course as meeting the requirements for a Category B course and fulfilling with Options 1, 2, 3 and 5. The Board recognized officially the interest and effort made by the Government of India and the National Hydrographic School for organizing this new course freely open to international community, addressing the educational needs of countries less developed in hydrographic surveying.

### **5.3 Advanced Course in Hydrography of the Japanese Maritime Safety Agency**

The Board was helped in the reviewing of this course by Dr. Sasaki (Japan MSA) who provided clear explanation about some subjects. Recognition was awarded to this course at Category A with Option 1. The Board also included some recommendations about the addition of more time to some items of the syllabus.

### **5.4 International Hydrographic Management and Engineering Program of the Naval Oceanographic Office (USA)**

The Board appreciated the contribution of Mr. Robert Bullard and Mr. Julian Higgins (NAVOCEANO) to the reviewing of this course, which was awarded recognition at Category B with Option 1.

### **5.5 Course in Hydrography of the St. Petersburg Naval Academy (former Frunze Naval Academy)**

Following the recommendations given by the Board after the XXIst meeting, the above institution re-submitted the course, with an almost complete new presentation. The Board decided to award recognition against the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the Standards at Category A level and Specialism in Surveys for Nautical Cartography upon reception of clarification on some specific subjects. The Academy was also encourage to make the necessary changes to match the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the Standards.

## **6. Presentation of future courses**

Two courses in preparation were presented to the Board :

- Course in Hydrography of the University of New Brunswick (Canada)
- Course in Hydrography of the Canadian Hydrographic Service.

The Canadian Hydrographic Service (CHS), supported by consortia partners, made a presentation to the Board outlining a distance education Category B initiative using the world wide web and also providing for practical field sessions. During the presentation, activities which have been under development for the past year focusing on 1) the student - addressing education and training styles; 2) the instructor - developing and delivery course material and 3) the infrastructure - support people, process and technology, were highlighted. The initiative which involves academic institutes, industry and CHS will implement a pilot web site during the autumn of 1999, which will allow the Board members an opportunity to take a representative course and then provide feedback.

The CHS will make a formal submission to the Board at its next meeting.

The Board also identified possible future submissions from Hamburg Polytechnics, Bordeaux Port (France), University of Technology of Bandung (Indonesia), SHOA (Chile), H.O. of Colombia, H.O. of Venezuela, H.O. of Cuba, NAVOCEANO (USA) and Course on Port Hydrography (IMA, Trieste)

## **7. Review of the Standards of Competence**

### **7.1. Levels of knowledge**

The Board felt that the present levels of knowledge laid down in the Standards require more precision, in order that the maximum guidance may be given to the preparation of submissions. It was agreed to review the classification and definition of the 3 levels in accordance with Bloom's taxonomy. It was also agreed that the members of the Board will review the Level of Knowledge of the present Essential Subjects before the next meeting. (see Appendix I for Board's members only). Changes to the Standards resulting from this reviewing will be reflected in the next 9<sup>th</sup> edition.

### **7.2. Essential Matters**

The Board felt that subject Essential 7 of the Syllabus - Nautical Science- was very important for a hydrographer and that its present lay out in the syllabus should be reviewed. Accordingly, it was agreed to re-draft this chapter, which will be included as Basic 4, under 4 main headings, as follows :

- 1 Vessels, characteristics and handling
- 2 Safety at Sea
- 3 Navigation and pilotage
- 4 Hydrographic Operations

The work of developing each of the above subjects will be shared by the members of the Board. (see Annex I, for A. Board's members only)

It was also agreed that an Appendix providing guidance on tasks to be carried out as nautical background should also be drafted.

### **7.3 Optional Units**

The Board agreed that no additional Options were required at present, but that a revision should be carried out throughout all options. The task of revision will be shared by the Board members. (see Annex I, for A. Board's members only)

## **8. Membership**

The Board considered again the possibility of participation of The Hydrographic Society to the work of the Board. It was agreed that the President of THS will be reminded the letter addressed to him by the

Board's Chairman after the XXIst meeting in which the Board suggested various options to make this cooperation possible.

#### **9. Date and venue of the next meeting**

It was decided to accept the kind invitation of the Chairman, Captain Gorziglia, to host the next meeting in Valparaiso (Chile) from 12 to 18 April 2000

The Secretary of the Board informed that the International Maritime Academy of Trieste and the H.O. of South Africa may also be the next host institutions for 2001.

#### **10. Close of the meeting**

There being no other points to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1300 on 13 April 1999

## ANNEX I

### REVIEWING OF BASIC 4 (former ESSENTIAL 7)

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1) Vessels: characteristics and handling -      | Wells and Astermo      |
| 2) Safety at Sea -                              | Srinivasan and Shipman |
| 3) Navigation and Pilotage -                    | Gorziglia and Bermejo  |
| 4) Hydrographic Operations -                    | Razali and Johnston    |
| Appendix - Guidelines for Nautical Experience - | Gorziglia and Bermejo  |

### GENERAL REVIEWING OF THE LEVELS OF KNOWLEDGE OF ESSENTIAL MATTERS

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|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1) E1 and E5 - | Shipman and Astermo   |
| 2) E2 and E6 - | Gorziglia and Tatsuno |
| 3) E4 and E8 - | Razali and Johnston   |
| 4) E3 -        | Wells and Bermejo     |

### REVIEWING OF OPTIONS

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1) Option 1 -      | Gorziglia           |
| 2) Option 2 -      | Srinivasan          |
| 3) Option 3 and 4- | Razali and Jonhston |
| 4) Option 5 -      | Astermo             |
| 5) Option 6 -      | Shipman             |
| 6) Option 7 -      | Wells               |

**FIG/IHO INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD  
ACTION ITEMS FOLLOWING XXII MEETING  
NEW DELHI, INDIA, 07-13 APRIL 1999**

<b>ACTION ITEM DATE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DUE COMPLETED</b>	<b>DAY COMPLETED</b>	<b>REAL COMPLETED</b>
<b>I Notes of Appreciation</b>				
a) Deputy Chief of Naval Staff of Indian Navy Vice Admiral Harinderm Singh	HG		15 MAY	20 ABR
b) Chief Hydrographer to the Government of India Rear Admiral K.R.Srinivasan	HG		15 MAY	20 ABR
<b>II Meeting Minutes</b>				
a) Draft to BM for comments	FB		30 MAY	<b>04 MAY</b>
b) Reply from BM to FB	ALL		05 JUN	
c) Final Draft to HG for approval	FB		10 JUN	
d) Final Minute with action items to BM			15 JUN	
e) Minutes to IHB-FIG-THS	HG		20 JUN	
f) Minutes to				
* Institutions with recognized courses	FB		10 JUL	
* Institutions submitting courses	FB		10 JUL	
* Institutions with courses under revision	FB		10 JUL	
<b>III Courses Review</b>				
a) Letter to Plymouth	HG		15 MAY	20 ABR
Reply from Plymouth	PLYMOUTH			
* If Category "B", Issue Certificate	HG/FB			
* If Category "A" send reply to BM	HG			
BM replies to HG	ALL			
Grant Recognition if appropriate	HG			
Issue Certificate	HG/FB			
b) Letter to Royal Navy Hydrographic School	HG		15 MAY	20 ABR
Issue Certificate	HG/FB			
c) Letter to Japan Hydrographic Department	HG		15 MAY	20 ABR
Issue Certificate	HG/FB			
d) Letter to National Hydrographic Office India	HG		15 MAY	20 ABR
Issue Certificate	HG/FB			
e) Letter to NAVOCEANO, USA	HG		15 MAY	20 ABR
Issue Certificate	HG/FB			
f) Letter to Hydrographic Department Russia	HG		15 MAY	20 ABR
Reply from Frunze Academy	FRUNZE			
Reply to BM for comments	HG			
Reply from BM to HG	ALL			
Grant Recognition if appropriate	HG			
Issue Certificate	HG/FB			
<b>IV Standards</b>				
a) Prepare errata page for M-5 and circulate to BM and holders of M-5	FB		30 JUN	
b) Letter of thanks to all institutions providing Comments in relation to M-5 Edition 8 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	HG		30 MAY	26
c) Review and prepare new Nautical Science Content for the Syllabi as agreed.	ALL		30 OCT	
* Vessel Characteristics and handling	SA/DW		30 OCT	
* Safety at Sea	SR/SS		30 OCT	

* Navigation and Pilotage	HG/FB	30 OCT	
* Hydrographic Operations	GJ/RA	30 OCT	
* Appendix II and Check List	HG/FB	30 JAN	
d) Prepare new wording for Items (1) and apply new definitions of knowledge level (2) to Syllabus, as agreed.	ALL (1)	30 OCT	
	ALL (2)	30 JAN	
* E1 and E5	SA/SS	30 OCT/JAN	
* E2 and E6	HG/TT	30 OCT/JAN	
* E4 and E8	GJ/RA	30 OCT/JAN	
* E3	DW/FB	30 OCT/JAN	
e) Review of Options	ALL	30 JAN	
* Option 01	HG	30 JAN	
* Option 02	SR	30 JAN	
* Option 03	GJ/RA	30 JAN	
* Option 04	GJ/RA	30 JAN	
* Option 05	SA	30 JAN	
* Option 06	SS	30 JAN	
* Option 07	DW	30 JAN	

## V Future Submissions

a) Letter to Bordeaux France	HG	30 MAY	<b>05 MAY</b>
b) Letter to UNB Canada	HG	30 MAY	26 APRIL
c) Letter to Hamburg Polytechnics Germany	HG	30 MAY	26 APRIL
d) Letter to ITB Indonesia	HG	30 MAY	26 APRIL
e) Letter to SHOA Chile	HG	30 MAY	26 APRIL
f) Letter to Escuela Naval Colombia	HG	30 MAY	26 APRIL
g) Letter to DNH Venezuela	HG	30 MAY	26 APRIL
h) Letter to NAVOCEANO USA	HG	30 MAY	26 APRIL
i) Letter to University College London UK	HG	30 MAY	26 APRIL
j) Letter to AMI Trieste Italy	HG	30 MAY	26 APRIL

## VI Miscellaneous

a) Letter to SHOA Chile related to XXIII Meeting	HG	30 APR	26 APRIL
b) Email or Diskette with relevant informations of the Board ( ToR, ToP, M-5, List Courses, List Members, Historical info, Revision form, and others.)	FB	30 MAY	
c) Letter to CHS Canada related to presentation	HG	30 MAY	26 APRIL
d) Send Draft Nautical Cartographic Course to all BM. ( Prepared by Trieste IMA)	FB	?	
e) Send Draft Standards of Competence for Nautical Cartographers to BM	SR	30 DEC	
f) Letter to IHB related to Standards for Nautical Cartographers	HG	30 MAY	21 APRIL
g) Circulate Draft Agenda and TimeTable for XXIII I.A.B. Meeting	HG/FB	30 JAN	

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