



INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION
CAPACITY BUILDING SUB COMMITTEE (CBSC)

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Members of the CBSC

CBSC letter 2014

Dear colleagues,

Again, now already for the fourth time, I am sending you an annual letter to inform you about some major issues since our last meeting in Brest.

2014 was a very important year for our joint work in terms of capacity building.

The first thing to mention surely is the unanimous support of the revised CB Strategy at the 5 Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference. The revised Strategy now provides a solid basis for our CB work. Capacity Building was one of the main focusses of the Conference and was mentioned throughout the week. We had the opportunity to present ourselves with a theme during the “presentation and discussion session”. The poster session provided the visibility that hydrographic CB deserves and even HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco showed very much interest in that.

Earlier in 2014 we laid the basis for presenting the revised Strategy at EIHC 5. We conducted the CB Stakeholder Seminar in March with good success, involving industry, trainers, trainees and other stakeholders. We even used internet broadcasting successfully. We managed to finalize the Strategy in Brest and to get the full support from IRCC. Thank you very much again to all of you.

Our CB Assistant, Ms. Bianca Costin, will leave the post by the end of this year due to administrative reasons. She has been in the post during the past 18 months. I would like to thank her again for her tremendous support she provided us and wish her all the best.

Capacity Building efforts rely on the active involvement of the Regional Hydrographic Committees. In some regions CB Workshops were held this year, which is an excellent opportunity to promote CB and to further improve the development and execution of programmes.

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The number of submissions is growing, which is excellent. At the same time it increases the need to provide submissions in accordance with our procedures. The time limit for submissions of 1 April is as important as the processing according to the procedures well in advance of the meeting. Please use your influence to assure the timely and complete submissions within your Regional Hydrographic Commissions.

A high percentage of our 2014 work programme has been executed this year. The other planned events that had to be postponed, were agreed upon by e-mail. I would like to thank all CB Coordinators for their very important work. Our subcommittee would not be able to operate without your contribution.

In November the joint CB meeting of IHO, IMO, IOC, WMO, IALA, IAEA and FIG was held at the FIG headquarters in Copenhagen. The important exchange of experiences and the coordination of existing programs within this informal group was very fruitful as usual.

I would like to thank you for your most valuable participation in the IHO capacity building initiative and I am looking forward to seeing you all in good health at the next CBSC meeting in Acapulco, Mexico on the 27 to 29 May 2015.

Let me finally send you warm seasonal greetings and the best wishes for a happy new year 2014 for you and your families.

Best personal regards,

Thomas Dehling

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