

15th CHRIS MEETING
IHB, Monaco, 10-13 June 2003

REPORT OF INDUSTRY WORKSHOPS AND STAKEHOLDER ORGANIZATIONS
(by IHB)

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For the third year the IHB organised the annual Marine Industry Workshop, known as the “IHO-Industry Days”, in Monaco, on 26-28 June 2002. Experience has shown that regular and constant interface between the major role players in the world of hydrography is necessary. It is important for the views of representatives from related industry and the authorities responsible for implementation of charting to be heard, as it is for that of the official producers of the data.

The Workshop was organized into several sessions, each one on a particular topic: Use of ECDIS; ENC Production, Coverage and Delivery; Development and Control of Standards; etc. Discussion Panels were held for each session, comprising two representatives from industry and two from the IHO. Each panel discussion was preceded by some short presentation.

At the end of the workshop, the following important outcomes were suggested:

- The format of the Workshop could be improved and the industry should be considered Stakeholders.
- It was clear that ECDIS is losing to ECS (mainly in the retrofit sphere). This probably is caused by lack of resources or structure, and complicated requirements to produce ENC. Possible solution could be better IHO programmes in support of production and more involvement of commercial companies.

Workshop discussions indicated that following-up actions could focus on:

- Increased cooperation between industry and IHO Member States to address the lack of ENC coverage.
- Increased consultation with industry and users during the development and revision of specifications and standards,
 - to ensure the users' needs and perspectives are addressed;
 - to ensure ECDIS hardware and software compatibility.
- Defining and formalizing a mechanism whereby industry could effectively liaise with the IHO.

More can be found in a **report prepared by Cor Mallie**, Chartworx, Netherlands.

There were approximately 70 participants in the Workshop, with less than one third from HOs. The next IHO-Industry Days have been planned on 16-17 June 2003 at the IHB, i.e. immediately following the 15th CHRIS Meeting (10-13 June) and the 2nd Meeting of the IHO-IEC HGMIO (14 June), and it is very much hope that this will significantly contribute to increasing IHO representation to the Workshop.

Following the 2002 IHO-Industry Days, a meeting was organized in UK, in August, by the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), at the suggestion of Radm Neil Guy, with representatives from the IHO and the shipping industry in attendance. **See Minutes of this meeting.** A similar meeting was subsequently held in April 2003. **See Report of this meeting.** ICS has been invited to participate in the 2003 IHO-Industry Days.

Another following-up action of the 2002 IHO-Industry Days has been an initiative by Radm Hans van Opstal, Caris NL, to form an Industry Interest Group, named International Association of Hydrographic Industries (IAHI) and with which the IHO could liaise. **See paper on the matter by Radm van Opstal.**