

Workshop of the Chair Group of the IHO Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) Paris/Saint-Mandé, France, 1 - 2 June

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At its 7th meeting in November 2015, the IHO Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) agreed to delegate the preparation of the Committee's contribution to the preparation of the 19th International Hydrographic Conference / 1st Session of the IHO Assembly to be held in April 2017 to its Chair Group. The Chair Group comprises the Chairs of the HSSC subordinate bodies, the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the HSSC.

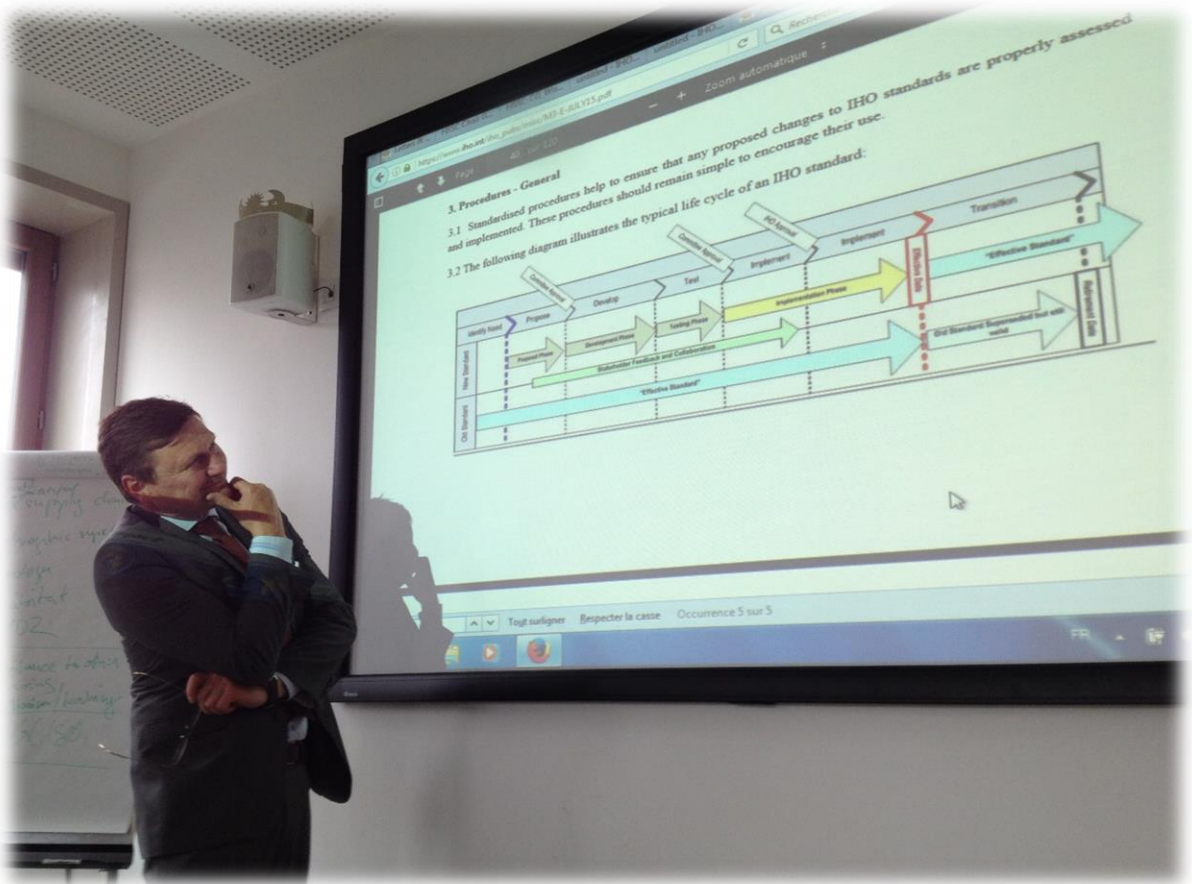
The Chair Group met as a dedicated workshop hosted by the French Hydrographic Office of France (SHOM) in Paris/Saint-Mandé, France, on 1 and 2 June 2016. It was attended by 9 of the 13 members of the Chair Group. The members who were not able to participate had provided written inputs prior to the meeting. Dr Mathias Jonas, National Hydrographer of Germany and Chair of the HSSC, chaired the workshop.



Participants in the HSSC Chair Group Workshop

The workshop reviewed the current version of the IHO Strategic Plan and concluded that a full-scale revision was not required. Several proposed amendments related to the scope of the HSSC were developed. The main items for the next cycle of the Committee's work programme were identified and the associated performance indicators were agreed. The development of the draft work programme will be progressed subsequently for further consideration at the 8th meeting of the HSSC in November 2016.

At the request of the Chairs of the HSSC Working Groups, the adequacy of IHO Resolution 2/2007 - *Principles and procedures for making changes to IHO technical standards and specifications* was also considered. The members of the workshop did not identify any compelling evidence that a revision of the Resolution would improve the efficiency of the existing procedures and agreed to take no further action on this issue.



IHO Resolution 2/2007: *To be or not to be-[revised] ... that is the question*