

Capacity Building – Submitted by the IHB

The XVIIth IHC confirmed that Capacity Building was a strategic issue for the IHO. The chairman of the IHO Capacity Building Committee has written to all chairs of committees and WGs seeking information as to their ability to assist in training programmes for Capacity Building. A copy of the letter is attached to this paper.

The IHOTC is requested to consider how it may respond to this request.

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**5th Meeting of the IHO CBC
Support of the IHO Committees, Commissions and WGs for Capacity Building Activity**

Dear Chairman,

1. In my letter CBC/1dated 21 Aug 06, I sought to improve communication between the IHOCBC and other committees, commissions and working groups of the organization in order to identify any opportunities for us to enhance and refine our capacity building efforts. I am most grateful for the ideas which were subsequently forwarded by the CSPCWG. These were discussed during our 5th meeting in Riga, Latvia earlier this month, and I have been asked to canvass your views on the following ideas.

2. One of the IHO Commissions, the CPRNW, has been successfully engaged in a number of regional training and briefing events over the past 3 years, and will this month hold its prototype Training Course targeted on enabling coastal states to put in place a focal point for communication with NAVAREA Coordinators. Could similar courses be developed by other IHO Committees? For example, the CBC has received a request for delivery of a Technical Workshop on INT charts and their scheming, for which CSPCWG assistance would be invaluable. Certainly the CBC Chair will be contacting CSPCWG Chairman, seeking for guidance and experts availability to deliver a proper programme.

3. It is appreciated that the production and coordination of a complete training event represents a significant commitment. It may be, however, that a committee has training material such as standard presentations which could prove invaluable for a regional expert tasked to participate in a seminar. It would also be most helpful to know of any volunteers from your committees, commissions and working groups who would be willing to deliver lectures or to facilitate training sessions. I would be most grateful if you could consider these options, and I look forward to your feedback, recalling the confirmation at XVII IHC that capacity building remains a strategic programme of this organization.

On behalf of the IHO CBC
Yours sincerely,

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA
IHB Director & CBC Chairman

Note: To improve the Organization's effectiveness, this letter is provided only by e-mail.