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**INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 3RD MEETING OF THE IHO
TIDES, WATER LEVEL AND CURRENTS WORKING GROUP (TWCWG3)
VIÑA DEL MAR, CHILE, 16 - 20 APRIL 2018**

20 October 2017

Dear Members of the TWCWG,

1. All members of the TWCWG are hereby invited to attend the 3rd meeting of the TWCWG which will be held in the Viana Conference Room, Marina del Rey Hotel, Viña del Mar, Chile, from 16 to 20 April 2018. There will be a visit to the offices of The Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service of the Chilean Navy (SHOA) in Valparaíso during the meeting. The latest Membership List is attached at Annex A.
2. Please let LCDR Carlos Zúñiga (czuniga@shoa.cl) know as soon as possible if you plan to attend. All attending the meeting must complete the registration form at Annex B and return it to LCDR Carlos Zúñiga, copied to David Wyatt, no later than 1 March 2018. The form is also available on the IHO-TWCWG3 web page:
https://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/IHOTC/TWCWG3/TWCWG3.htm.
3. Details of the hotel options are available in the Logistical Information document available on the IHO-TWCWG3 web page and at Annex C. Members attending must make their reservations directly with the hotel.
4. Finally anyone requiring a letter of invitation from Chile for the purposes of obtaining a Visa to visit Chile is requested to inform LCDR Carlos Zúñiga at the earliest opportunity.

On behalf of the Chair, TWCWG,
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Wyatt', is written over a horizontal line.

David Wyatt
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Annexes:

- A. TWCWG membership list.
- B. TWCWG3 registration form.
- C. TWCWG3 logistics information.

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**Registration Form for the TWCWG3 meeting,
16 - 20 April 2018, Viña del Mar, Chile**

Please forward your Registration form to adso@iho.int, with copies to LCDR Carlos Zúñiga (czuniga@shoa.cl) and to Mr. Juan Fierro (oceanografia@shoa.cl), before **1 March 2018**.

	Information for a participant	Remarks
Country:		
Name:		
Address:		
E-mail:		
Phone (mobile):		
Arrival: Date Time Flight:		
Departure: Date Time Flight:		
Hotel:		
Special dietary requirements:		

**THE 3RD MEETING OF THE IHO
TIDES, WATER LEVEL AND CURRENTS WORKING GROUP (TWCWG3)**

Viña del Mar, Chile, 16-20 April 2018

LOGISTIC INFORMATION

1. Venue

The meeting will be held at the Viana Conference Room, Marina del Rey Hotel, Viña del Mar, Chile.

A visit to the headquarters of the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service of the Chilean Navy – SHOA – will also be scheduled during the meeting week.

2. Requirements for Security Clearance

Foreign Nationals: Please bring a government-issued ID with a photo and fill out the registration form at Annex B of Letter of Invitation and return it to LCDR Carlos Zúñiga (czuniga@shoa.cl), with a copy to Mr. Juan Fierro (oceanografia@shoa.cl), no later than March 1st 2018.

3. Accommodation

The SHOA has arranged with Marina del Rey Hotel, a special meeting rate and has made a block booking in the name TWCWG3 participants from 15-21 April 2018.

Block Booking rates

Single or Double Room: US\$ 110 per night. (**special rate**)

Foreign non-resident guests do not pay any tax, as long as they pay with US dollars or credit card. Government tax of 19 percent is waived for Foreign Nationals, must present a valid foreign passport.

Participants are expected to make their own accommodation arrangements. However, assistance can be provided as needed. Anyone requiring assistance is invited to contact Mr. Juan Fierro at oceanografia@shoa.cl.

Because availability at this hotel is limited, speakers/participants are urged to secure their reservations as soon as possible.

REMEMBER to use **SHOA ABRIL 2018** as your booking reference

A) Hotel MARINA DEL REY (identified as 1 in the map)

Address: Ecuador 299, Viña del Mar, CP 2571530, V
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Tel: +56.32.238 3000

Fax: +56.32.238 3001

E-mail for reservations: reservas.vina@marinahoteles.cl

Website : www.marinahoteles.cl

Usual Rate: There are various room types available.

- Single/Double Room: US\$ 200 per room per night

Breakfast (buffet) is included, served at restaurant.

Parking for one vehicle

Reference for Booking: Please indicate **“SHOA ABRIL 2018 meeting, Special Rate US\$110”**.



Additional Hotels nearby the venue:

B) Hotel GALA (identified as 3 in the map)

Address: Arlegui, 273, Viña del Mar, V Region, Chile

Tel: +56 (32)2321500 and +56 (32)2689568

Fax: +56 (32) 2689568

Website: www.galahotel.cl

Rate: There are various room types available.

- Single Room: US\$192 per room per night (aprox.)

- Double Room: US\$222 per room per night (aprox.)

American Breakfast is included (served at restaurant).



Note: this Hotel is 5 minutes' walk from Hotel Marina del Rey.

C) Hotel O'Higgins (identified as 2 in the map)

Address: Plaza Vergara s/n, Viña del Mar, V Region, Chile

Tel: +56 (32)2265200

Email: reservas@hotelojhiggins.cl

Website: www.panamericanahoteles.cl/ohiggins-html/

Rate: There are various room types available.

- Single Room: US\$192 per room per night (aprox.)

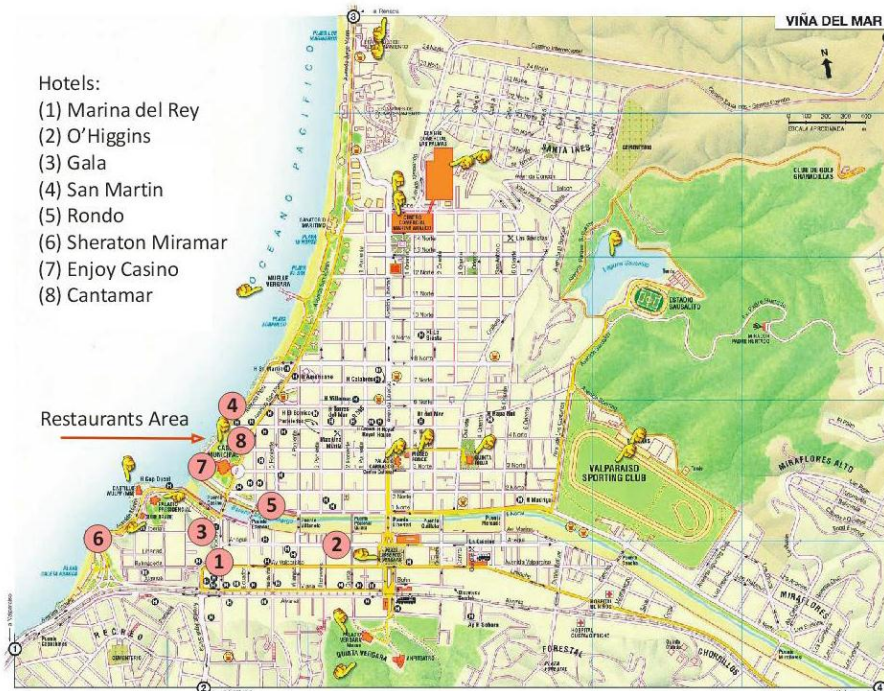
- Double Room: US\$222 per room per night (aprox.)

American Breakfast is included (served at restaurant).



Note: this Hotel is 15 minutes' walk from Hotel Marina del Rey.

Numerous other Hotels are available.



Note: Hotel San Martín is completing its refurbishment and expects to start hotel operations during January 2018.

4. Transportation

To and From airport

The Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez International & National Airport (AMB), <https://www.nuevopudahuel.cl/>, is located in the north west of Santiago, about 100 km from Viña del Mar and 20 km from downtown Santiago.

While there are several transportation options to travel from the Airport to Viña del Mar, that you could inspect at <http://www.aeropuertos.net/aeropuerto-internacional-comodoro-arturo-merino-benitez/>, we recommend considering:

1. TRANSVIP

Reservation can be made on line (www.transvip.cl) or at the Counter in the Airport. The voyage from the Airport to Hotels in Viña del Mar, based on a Van for up to 7 passengers and luggage has a cost of CLP\$100.400 (approximately US\$160 or 137€). 5% discount applies if paid by “webpay” and 10% discount applies if return reservation is made. TRANSVIP also has a Taxi service. The price Airport-Viña del Mar is about the same as for the Van.

2. Transfer Class (www.transferclass.cl)

Reservation can be made at email: reservas@transferclass.cl
The voyage from the Airport to Hotels in Viña del Mar, based on a Van for up to 6 passengers and luggage has a cost of CLP\$120.000 (approximately US\$190 or 163€). TRANSFER CLASS also has a Taxi service. The price Airport-Viña del Mar has a cost of CLP\$80.000 (about US\$130 or 109€).

3. There is a bus (TUR BUS) from the airport to the TUR BUS Central Terminal in Santiago, where a connection to Viña del Mar is available in the same company at the Bus Terminal. Total cost Airport-Central Station - Viña del Mar is around CLP\$8.000 (approximately US\$13), one way ticket.

Note: We do not recommend hiring non official transportation (especially UBER) at the Airport.

To and From SHOA

In order to visit SHOA's headquarters, it will be provided the transportation from the Marina del Rey Hotel to SHOA (on day to be scheduled) and back to Hotel. Details of pick-up hours will be provided upon arrival.

5. Catering arrangements

Small coffee breaks will be provided by the host between the meeting sessions.

A break for lunch will be provided but meals will not be supplied. TWCWG3 attendants will be able to choose between the daily menu or select meals and beverages - à la carte - from a list of options at the restaurant of the hotel.

Depending on availability a special dinner room at the restaurant of the hotel could be prepared for TWCWG3 attendants,

Nearby the Marina del Rey Hotel there are several alternatives within walking distance to have dinner. Participants can experience different sorts of food at their cost. Particularly in neighbourhood of San Martin Avenue and nearby you may find a variety of places to eat. There are Fast-Food providers as well as nice Restaurants with different specialties (sea food, meet, pasta, etc.).

6. General Information for Viña del Mar

Viña del Mar, also known as the Garden City, was founded on 29th December 1874, by the engineer Jose Francisco Vergara, and has grown into the most luxurious beach resort town of Chile, attracting visitors from all over the world.

Some come to Viña del Mar's languid tropical atmosphere, its grand tree lined boulevards, its vast, soft stretches of white sand beach, and its sybaritic abundance of gourmet restaurants.

While the celebrity of Viña has brought it any number of sleek, modern buildings and hotels, the character of the town is set by its many charming colonial houses.

Viña is famous because of the Musical Festival, which is held every year in the third week of February and lasts for five days. It is very popular amongst nationals and effectively marks the end of the summer season. The city is also home to one of the most renowned gambling casinos you'll find in the country.

7. Electrical Power

Electricity in Chile runs at 220 Volts and 50 Hz. For the most part, electrical sockets (outlets) in Chile are the "Type C" European CEE 7/16 Europlug. Also reported to be in use is the "Type L" Italian CEI 23-6/VII.

						
North America Grounded NEMA 5-15	Japan Non-grounded JIS C 8303	Europe German style CEE7/4 Schuko	Europe French style Schuko	Europe/Russia Non-grounded CEE7/16 Europlug	Great Britain Grounded BS-1363	Great Britain "Shaver socket" BS-4573
						
Australia/China Grounded AS-3112	Italy Grounded CEI 23-16	Switzerland Grounded SEV-1011	Denmark Grounded SRAAF 1962/DB	Israel Grounded SI 32 (IS 16A-R)	India Grounded BS-546 "Small"	South Africa Grounded BS-546 "Large"

8. Currency

The peso is the currency of Chile. The current peso has circulated since 1975, with a previous version circulating between 1817 and 1960. Its symbol is defined as a letter S with either one or two vertical bars superimposed prefixing the amount, \$; the single-bar symbol, available in most modern text systems, is almost always used. The ISO 4217 code for the present peso is CLP. It is officially subdivided into 100 centavos, although there are no current centavo-denominated coins.

Banknotes: 1000, 2000, 5000, 10,000,
20,000 pesos

Coins: 10, 50, 100, 500 pesos



9. FAQ

Location & Transport: Coordinates: 33° 0' S 71° 31' W, located 74 miles (120 km) northwest of Santiago and 5 miles (8 km) north of Valparaiso on the Pacific Ocean, Viña is in the central zone of Valparaiso and well connected to the central valleys and locations north and south of the city. Buses leave from and to Santiago every half hour or less, and are a mere 1.5 hour ride away.

Telephone: Country code: 56, Area code: 32

Climate: The weather is generally considered to be Mediterranean, with rains restricted exclusively to the winter season. Proximity to the sea means that the land temperatures are regulated by ocean currents during the summer and winter months (October to March and April to September respectively) making the former warm and pleasant and the latter mild, with temperatures ranging between 10 and 22 degrees C. The mild climate and lack of morning frost in winter has helped the growth of robust vegetation, including both autochthonous and imported species, with such plants as the bougainvillea, hibiscus and golden thimbles, whose gilded petals can often be seen creeping up between railway sleepers.

