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**CHANGE IN OFFICE BEARERS OF THE  
MARINE SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURES WORKING GROUP (MSDIWG)**

**IHO MSDIWG Members**

For Information:

Observers to MSDIWG

10 July 2012

Dear MSDIWG Delegate,

The Directing Committee has been informed of the following:

- Mr. Jens Peter Hartman of the Danish Hydrographic Office (Kort & Matrikelstyrelsen) has volunteered for the position of Vice Chair of the MSDIWG. This position has been unfilled for three years since the current Chair assumed office. Mr. Hartman is actively involved in various MSDI initiatives in the European Union and in the Baltic Sea region.
- Ms. Maureen Kenny of the US Office of Coast Survey (NOS-NOAA), the current Chair, is no longer available to continue in the position due to work commitments. She will still participate in MSDIWG as an ordinary member.

In the circumstances and in the absence of any volunteers over a considerable period of time for the position of Vice Chair, Mr Hartman is considered, in effect, to have been elected unopposed.

Following this, and given the unavailability of Ms. Kenny to continue as Chair, and in accordance with Rule of Procedure 4.g of the MSDIWG Terms of Reference, *"If the Chair is unable to carry out the duties of the office, the Vice-Chair shall act as the Chair with the same powers and duties"*, Mr. Hartman therefore becomes the new Chairman of MSDIWG.

Rule of Procedure 4.d states *"The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be a representative of a Member State. The election of the Chair and Vice-Chair should normally be decided at the first meeting after each ordinary session of the Conference and, in such case, shall be determined by vote of the Member States present and voting."*

Accordingly, Mr. Hartman will chair MSDIWG until the next meeting of MSDIWG (MSDIWG-4) – that is likely to be called later in 2012 or early in 2013, at which time an election for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair for the next inter-Conference period (2013-2017) will take place.

The Directing Committee takes this opportunity, on behalf of all Member States, to thank Ms. Kenny for her work as Chair of MSDIWG over the last three years and to acknowledge the support of the US Office of Coast Survey for making her available for the position.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Ward", with a period at the end.

Robert WARD  
Director