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NAUTICAL INFORMATION PROVISION WORKING GROUP

Rostock, 7 September 2018

IHO Stakeholder Forum on Presentation of Nautical Publication Information on future S100 based ECDIS Systems

Dear Sir,

I would like to officially invite you to the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) Nautical Information Provision Working Group's (NIPWG) Stakeholders Forum in Rostock, 29 January 2019.

The NIPWG is responsible for data that supports the nautical chart. The products, which will be produced based on NIPWG product specifications are intended to provide former printed nautical publication information in a digital, S-100 conformant format. This information is instrumental in safe-navigation, yet isn't well represented within ECDIS systems.

The Stakeholder Forum is intended to seek your view on how this information could be sufficiently provided in ECDIS. It will help NIPWG to ensure that their data model and Product Specifications are supporting your development processes.

I'm sure you will agree that now, more than ever before, it is increasingly important to discuss the future of NIPWG products with you, the ECDIS developers and the ECDIS users.

If your organisation is looking to make more valuable contributions to the NIPWG working group with respect to the provision of nautical publication information on future S-100 based ECDIS, than this Stakeholder Forum is the best opportunity.

Considering that some of your participating NCSR6, the forum will be conducted on Tuesday 29 January which is the week after NCSR6.

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Forum Details

When: Tuesday 29 January 2019 (09:00 – 17:00)

Where: TBD, Rostock, Germany

How much: Free. Participants to pay for own travel and accommodation.
Snacks, fruits, beverages and lunch will be provided for free.

Forum information will be regularly updated on the [NIPWG website](#). Logistic information and an agenda will be provided for participants at a later date.

Due to logistic reasons, I would like to receive your intention to participate the forum **by the 10 October 2018 at the latest**.

Furthermore, and in consideration that the forum is your opportunity to share your ideas, if you intend to provide a presentation, I would like to know the topic and the estimated duration.

I'm looking forward for a fruitful forum here in Rostock, Germany.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Jens Schröder-Fürstenberg'.

Jens Schröder-Fürstenberg
(NIPWG Chairman)

RSPV by 10 October 2018