

Report of the IHO ISPWG work

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Introduction

The IHO Strategic Planning Working Group (ISPWG) was established at the XVII Conference in May 2007 with the task to review and update the IHO Strategic Plan (approved 2000). The ISPWG should report to the 4th EIHC in June 2009. The Chair Group of the ISPWG will comprise *Mr. Gilles Bessero* (Chair), *Capt. Floor de Haan*, *Capt. Wesley Cavalcheiro* (Vice-Chairs) and *Adm. Alexandros Maratos* (IHB).

All Regional Hydrographic Commissions were asked to nominate their representatives to the ISPWG. Both the Nordic Hydrographic Commission and the Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission have nominated *Mr. Juha Korhonen* as their representative to the ISPWG.

Status of ISPWG Work by June 2008

The ISPWG has worked according to the working method and Work Plan proposed by the Chair Group. So far the **Structure of Strategic Plan, Strategic Assumptions** and **Strategic Directions** has been discussed and approved by the ISPWG Members.

Now the ISPWG is dealing with **Ways and means**, e.g. how to implement the strategic directions.

An ISPWG meeting is scheduled to be held back-to-back to the forthcoming WEND meeting in Tokyo in 1 September 2008. The ISPWG will prepare its report for submission to Member States through the IHB by 31 October 2008. The IHB will collect the comments from Member States into the Red Book of the 4th Extraordinary IH Conference.

In my opinion, the ISPWG Chair Group has done a very good job, the work has been well organised, and the current drafts are clear and covers the main issues.

A more detailed status report and a summary of the current draft proposals will be given at the BSHC 13th Conference.

Actions required by the BSHC 13th Conference

The BSHC 13th Conference is asked:

1. to take a note of this report
2. to consider on possible advice for the future work of the ISPWG.