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To: BSHC Members

18th BSHC Conference - Additional information

Dear BSHC Colleagues

In my BSHC18 Letter 1/2013 on 5 April 2013 you were invited to the 18th BSHC Conference, on 16 – 18 September 2013 in Tallinn, Estonia.

I thank all those who have forwarded proposals or comments to the Draft Agenda. All proposed new Items are included in the attached the Draft Agenda Version 2. German proposal "EU marine and maritime policy" proposed under Agenda B has been allocated as D.6 because we believe that this belongs under IRCC activities. The Draft Agenda Version 2 with estimated time schedules and references to expected documents is in Annex 1.

I attach the Draft Program Version 2 in Annex 2. Due the very may items in the draft Agenda we have agreed with the Estonian hosts to extend the Conference also to the afternoon of Wednesday the 18th of September and propose the Conference to be closed at 17 o'clock at the latest. We hope this extension of the Conference time schedule does not cause problems to any of you.

The Draft Agenda seems to be very crowded and we propose that at the sessions we concentrate mainly on those issues where we believe that thorough discussions and important decisions are needed. Thus we have less time for pure reporting issues. In Draft Agenda version 2 we have tentatively estimated the time for each item. Mainly we have allocated 10 minutes for pure reporting items and 30 minutes for Working Group reports and other items we believe we need detailed discussions. We encourage you all to forward your essential information written on your National Reports and Explanatory Notes.

Please submit your national reports, your Explanatory Notes (as envisaged in Draft Agenda), updates to BSHC17 Actions and possible other supporting documents for the conference by email to Jukka.Varonen@fta.fi with a copy to Juha.Korhonen@fta.fi no later than **12 August 2013**. We plan to forward the Conference documents to all BSHC members and BSHC18 participants by 16 August 2013.

The logistical information and Registration form was attached to BSHC18 Letter 1 sent on 5 April 2013. So far we have received only few registrations. I kindly ask you to submit your Registration form by email to Vaido.Kraav@vta.ee with a copy to Juha.Korhonen@fta.fi no later than **12 August 2013**.

For you information, there has been a query if an industry member could participate to the Conference as an observer. Even if there is an IRCC recommendation to invite

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stakeholders into the Conferences, I as the BSHC Chair have decided not to allow that due the very heavy Program and Agenda. However there will be a proposal to arrange a Lidar seminar perhaps 2014 where industry could participate.

We will be pleased to forward you any clarifications or additional information you wish to have, please let us know.

Both I and Juha Korhonen will be on our summer holidays from 1 July until 12 August. On urgent issues you may try to contact us via our mobile phones. Mr. Rainer Mustaniemi (rainer.mustaniemi@fta.fi) will return from his holidays on 24 July and will be available on BSHC18 issues if any need arise. You may also contact the BSHC Vice-Chair Mr. Taivo Kivimäe (taivo.kivimae@vta.ee).

I thank to our Estonian hosts on the very good co-operation for the preparations of the Conference so far and I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Tallinn in September.

With best regards



Jukka Varonen
BSHC Chairman

Enclosures

1. BSHC18_Draft Agenda, Version 2
2. BSHC18_Draft Programme, Version 2