

## **The 11th WEND Meeting Tokyo, Japan, 2nd - 5th September 2008**

The 11<sup>th</sup> World Electronic Navigational Chart Database (WEND) meeting which is one of the commemorative ceremony for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Coast Guard System of Japan was held at the Mita Kaigisyo, Tokyo, Japan, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> September 2008. The 1<sup>st</sup> IHO Strategic Plan WG (ISPWG) was also held on the afternoon of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September. In addition the 4<sup>th</sup> ECDIS Stakeholders' Forum (ESF) was held on the afternoon of 3<sup>rd</sup> September and the morning of 4<sup>th</sup> September for the first time in the Asian district.

### 1. 11<sup>th</sup> WEND meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2008)

Chairman: Captain Abri KAMPFER (South African Navy Hydrographic Office)

Vice-Chairman: Captain Steve BARNUM (USA - NOAA)

Secretary: Ing. en chef Michel HUET (International Hydrographic Bureau, Monaco)

The WEND meeting was opened at the Auditorium of the Mita Kaigisyo with the welcome address and the opening remarks delivered by Dr. Shigeru Kato, Chief Hydrographer of Japan and attended by 29 countries and 5 organizations.

At the WEND meeting taking into account the circumstances of the mandatory carriage requirement for the Electronic Chart Display System (ECDIS) in 2012, and they discussed ways to promote development of the Electronic Nautical Charts (ENCs).

As a result, it agreed to the revision of the WEND principles that was a basic rule for the ENCs making for navigation. Each country can produce ENCs for uncovered area with its cooperation, it is expected to dramatically improve ENC coverage in those area.

### 2. 1<sup>st</sup> ISPWG (1<sup>st</sup> September 2008)

Chairman: Ingénieur Général de l'Armement Gilles BESSERO (France)

Vice Chairmen: Captain Floor de HAAN (Netherlands) and Captain Wesley CAVALHEIRO (Brazil)

IHB Representative: Vice- Admiral Alexandros MARATOS

Discussing the future prospects, the mission and the purpose of IHO at ISPWG meeting, the revised draft of current strategic plan was created and would be submitted to member states in 2009.

### 3. 4<sup>th</sup> ECDIS STAKEHOLDERS' FORUM (3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2008,)

Chairman: Mr Horst Hecht ( Director Nautical Hydrography, Bundesamt für Seeschifffahrt und Hydrographie, Germany)

The problems of price, maintenance and distribution of the ENC's were discussed in ESF. General discussion was held by the producers of the ENC's, manufacturers of the ECDIS and maritime officials who use the ENC's. The participants confirmed the importance of creating the ENC's and necessity to obtain maintenance information as soon as possible.



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