



Circular Letter 2025/07

7 April 2025

Subject: **Outcome of the 1st session of the IALA Council**

To: IALA members

Dear IALA members,

The first session of the IALA council of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation was held in Singapore on 21 February 2025.

The Council elected the Chair and members the Finance and Audit Group as follows:

- United Kingdom (Chair);
- Chile;
- France;
- Germany; and
- Malaysia

The Council approved the committee structure and working arrangements.

The Council approved the work programme for 2025-2027.

The Council appointed or re-appointed the Chairs and Vice Chairs as follows:

Aids to Navigation Requirements and Management Committee (ARM):

Chair: Guttorm Tomren, Norway

Vice Chair: Natasha McMahon, Canada

Engineering and Sustainability Committee (ENG):

Chair: Alwyn Williams, United Kingdom

Vice Chair: Michel Cousquer, France

Digital Technologies Committee (DTEC):

Chair: Hideki Noguchi, Japan

Vice Chair: Dennis Khoo, Singapore

Vessel Traffic Services Committee (VTS):

Chair: Monica Sundklev, Sweden



Vice Chair: Dirk Eckhoff, Germany

Policy Advisory Panel (PAP):

Chair: Phil Day, United Kingdom

Vice Chair: Serhat Aytugel, Türkiye

Legal Advisory Panel (LAP):

Chair: Christina Schneider, Germany

Vice Chair: Thomas Arculus, United Kingdom

The Council appointed the WWA Board as follows:

- Rear Admiral Tsuguo Awai, Japan Coast Guard (Chair)
- Professor Maximo Q. Mejia, Jr., President of the World Maritime University
- Ms. Catherine Mulvihill, CEO of the International Foundation for Aids to Navigation, IFAN
- Professor Seung-Gi GUG, Dean of the Graduate School at Korea Maritime & Ocean University
- The Secretary-General/Deputy Secretary-General
- The Dean of the WWA

The Council approved:

For Affiliate Industrial membership

- **Seamax Marine Services, Pakistan (4PAK102).**
- **IHI Corporation, Japan (4JAP015).**

For Affiliate membership

- **Research Institute of Medium & Small Shipbuilding, Rep. of Korea (3RCOR10).**
- **Hydrography and Navigation Coordinating office, Venezuela.**
- **ALLforLAND, Rep of Korea.**
- **Marine Exchange of San Francisco Bay Region, the United States of America.**

The Council approved the following tentative dates and venues for the following sessions:

- Session 02: 9 to 13 June 2025, Nice, France.
- Session 03: 8 to 12 December 2025, Mumbai, India.

The full report is available at <https://www.iala.int/meetings/01-5/> .

Yours sincerely,

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