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L.1.2 Master of Aids to Navigation Management Course

From 28 July to 1 August 2025, in collaboration with the IALA World-Wide Academy, DIRECTEMAR delivered the first IALA L.1.2 Master of Aids to Navigation (AtoN) Management Course held in the Americas and conducted in Spanish. The training was attended by 24 participants from 11 countries. Similarly, preparations are underway to jointly deliver the IALA model course, L.1.1 Aids to Navigation Manager, later this year. This course will begin in September and conclude with a one-week practical training session from 23 to 27 November 2026. All Spanish-speaking aids to navigation personnel are invited to register for this training course.

Curriculum for Subspecialist Officers in Aids to Navigation

This year, the curriculum for the Chilean Navy's Subspecialist Officers in Aids to Navigation was updated. Additionally, 19 training course syllabi were updated to incorporate the contents and competencies defined in the IALA Level 1 model courses on Aids to Navigation management. The curriculum is designed as a 9-month course requiring full-time student participation.

IALA Heritage Lighthouse of the Year Award

We are currently preparing a national delegation to attend the World Marine Aids to Navigation Day Commemoration Ceremony, which will be held this year in the Republic of Korea. During the event, a commemorative plaque will be formally presented to Chile in recognition of the Evangelistas Lighthouse being selected as the IALA Heritage Lighthouse of the Year 2026.

Our delegation consists of the highest-ranking Sub-Specialist Officer in Aids to Navigation in our institution, Rear Admiral Daniel González, who for many years was responsible for the preservation of this important lighthouse and for a vast geographic area of aids to navigation in our country, particularly in the Magallanes Region.