



**Minutes from Mid Term General Assembly**

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Call to order

The IMC Mid Term General assembly was held at the Impiana KLCC Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of August, 2016 with start at 16:30.

From the IMC John Sugarman, Noboru Maruoka and Lars Mansner was present, as well as IALA Secretary-General Francis Zachariae and Deputy Secretary-General Michael Card. A total of 9 industrial members were participating, and the list of participating companies can be found in *Appendix A* to these minutes.

**1. Opening Remarks**

John Sugarman opened the meeting and wished all welcome to the meeting. The IMC President Mr. Young Bang, the Vice President Mr. Steve Nell and Secretary Treasurer Mr. Clive Quickenden had sent in their apologies as they were unable to participate.

**2. Financial Report**

The Treasurer had prepared the financial report which was presented to the meeting. The accounts showed funds of 248.301€ as of 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, 2016. The financial situation was considered good and provides a solid starting base for the 2018 conference.

John Sugarman also explained that the funds are now located within the IALA finance and in Euro currency, a change which was made after the 2014 La Coruna conference. The financial report is attached as *Appendix B* to these minutes.

### **3. IM exhibition and evening at IALA conference 2018, Incheon (South Korea)**

The President Mr. Young Bang had prepared an animated Power Point slide show of the venue, the exhibition and the Industrial Members Dinner. The slide show was presented to the meeting and will be uploaded to the IMC Committee site together with this report and the attachments. The exhibition hall was 4.208 m<sup>2</sup> in size and had a capacity to fit up to 225 pcs of the standard 3x3m booths. Even though space will be allocated for coffee breaks, the exhibition hall offers generous space for the IM exhibition.

It was also noted that the meeting dates recently had been adjusted, and that the final IALA Conference dates now are from **May 27<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**.

The hosting organization, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF) had not yet appointed a conference organizer, so the IMC had not been in position to secure any contracts enabling them to present actual budgetary costs for the venue.

The IMC confirmed that the target was to keep the booth price on the same or lower level that it has been the last couple of conferences. With the growing numbers of Industrial Members (127 today) the growing trend in participation in the exhibitions hopefully can continue. In La Coruna 45 Industrial Members exhibited in a total of 77 booths.

### **4. Update from IALA Secretariat**

SG Francis Zachariae gave an update on changes and activities in the IALA Secretariat. The re-branding of IALA was now completed, and in execution. The logo also changed as a part of this re-branding, and it was now being rolled out in all IALA communication and publications. An upgraded website was about to be released within the next couple of weeks.

The IALA head office has a workforce of 13 full- or part-time officers, which makes the organization very lean compared to other organizations alike.

The Secretary General highlighted the Secretariats focus on IALA's Vision and Goals 2026 which were approved by the previous IALA General assembly. All activities and capacity was aligned to support the two main goals:

- Ensure that AtoN systems and services are harmonized
- Efficient AtoN network through capacity building

The IALA motto is "Successful voyages, sustainable planet"

The meeting also noted the increasing numbers of members in all categories:

- 83 National Members
- 56 Associated Members
- 127 Industrial Members
- 47 Honorary members

The Secretary General especially pointed out the importance of the industrial members within the organization. The work is getting technically more and more complicated, and here the industry's technical competence is extremely valuable for the quality of documentation.

Finally, the very valuable capacity building work of the World Wide Academy was explained and commented by the Secretary General. The new Dean had been appointed, Mr. Omar Frits Eriksson, who will be starting in the position on 1<sup>st</sup> of September.

### **5. Update on IGO negotiations**

SG Francis Zachariae gave a quick update on progress in the change of legal status of the organization. The 2014 resolution by the General Assembly started the work, and the government of France had commenced the very complicated diplomatic work to obtain the Inter-

Governmental Organization legal status. The benefits that IALA had been able to identify was presented and Secretary General again highlighted that the status of the Industrial Members in the new IGO was not challenged. The name of the membership would likely change to Affiliate Member but the interaction, benefits and status would remain unchanged.

The introduction of the 7 Standards was explained to the meeting. Existing IALA Recommendations and Guidelines will then be associated with and linked into appropriate standards. In relation to this, a question was raised by the meeting about possible introduction of Product Certification. The Secretary General responded that currently there were no plans to introduce certificates, and that the product certification process had been introduced in the past but resulting in no industrial member's engagement, so the certification scheme had been abandoned. There was nothing preventing the industry to get together and define and introduce product certifications in case

**6. IALA Pamphlet Promoting IM Program**

Noboru Maruoka informed the meeting that although the development of Industrial Members had been very favorable for the last 10 years, the IMC had identified a need for presentation material. Today there are brochures and pamphlets IALA as an organization, but nothing that explain the Industrial Membership in the organization. The IMC would work together with the IALA secretariat in finalizing such promotion material.

**7. Other business**

As there was no other business, John Sugarman closed the meeting at 17:45

The IALA website today has a dedicated Committee site, which requires login and password given by the Secretariat. Also the IMC has it's own folder on the committee site, and here the IMC will upload all the materials from this and future meetings. The direct link to the current IMC committee site is:

<http://www.iala-aism.org/meetings-events/committees/private/meetings/imc/>

It may be that this link is updated when IALA within the near future releases the new website. However, also in the new website the committee sites will be easy to find and access.

Through the same login/password the Industrial member also controls the presentation of his own company.

Sincerely

Lars Mansner  
*Secretary of the meeting*