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**Rapporteur Report on Testbeds (by Mahesh Alimchandani)**

1. The IALA website now has all information on testbeds that IALA has been advised of. The previous website e-navigation.net will no longer be kept up-to-date. I’d encourage you to check it out (go to IALA website, Products and Projects, then e-navigation, then testbeds on the left hand side).
2. The number and variety of e-navigation-related testbeds is growing rapidly. For example, separate information pages for some 40 testbeds have been created. My thanks to the IALA Secretariat for posting testbed information on the website promptly.
3. WG2 requested IALA to seek some statistics on use of the website. It is pleasing to note that over a period of five months (Oct 2016 to Feb 2017), the testbed page received some 1260 visits. That is, over eight (8) visits per day. If we include visits to all testbed projects, the number climbs to 4588, or some 30 visits a day. We have some more statistics that we’ll evaluate in the WG and report back to the committee.
4. I encourage testbed project managers to provide a short article on their testbeds / projects for publishing in the IALA Bulletin. This will spread the word on their projects amongst the periodical’s readership.
5. We will be developing a communications plan to encourage and attract testbed managers to report the results of their testbeds.
6. While it is pleasing to note the growing number (and diversity) of testbeds, it is important to note that, as per IALA Rec e-148 (the need to implement regional e‐navigation solutions based on international standards) e-navigation solutions should be provided in accordance with international standards, where such standards exist. It is also important to work with other regional authorities that are in the process of establishing similar e-navigation solutions, with the aim of harmonising their implementation, as far as practicable.

Thank you

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