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**Report on the Third Board Meeting of the IALA World-Wide Academy**

**Held in Brest on 10th October 2012**

**Introduction**

The third Board Meeting of the IALA WWA (**The Academy**) was held during the IALA Short Range Aids to Navigation Workshop in Brest in October 2012. The Dean, Rear Admiral Jean-Charles Leclair reported that The Academy continued to be well received. No negative comments had been forthcoming and the Academy was on the right track. He welcomed the new Deputy Secretary General Michael Card noting that his depth of talent, particularly with Industrial Members, would be an invaluable resource.

**Principle Results of the Third Board Meeting**

**Matters Arising since the 2nd Meeting**. Well-received briefs had been delivered to the Industrial Members Committee by both the Secretary General in June and the Dean in October. The Chairman of the principal Academy sponsor, IFAN had visited in June 2012 and expressed his considerable satisfaction with progress to date. This was reiterated to the Secretary General during the Malacca Straits meeting in September. Projects to introduce a formal Quality Management System and Website are progressing well; the latter should be operational in January 2013.

**Financial Review**. Expenditure remains within budget, despite an increased level of Capacity Building activity. This has resulted through generous in-kind sponsorship for Academy Stage 1 awareness seminars by key Member States; the World Bank and AusAid. The Board decided to establish a Technical Cooperation Fund Operating Reserve using retained Academy funds and additional sponsorship contributions generated as a result of Board Member initiatives. Expenditure from this low-risk interest earning Fund would be subject to Board approval on a case by case basis.

**Action and Master Plans**. The successful Stage 1 awareness seminar held in Cape Town in late May and attendance at IHO Regional Hydrographic Commissions by Academy staff had generated formal requests and expressions of interest for at least three Stage 2 Needs Assessment missions during 2013. It is expected that the scheduled November seminar in Sydney would similarly generate further requests. Terms of Reference for such Missions had been approved. These would be tailored to meet the needs of each request. A comprehensive and demanding Action Plan for 2013 was endorsed which would be passed to Council for approval in December. This included Academy support for a Japanese-sponsored project to train Indonesian VTS operators as part of the Malaccan Strait initiative and a VTS themed seminar in India in early 2014.

**UN “Delivering as One” CB initiative**. In June 2012, the IMO Technical Cooperation Committee commended IALA on the Academy’s establishment whose activity was seen as a key part of the joint United Nations “Delivering as One” Capacity Building initiative. This was reinforced during a speech by IMO’s Secretary General delivered at the VTS Symposium in Istanbul. The concept of IMO participation in a safety seminar run by the Academy and possibly Turkey was proposed. Details will be pursued over the next few months.

**Training and Accreditation**. Active Academy liaison with IALA Committees has produced a raft of positive initiatives. The Board reviewed the findings of the final VTS Training and Accreditation meeting held in Istanbul in September. These had been based on the recommendations of the 2nd VTS T&A Meeting which were approved at the 53rd Council Meeting in June. An article on best training and accreditation practice will appear in the next IALA Bulletin. Applications to be considered as a Council-endorsed AtoN management or VTS expert will be available on the website. Meanwhile a number of Level 2 Technician model courses drafted by several proactive Member States were forwarded for consideration by EEP-19. It is expected that the full Level 2 syllabus will be populated by model courses by the end of 2013.

**Spanish-Speaking States**. The Board welcomed a suggestion from Spain that a short Academy seminar targeted at Spanish-speaking States might be convened just ahead of the 18th Conference in Coruña. The new IALA and Academy websites will be available in Spanish and IALA flyers are being translated into Spanish for the benefit of our predominantly Spanish-speaking colleagues.

**Summary**

Thanks to continued and developing sponsorship and excellent support from IALA Committees, the Academy is firmly on track to deliver both training for the benefit of all Member States and capacity building within its target regions. Formal QMS, a new website and Spanish documentation will enhance this process. A busy but well managed Action Plan for 2013 and beyond continues to focus on the Council approved four-stage capacity building strategy and a re-invigorated training and accreditation process.

***Jean-Charles Leclair***

Dean