

Agenda item 10 – IALA World-Wide Academy

10.3 Documents to note

10.3.2 Report on the Fifth Board Meeting of the IALA World-Wide Academy

Summary

Links between The Academy and IMO have been reinforced over the past six months which is entirely in line with the United Nations “Delivering as One” capacity building strategy. Direct and indirect sponsorship underpin plans to deliver the Action plan for 2014, although it is hoped that more Stage 2 needs assessment missions will be requested from target States. The full suite of Level 2 Technician model courses should be available for download from the IALA website by the end of the year.

Introduction

The fifth Board Meeting of the IALA World-Wide Academy (The Academy) was held in Saint Germain en Laye on 8th October 2013. Apologies were received from Mr Gary Prosser, IALA Secretary General and Board Member who was attending the Industrial Members Committee in Australia. The Dean highlighted the fact that a number of Academy events had been particularly welcomed by the IMO.

Principle Results of the Fifth Board Meeting

Brief to the International Foundation for Aids to Navigation. The Secretary General's brief to the IFAN Board on 29th August had been very well received. Its Board appreciated the strong relationship that had been forged between IALA and the IMO. IFAN indicated that it would continue to sponsor the Academy beyond 2015.

2013 Financial Review. The financial statement for the period 1 January to 30 September 2013 was reviewed and approved by the Board. An underspend on budget was in most part due to increased indirect sponsorship from the IMO totalling some €120,000 in 2013. Three more such IMO events were planned for 2014 and the same level of indirect sponsorship was anticipated.

Sponsorship. The Dean reported that Korea had notified Council 55 of its intention to sponsor the Academy. Details of how much and when might be confirmed at Council 56 in December. The potential for sponsorship from the Nippon Foundation was also discussed. It was understood that the Nippon Foundation would only consider sponsorship for special projects or events, not for generic activity. The Japanese Coast Guard were planning a capacity building event in late 2014. This might be an opportunity for the Secretary General to present a specific case to the Nippon Foundation. Board Member Tamotsu Ikeda stated that JANA would support any application by the Academy particularly now that it had a history of success in CB activity and the delivery of model courses.

Stage 2 Capacity Building Strategy. The Board endorsed the prioritised actions and targets listed in a strategy paper on Stage 2 needs assessment technical visits. Attention

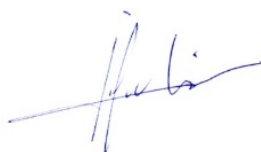
was drawn to a number of small island States that might not reasonably be able to join as full IALA members. There was some discussion on who was or was not a “target State” and whether some IALA members who were not on the list of target States should be considered as a priority. The Board also supported a request by Global Maritime Education and Training Association (GlobalMET) to include a submission by the Academy in support of a proposed safety of navigation Maritime Sector Project to be funded by the Asian Development Bank.

Review of Capacity Building Activity March – October 2013. Capacity Building activity since the last Board Meeting was reviewed. The Dean reported that IMO was very pleased with IALA’s active support at the joint IMO/IALA/IHO Level 1+ seminars in Bangkok and Nouakchott. The IMO was equally impressed with the first IMO/IALA VTS Forum held in Singapore in early October. The IMO was now looking to hold similar VTS-themed events in southern Mediterranean and Black Sea regions which are outside the Academy’s 7 target regions. The Board considered that now that the reputation of the Academy had been established and that there was a sufficient pool of IALA VTS experts, the Academy would participate in such events wherever appropriate. Other activities covered were participation at the fourth Southern African Ad Hoc Regional Co-operation Group on Safety of Navigation and Marine Environment Protection (SAGNEP); the Indonesian VTS Project and the VTS Forum in Rotterdam at which the need for portable simulation had been stressed. The Dean had delivered a well-received intervention at IMO TCC and reported that thanks to the strong liaison engendered by our Secretary General, IALA had been quoted several times in the IMO Sustainable Maritime Transport strategy paper.

Action Plan 2014. The Board approved the Action Plan for 2014 which included the Japanese Coast Guard sponsored four day seminar in late November 2014. This would be VTS focussed with AIS, e-navigation and risk management as themes. The Board noted that although the Academy was ready for more Stage 2 technical visits, including one from Fiji; requests for them were less than anticipated. The strategy agreed earlier in the meeting would be used to generate requests for more technical visits. There was consensus that IGO status would assist that process.

Review of Training. Despite some website delays in advertising the event, the planned November risk seminar in Madrid was on track as was the Level 1 AtoN manager course at IALA HQ in March 2014. Potential Academy participation in training in East Asia under a Memorandum of Understanding was considered. It was expected that the priority for training in that region would focus on VTS.

Model Courses. The final 8 of the 33 Level 2 Technician model courses were expected to be output from the EEP-21Committee for quality control checks before approval by the Board. The Chairman of EEP was thanked for his and the Committees impressive efforts to achieve that milestone. Although PAP had agreed that heritage issues would be included in EEP’s next work period, the responsibility for that subject was likely to be transferred to the Academy in the longer term. The Board considered that a new model course on the decommissioning of major lighthouses would be a valuable addition to the process. All published model courses would be available for download from both the main IALA and Academy websites.



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