

Agenda item 10 – IALA WORLD WIDE ACADEMY**10.1 – Report of the 7th WWA Board meeting****Note by the Dean, IALA World Wide Academy****Introduction**

The seventh Board Meeting of the IALA WWA (The Academy) was held in Saint Germain en Laye on 19th November 2014. The Dean reviewed what he saw as a very successful 7 month period since the last meeting in April. With capacity building and training initiatives bearing fruit in China, Malaysia, Spain and Qatar; the delivery of risk and e-Navigation courses; Stage 2 missions to Comoros and Vietnam and other events at the IMO and Regional Hydrographic Commissions, he reported that the Academy was working well. The recruitment of a full time Programme Manager (PM), financed hopefully by increased funding by IFAN and new sponsorship from Korea, would support future development based on an approved budget and new Master Plan. He was pleased to announce the promotion of Stephen Bennett to Vice Dean on 1 January.

Principal Results from the 7th Board Meeting

Operating Reserve Fund – Policy. The Board approved the creation of three new funds to replace the existing Technical Cooperation Fund Operating Reserve. These comprised two deposit bank accounts named “Academy Reserve” and the “Operating Reserve” and a new provision in the Academy accounting system named the “Academy Emergency Fund”. The minimum and maximum levels in all the above named accounts shall be subject to annual review by the Academy Board.

Sponsorship. The Academy’s principal sponsor, the International Foundation for Aids to Navigation (IFAN) had indicated that the Academy’s request for an increase in funding, fixed for 5 years, had met with a very favourable response. A final decision was expected in February 2015. It was also understood that the Korean Councillor had kindly agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding concerning sponsorship at Council 59. This generous sponsorship would enable the Academy to meet its increasing commitments in the medium term.

Financial Review. Capacity Building (CB) activity during 2014 accounted for 50% of expenditure. Thanks to France’s there would be no loss during the present Financial Year. The 2015 budget, in which CB activity was forecast to account for 58% of expenditure, was approved. This included the costs of recruitment of a new full-time Programme Manager who was required to run the increasing demanding day to day activities of the Academy.

Training and Capacity Building Activities in 2014. The Board considered the reports of the 21 training and CB activities conducted since April 2014. These included close liaison with the IMO at the Technical Cooperation Committee, a seminar in Bulgaria and two Stage 1 awareness seminars in Ghana and Malaysia. The latter had led directly to a request from the Malaysian Competent Authority for assistance with the accreditation process for an AtoN training organization to deliver IALA model courses. Joint two Stage 2 technical visits had been made to the Comoros Islands and Vietnam. The latter resulted in an Academy action to preparing a model draft maritime legislation

format which could be used by the least developed States. It was noted that forthcoming IMO compulsory audits and the increase in the international standing of the Academy had been contributory factors in the increase in IALA membership. Active participation at Regional Hydrographic Commissions assisted raising awareness in target States. The Academy had worked with Members to facilitate both VTS and AtoN training in regional hubs. This had included the provision of the full suite of the Academy's training documentation under the terms of tailored MOUs. The very successful French Level 1 course delivered in September, at which four senior managers from African Francophone States had participated, had used such documentation. Further Level 1 AtoN manager courses were scheduled to be delivered in France, Spain, IALA Headquarters and China during 2015. The annual risk management seminar and the first Introduction to e-Navigation course were particularly successful.

2015 Action and 2015 – 2019 Master Plans. The Board adopted the Action Plan for 2015 which included 6 Stage 2 technical visits, the courses listed above and the first Joint IALA/IHO seminar in a single nation; Panama. The new Master Plan for the period 2015 – 2019, with its new 5 targeted regions and 69 target States (a reduction of 9 from the previous Plan) was reviewed and endorsed. The Academy had developed to the stage where the original concept of "Regional Points of Contact" was no longer necessary. The four existing RPOCs will be thanked formally for their superb contribution during the Academy's first three years.

Training Road Map. The training strategy and policy in the 5 new Regions was reviewed and adopted. Several training hubs would deliver approved AtoN courses under the strap-line "In Partnership with the IALA WWA". Initiatives to assist small Island States, which forms part of the road map strategy, will be pursued actively during 2015.

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Note the report