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13.2 – Future actions

Sponsorship

Note by the World-Wide Academy

Sponsoring of the IALA World-Wide Academy

At the last Council meeting, session 61, the question of the sponsoring of the IALA WWA was raised (document C61-12.3.1). It was stressed that beyond the very generous sponsorship provided by IFAN since the creation of The Academy and by the Republic of Korea since 2015, other sponsors are essential to support the funding of The Academy's actions. Potential donors can not only contribute to the general budget of The Academy or through in-kind support as it is done today, but they can also support specific Academy actions through direct sponsorship. It might be easier to convince the donor agencies to support directly the cost of specific events rather than request them to fund the general budget of the capacity building actions of the organisation.

Some weeks after Council 61, on the 11th of February 2016, the Secretary General sent a letter to each Councillor explaining the requirement for additional sponsorship and the way the potential donors could assist The Academy's actions, by funding specific actions and/or by sponsoring participants from target States to attend capacity building and training events. At this stage, three countries have responded positively to the invitation from the Secretary General: Australia, Denmark and Spain. Of course, the call for money is not only relevant to National Members, but equally to Associate Members and Industrial Members.

For the forthcoming months, the need for sponsoring concerns support for the participation at training events (level 1 and risk management) as well as participation at the VTS Symposium and Committees as an introduction to how IALA works. Funding of capacity building need assessment missions is also a priority action. An updated list of those events and the estimate of the cost is presented in document C62-13.2.2.1.

Document C62-13.2.1 gives an update of the training strategy developed by the Academy. It also provides some indications on the costs for the participants which, in numerous cases, needs to be supported by sponsoring. The amount of money involved in each individual cases is not high – between two and ten thousand Euros – but it is vital to permit the acquisition of the necessary qualification to run AtoN services efficiently.

A special case concerns a train-the-trainer project. Today, VTS operators from Africa need to travel to other continents to be trained, which is costly and requires many formalities. The idea is to take advantage of the presence of regional maritime academies (in Abidjan for Francophones and in Accra for Anglophones) to organise regular courses for African VTS operators. The implementation of the project only needs to train trainers as those academies are already well equipped to deliver such training. It has been decided to start with the Academy of Abidjan where the need is more urgent, as Anglophones should have the alternative possibility of being trained in South Africa from 2017. The



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necessary budget to organise the prerequisite training of Francophone local trainers is 50,000 Euros. A briefing note detailing the project is presented as document C62-13.2.3.

The Councillors are invited to take note of the information provided.

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Note the report.