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14 – IALA CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

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Note by the Republic of Korea

1. INTRODUCTION

As updated below, the tasks to be carried out by Korea to date for the preparation of the 19th IALA Conference progress according to the IALA Guideline on the Preparation of IALA Conference.

2. CONFERENCE DATES

The Conference dates have been decided to run from May 28(Mon) to June 2(Sat), 2018.

3. CONFERENCE THEME / BY-LINE AND LOGO

3.1. Theme / By-line

Several themes had been suggested by ISC (International Steering Committee) members. ISC decided as follows:

Successful voyages, sustainable planet – A new era for Marine Aids to Navigation in a connected world

3.2. Logo



19th IALA Conference 2018
Incheon, Republic of Korea

4. CONFERENCE VENUE

Songdo ConvensiA, located at the heart of Incheon Metropolitan City, has been decided as a conference venue. It is a high quality convention centre fully equipped with a high-tech ubiquitous system, environmentally friendly green devices and exquisite designs.

As host city, Incheon has established itself as a major transportation hub in northeast Asia with the world-renowned Incheon International Airport and Incheon Port. The 19th IALA Conference has got the full support from Incheon Metropolitan City Government.

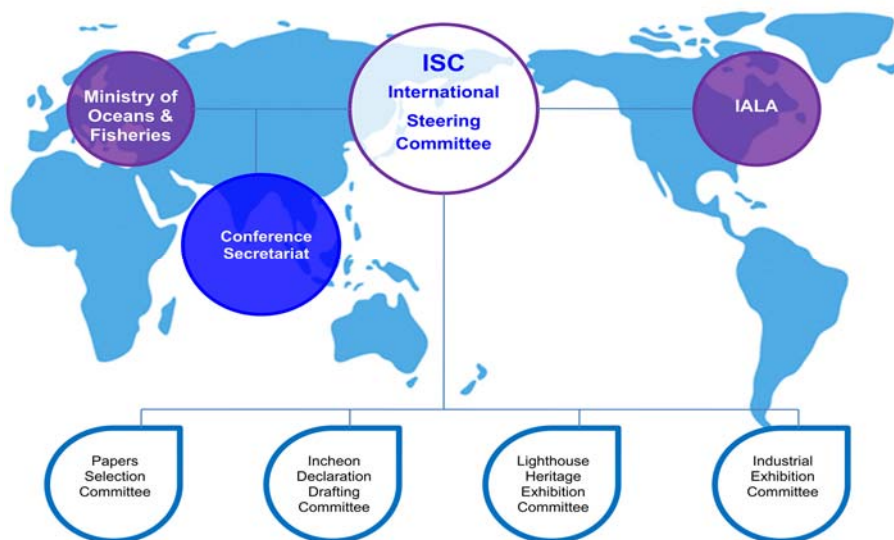


5. FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

Framework agreement between IALA and MOF on the preparation of the 19th Conference was concluded at the 13th International VTS Symposium held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in August this year. The purpose of this agreement is to establish a framework for the preparation of the Conference between the Parties, within their respective competencies and subject to their respective rules and regulations.



6. CONFERENCE ORGANISATION STRUCTURE



7. CONFERENCE PROGRAMMES

The 19th IALA Conference comprises a series of programmes that bring members of IALA together to share their experiences in improving navigation safety through knowledge and innovation. This edition of the Conference will consist of the following programmes.



7.1. Council

There will be 2 sessions of the IALA Council. The last ordinary session for the period 2014-2018 will be held, and the formation of the new Council will take place after the elections. At this meeting, the Council will elect the President, Vice President and Treasurer for the period 2018-2022.

The General Assembly meets every 4 years, coinciding with the Conference, and does its work in 2 sessions, with the voting for the election of council members and IALA Standards.

7.2. Partner programme

The partner programme involves 4 day courses to popular places in the city and its suburbs. The fees for the partner programme are expected to be a same level or lower that for the previous Conference.

7.3. Social events

There will be social events during the Conference such as Welcome Reception, Conference Dinner, IMC Evening and Gala Dinner.



Incheon Port



Gwanghwamun, Seoul



Songdo Central Park



Korean Folk Village

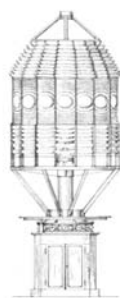
The Conference time schedules are briefly as follows.

- Day-1 (5/26): Pre-Conference Seminar
- Day 0 (5/27): Registration, IALA Council, Welcome Reception
- Day 1 (5/28): Registration, Opening Ceremony, Presentations on IALA activities, Industrial EXPO & FAIR opening, World Lighthouse Heritage Exhibition opening, Conference Dinner
- Day 2 to 5 (5/29-6/2): General Assembly, Technical sessions, Industrial EXPO & FAIR, World Lighthouse Heritage Special Exhibition, IMC Evening, etc.
- Day6 (6/2): General Assembly, Incheon Declaration, IALA Council, Conference Closing Ceremony, Gala Dinner, etc.

8. EXHIBITIONS

8.1. Lighthouse Heritage Exhibition

The Conference will open a cultural heritage exhibition of lighthouses. The exhibition will be co-organised with IALA national members with the aim to raise awareness of the importance of lighthouse heritage preservation. Heritage exhibition will be one of the most notable events, showcasing a wide-ranging display items concerned with lighthouses from all over the world.



8.2. Industrial EXPO & FAIR

Industrial EXPO & FAIR at the Conference covers a wider range of themes and exhibits – R&D, AtoN services, AtoN products, AIS, Monitoring systems as well renewable energy sources. It will provide an ideal platform for industry leaders to meet, network and share knowledge and experiences.

8.3. Experience programmes

Experience programmes allow participants to get the best knowledge of aids to navigation by viewing the exhibited items and gaining first-hand experience.

9. INCHEON DECLARATION

As historic lighthouses are the unique and strong symbol of the world maritime heritage and hold great significance to local and national communities, it should be treated differently from other assets. The cultural heritage of lighthouses is a meaningful legacy from the past, what we live with today, and what we pass on to future generations. Our cultural heritage of lighthouses is irreplaceable source of life and inspiration.

Korea prepares to adopt the Incheon Declaration, which sets out a new vision for the preservation and sustainable management of historic lighthouses as world heritage, in the 19th IALA Conference.

By taking this opportunity, Korea hopes to revitalise the IALA Heritage Forum and develop a mechanism for managing a World Lighthouse Heritage List.

10. IALA CHANGE OF STATUS

The change of status will mark a major milestone in the history of IALA. The Government of Korea welcomingly offer to host, if appropriate, a Diplomatic Conference for formal adoption of the draft IALA Convention, which would be convened in conjunction with the 19th IALA Conference.

11. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

Note the content of this paper.



World Lighthouse Heritage Exhibition: Introduction, Programmes and Time frame

1. INTRODUCTION

The Lighthouse Heritage Exhibition will be open to all IALA Members and the worldwide public audience having an interest in lighthouse and lighthouse preservation. It is anticipated that this could allow awareness of the lighthouse heritage to be spread to a wider audience with access by the worldwide public audience at the Conference.

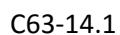
Whether aimed at the Conference participants, the general public, or the youth audience, the Lighthouse Heritage Exhibition will provide information that allows audience to educate themselves and others about lighthouses. Korea is very excited to share this wealth of lighthouse information. Many subjects featured detailed information to help all age groups to better understand lighthouses and how they have worked.

Korea will establish, as part of smooth preparation for the exhibition programmes, a Lighthouse Heritage Exhibition Committee in association with IALA, where the Conference host organisation (Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries), National Lighthouse Museum of Korea and PEO(Professional Exhibition Organiser) can meet with interested parties, such as IALA ENG TG4 (HERITAGE) and so forth.

2. EXHIBITION PROGRAMMES

- a. General exhibition booth
 - (Exhibition Area 1) Collection of lanterns, rotating beacons and lens
 - (Exhibition Area 2) The changes of the light source
 - (Exhibition Area 3) Lighthouse media arts
 - (Exhibition Area 4) Collection of world-wide lighthouse stamps and coins
- b. National members exhibition booths to showcase their own heritage (Exhibition Area 5)
 - Exhibition stands and pop-up banners, with someone on the spot to answer heritage questions and give out the exhibition catalogue or promotional literature
- c. Multi-national booths (Exhibition Area 6)
 - Exhibition space for national members which just submit photograph/ documents/ books/ artefact etc. encapsulating their lighthouse history or their nation's relationship with lighthouses
- d. IALA booth (Exhibition Area 7)
 - To talk about IALA's heritage aims and works and promote IALA ENG TG4 to new members
 - Distribution of IALA Conservation Manual
- e. Exhibition programmes main stage
 - Public lectures/Presentation/Talk concert on aspects of lighthouse heritage

Exhibition space including exhibition stand and table for the Lighthouse Heritage Exhibition will be freely provided by host nation.



The Lighthouse Heritage Exhibition application form is provided at APPENDIX A.

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Incheon Declaration: Purpose, Key Content and Action Plans

1. PURPOSE

As historic lighthouses are the unique and strong symbol of the world maritime heritage and hold great significance to local and national communities, it should be treated differently from other cultural assets. The lighthouse heritage is a meaningful legacy from the past, what we live with today, and what we pass on to future generations. Our cultural heritage of lighthouses is irreplaceable source of life and inspiration.

In this respect the Incheon Declaration will encourage humanity's efforts for the preservation and sustainable management of historic lighthouses as world heritage, and create an international consensus in support of the content of the document.

The Declaration shall not convey any legal power or responsibilities and in itself create any binding obligations.

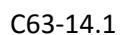
2. KEY CONTENT

- Understanding of the value of the historic lighthouse
- The preservation and sustainable management of the historic lighthouse as world heritage
- Promotion of knowledge and fact-based understanding about the historic lighthouse
- Promotion of the world-wide aspects of lighthouse heritage by encouraging a network of information sources
- Participation of citizens in pursuing the preservation and sustainable management of the historic lighthouse
- International cooperation to preserve and use historic lighthouse as an irreplaceable source of life and inspiration
- International cooperation to revitalize the IALA Heritage Forum and develop a mechanism for managing tentatively named "World Lighthouse Heritage List"

3. ACTION PLANS FOR 2016-2018

As an international manifesto, the Incheon Declaration will be jointly developed by Drafting Committee comprised of lighthouse heritage experts from home and abroad, especially including those from IALA ENG TG4 (HERITAGE) members. Drafting Committee will start the first meeting at the ENG6 in March, 2017.

The draft created by the first quarter of 2017 will be elaborated by a number of IALA committees. In year leading up to the Conference, the Incheon Declaration will be presented and reviewed by the IALA councils, and also opinions will be collected from all the IALA national and non-national members to raise its visibility and build a consensus in them in support of the content of the document. The final draft of the Declaration will be completed after various amendments and improvement at the end of March, 2018.



4. PROPOSED TIME FRAME

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(Initial Draft) INCHEON DECLARATION

On Historic Lighthouses as World Heritage

(Adopted on 2 June 2018 in Incheon, Republic of Korea)

As of 12 December, 2016

Under the theme of “Successful voyages, sustainable planet”, we, the organizers, participating countries, international organizations, specialized agencies, and experts, gathered at the 19th IALA Conference, held in Incheon, Republic of Korea, from 28 May to 2 June 2018 under the auspices of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities;

Respecting the objectives embodied in the sub-theme of “A new era for Marine Aids to Navigation in a connected world”;

Recalling the principles put forth in the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), the ASEAN Declaration on Cultural Heritage (2002), the Xi’an Declaration on the Conservation of the Setting of Heritage Structures, Sites and Areas (2005), and the Florence Declaration on Heritage and Landscape as Human Values (2014);

Noting the relevant provisions in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities, and other important multilateral conventions, agreements, and action plans related to maritime community and environment;

Emphasizing that historic lighthouse is the unique and strong symbol of the world maritime heritage and hold great significance to local and national communities;

Understanding that the cultural heritage of lighthouses is a meaningful legacy from the past, what we live with today, and what we pass on to future generations;

Hoping to revitalize the IALA Heritage Forum and develop a mechanism for managing a world lighthouse heritage list;

Having discussed a new vision for the preservation and sustainable management of historic lighthouses as world heritage;



Declare the following:

1. Our cultural heritage of lighthouses is irreplaceable source of life and inspiration. We call for global leadership to raise the awareness of governments on the need to set out a new vision for the preservation and sustainable management of historic lighthouses as world heritage.
2. We call for the international community to preserve and maritime cultural space based on historic lighthouse heritage in order to enlighten all elements of civil society on the need for greater enjoyment of the maritime culture.
3. We call upon all nations of the world that the cultural heritage of lighthouses extends beyond the architectural value of the building, to the whole area of maritime traditions and history, including shipping trading patterns, navigational safety and wrecks; this needs to be explained and evidence documented for the benefit of future generations.
4. We call for increased assistance to developing nations in addressing their lighthouse heritage concerns and sustainably managing their historic lighthouses through development assistance and investment, and international cooperation projects.
5. In this regard, we welcome Incheon Project, aimed at providing developing nations with capacity building support on aids to navigation-related issues through professional training and technology-transfer, as an important legacy of the 19th IALA Conference Incheon Korea 2018.
6. We look forward to the revitalisation of the IALA Heritage Forum and the development of a mechanism for managing a world lighthouse heritage list, aimed at strengthening the capacity of IALA to act in a coordinated manner in harmonising all aspects of lighthouse heritage.
7. In the spirit of this Declaration to provide the world with a new vision for “the preservation and sustainable management of historic lighthouses as world heritage”, we call for all governments and civil society to work together in achieving our common goals for the historic lighthouse heritage.