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**Aids to Navigation network.** Five years ago, the Chilean Maritime Authority, through the Aids to Navigation Service, launched the most ambitious project in the national history of AtoN given the progressive slowdown in the operation of the network. The Fénix project is intended to replace 80% of devices in its network consisting of more than 1.250 aids, which will have completed their operational life by 2022.

The fifth year of the project is currently underway, and it has faced some challenges due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, as the national authority has been required to redirect funds in order to overcome these difficult times. Nevertheless, we have maintained our logistical capabilities for the supply, transfer and installation of aids as the current health situation allows it.

**As for technical education,** the Maritime Instruction and Training Center CIMAR, which reports to DIRECTEMAR, has accredited us to develop training courses for VTS operators. In this regard, we are planning to hold a "VTS Operator" course with international certification for national operators in the second half of this year.

**Joint activities.** Along with the WWA, we are interested in increasing the presence of the Spanish-speaking countries in IALA. In Central and South America, there are experts that could share knowledge and expertise with WWA but they are unable to take part in these activities because they do not have the requisite fluency in English.



We are planning to organize the Spanish version of the activities held in English, addressing the same topics but with regional speakers and the participation of the WWA. Accordingly, we are working with the WWA to carry out such activities, during the second half of 2021, starting with the MASS Workshop to be delivered in English by IALA from 20 to 28 May 2021.

**COVID-19.** Despite the difficulties caused by the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic, DIRECTEMAR has been able to maintain over 95% of its national aids to navigation network operative providing the conditions to facilitate and ensure crew changes.

**Candidature of Chile to the IMO Council.** The State of Chile has presented its candidature for re-election to the Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) under Category “C” reaffirming its commitment to human safety at sea and the protection of the marine environment.