

## IALA COUNCIL 76<sup>th</sup> session



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### World-Wide Academy Progress Report

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Council members will recall that the IALA World-Wide Academy (the Academy) focusses on facilitating the effective implementation of the IALA standards, recommendations, guidelines, and model courses by coastal States through education, training and capacity building thereby underpinning the second strategic goal of IALA.

The Academy aims to ensure that all coastal States can fulfil the obligations related to Marine Aids to Navigation placed upon them in Chapter V of the SOLAS Convention and that all coastal States can claim conformance with the relevant IALA standards.

The latest Academy Master Plan articulated three simple means by which the aims and goals of the Academy may be achieved:

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| <b>① ENLIGHTEN</b> | raise the awareness of high-level decision makers of their international obligations relating to safety of navigation; |
| <b>② EDUCATE</b>   | provide a suite of relevant education and training opportunities for as many as possible; and                          |
| <b>③ ENGAGE</b>    | pursue long-term capacity building activities with coastal States and provide advice on how to overcome challenges.    |

As COVID-19 restrictions have eased, face-to-face activities have resumed. Capacity building technical cooperation missions have resumed and face-to-face training events are emerging although this still is limited in scope and scale.

#### 2. ENLIGHTENING – MAINTAINING CONTACT DURING COVID-19

The Academy has remained active in the promotion of the SOLAS requirements related to both AtoN and VTS and the benefits of implementing the IALA standards.

The programme of webinars is still available via the [IALA YouTube channel through this link](#).

The Academy website is regularly updated with new content and the Academy [news section can be reviewed through this link](#).

Contact has remained strong with sister organisations, particularly those part of the 'UN Delivering as One' partnership.

During the October IMO Technical Cooperation committee meeting in London, several meetings were held with various divisions of the IMO.

Apart from important meetings with various sections of the IMO, such as regional CB coordinators and the Women in Maritime section, perhaps one of the more important meetings to be mentioned, was the meeting with the IMO Resource Mobilisation Manager, who expressed interest initiating a large joint safety of navigation related project between IALA, IHO and the IMO. The potential of such a joint venture could be huge, and the Academy will explore this option further.



### **3. EDUCATING – DEVELOPING NEW OPPORTUNITIES**

Significant developments continue to be made with respect to the education and training activities in terms of the modernisation of existing practices, the development of new courses and materials to support both distance learning and face-to-face training.

The Academy continues to support the ASEAN Regional VTS Training project funded by Japan and delivered at MATRAIN in Port Klang, Malaysia. The first post-pandemic course commenced in August and another course took place in November. The Academy assisted with both courses.

In a European funded project focusing on the Red Sea and Horn of Africa, the IMO has decided on training government officials, SAR and VTS operators from Djibouti, Ethiopia Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen. The courses are introductory level courses drawing from relevant elements of the IALA VTS model courses. The training is tailored to the needs of the countries concerned and will initially be focussed on effective communication and sharing of information with ships and the response to distress and urgency messages.

At the request of the IMO, the Academy provides the bulk of the logistical support for the training. The first introductory course took place at MARSATI in Lebanon with six Somali participants, and three more courses are scheduled for 2023 (Ethiopia, Yemen and Sudan).

### **4. ENGAGING – LONG TERM CAPACITY BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS**

Technical cooperation visits have resumed and since C76, missions have been conducted to the Seychelles, Cambodia, Bangladesh.

### **5. ACADEMY STAFF CHANGES**

In July this year, Kevin Gregory announced that he would be moving to a new role with effect from the end of August. Kevin stated that it had been an exceptionally rewarding experience working for the World-Wide Academy, especially in witnessing first-hand the positive impact that the Academy has on both the professional and personal levels around the world. We thank Kevin for his contribution to the development of the Academy and wish him good wind going forward.

As expected, there was great interest for the vacant position, with candidates from all parts of the world, some of which were extremely experienced and well suited for the job. At the end of the day Ms. Latifa Oumouzoune from Morocco was selected as the best suited candidate and she has now taken over the role as the Academy Education and Training manager.

Latifa has all the qualities necessary for this position. She is a graduate from the World Maritime University in Sweden where obtained a Master of Sciences in Maritime Affairs, Maritime Education and Training. Prior to her studies, she worked as the “Head of Technical and Educational Affairs” at the Institute for Maritime Studies (ISEM) in Morocco, an Accredited Training Organization delivering IALA Level 1.1 AtoN Manager courses. Latifa also speaks fluently Arabic, French and English.