

ICA COMMISSION ON MARINE CARTOGRAPHY OVERVIEW REPORT FOR PERIOD 2003 – 2007

In keeping with the approved Terms of Reference priority has been given to liaison with the International Hydrographic Organization and the International Geographical Union. A Memorandum of Understanding was executed with the former.

The following conferences have been jointly organised with IGU colleagues:

International-

CoastGIS'03 in Genoa, Italy

CoastGIS'05 in Aberdeen, Scotland

CoastGIS'06 in Wollongong and Sydney, Australia

CoastGIS'07 is planned in October 2007 in Santander, Spain.

National:

CoastGIS'03 in Wollongong Australia (ISBN 1 74128 023 0)

Professor Lysandros Tsoulos and I have represented ICA as the two ICA representatives on the FIG/IHO/ICA Advisory Board for Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers. Significant is the fact that international Standards of Competence for Nautical Cartographers have been prepared and adopted for the very first time. Professor Tsoulos' contributions have been seminal in this regard. We have attended the following meetings:

(Durham, New Hampshire USA in 2002)

London, England in 2003

Johor Bahru, Malaysia in 2004

Athens, Greece in 2005

Genoa, Italy in 2006

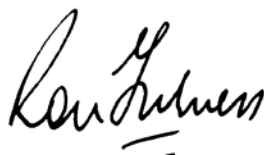
Hamburg, Germany in 2007.

I will host the 2008 meeting in Sydney Australia in conjunction with the Australian Hydrographic Office in April 2008.

We have just completed the meeting held in Hamburg in June this year and Professor Tsoulos is endeavouring to have a more detailed report available for the General Assembly of ICA in Moscow in August 2007.

This coming General Assembly will see the completion of my lengthy term at the helm of the Commission. It has been a pleasure but it is time for new blood, new energy and new direction. I and Professor Tsoulos will maintain the ICA connection with the Advisory Board for the foreseeable future and I will maintain the ICA connection with the CoastGIS international scientific committee.

Assuming there will be a new Commission with new Terms of Reference then I plan to seek Australia's support to continue as a Member.



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