

ICA COMMISSION ON MARINE CARTOGRAPHY OVERVIEW REPORT FOR PERIOD 2007 - 2011

After assuming the presidency of the Commission on Marine Cartography (CMC), during the XIV General Assembly held in Moscow in August 2007, we have worked to strengthen and develop the commission, as described in the Terms of Reference of the CMC.

As agreed, at the beginning of 2009 a newer, more modern CMC website was created, with links to nautical cartography and other interesting issues.

During the development of 24th ICC2009 in Santiago, representatives of Croatia, the USA, France, Turkey, Chile, Jeppesen Marine and, with the special participation of ICA President, Mr. Bill Cartwright, discussed several ideas to publicize and disseminate the importance of the ICA commission's work, particularly the big changes that Electronic Nautical Cartography will be facing worldwide. The meeting provided an introduction to the objectives and functions of the CMC and detailed different issues such as the new IHO S-100 standard, ECDIS use, e-navigation and the CMC Chair's future plans for the commission. We have provided support to the Maps and Internet Commission's meeting held in Valparaíso. One of our Chilean members presented the "Official Nautical Chart: Development of a Standard".

We have provided direct support to the 3rd International Conference on Cartography and GIS, held in Nessebar, Bulgaria in June 2010. Also, during the 24th ICC, we provided free advertising for future conferences. Unfortunately, it was not possible to represent the CMC in Nessebar due the earthquake and tsunami that struck Chile in February 2010, which forced us to reschedule our activities.

We participated actively in reviewing papers for the ICC2009 and ICC2011.

We have continued to participate in and collaborate on the FIG/IHO/ICA Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers, on which two members of the CMC, Dr. Lysandros Tsoulos and Mr. Ron Furness serve, the former as Chair. They have also been updating new editions of the publications "Standard of Competence for Nautical Cartographer" and "Standard of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors", S-8 and S-5 respectively, which can be downloaded from the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) website. These publications will be of great interest to those who teach or take courses related to hydrography and nautical cartography.

The representatives of CMC-ICA have attended the following meetings:

- Sydney, Australia in 2008
- Genoa, Italy in 2009
- Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago in 2010
- New Orleans, USA in 2011

We have continued to actively endorse our International Geographical Union (IGU) colleagues for the CoastGIS'09 Conference in Itajai, Brazil and the CostGIS'11 in Oostende, Belgium in September. At these conferences Mr. Ron Furness has participated and will participate on behalf of ICA-CMC.

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