

21ST CONFERENCE OF THE NORTH INDIAN OCEAN HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

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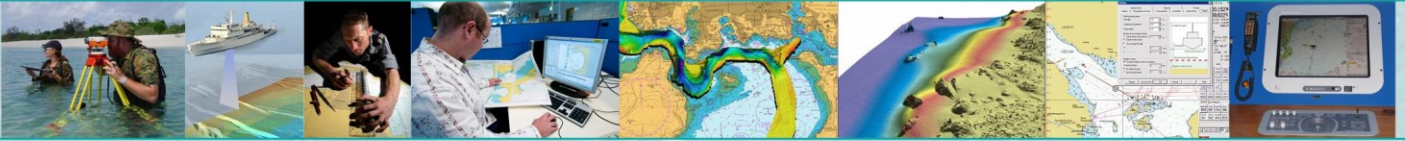
Attendance of the North Indian Ocean Hydrographic
Commission Conference

The 21st Conference of the North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission (NIOHC) was held in Bali, Indonesia, from 22 to 25 August, under the chairmanship of Vice Admiral Nurhidayat, National Hydrographer of Indonesia. Participants were welcomed at the opening ceremony by Admiral Yudo Margono, Chief of Naval Staff Indonesian Navy.

NIOHC Member State representatives from Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand and the United Kingdom attended the meeting together with representatives of Associate Members Australia, France, Mauritius, Oman, Seychelles and USA. The Russian Federation, was present as an Observer State. Representatives of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) and several industry stakeholders also attended as invited observers. Director Abri Kampfer and Assistant Director Sam Harper represented the IHO Secretariat.

The NIOHC21 meeting was preceded by a half day seminar on Raising Awareness of Hydrography which focused on the current status of S-100 related activities. The seminar was attended, in addition to NIOHC members, associates and observers, by the Maldives. The INT Chart Coordination Working Group (NICCWG) held a meeting in the afternoon of 22 August, after which a report was prepared for the NIOHC21 conference.

The NIOHC received reports from Member States, Associate Member States and the IHO Secretariat as well as summary reports on the 14th meetings of the IHO Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee and the Inter Regional Coordination Committee. Director Kampfer briefed the Commission on current IHO activities and the preparations for the forthcoming sixth Council meeting and third session of the IHO Assembly. The meeting also received reports on progress and issues related to the work of the Marine Spatial Data Infrastructures Working Group, relevant activities that had taken place in the International Maritime Organization, including relevant outcomes of the 9th meeting of the IMO Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR 9) and an update from the Worldwide ENC Database Working Group, and reports from the NAVAREA VIII and NAVAREA IX coordinators. The future requirements for Capacity Building (CB) in the region were discussed, but the preparation of future submissions was deferred until the forthcoming intersessional period.



The meeting received a number of presentations from industry representatives. These highlighted new technologies and training opportunities available to the region. Industry representatives were keen to emphasise their willingness to engage with the NIOHC and its members to assist with the development of hydrographic and cartographic capabilities within the region.



Participants of the NIOHC21 Conference.

Indonesia indicated they would host the 22nd meeting of the Commission in Java, Indonesia (exact location and date to be decided). Thailand, as Vice Chair indicated that they would assume hosting duties for the 23rd meeting of the commission.