



## Hydrographic Conference – HYDRO 2023 Genoa, Italy, 7-9 November

### Contribution to the IHO Work Programme 2023

Task 1.1.1	Promote the IHO through publicity and public relations initiatives
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The European Hydrographic Conference was held in Genoa, Italy between 7 and 9 November. There were approximately 150 hydrographic professionals, students, industry representatives, and others in attendance.

The conference covered a wide range of topics of interest to hydrographers that included everything from new technology, collaboration and partnership, sustainability in the ocean, ocean exploration and more.

IHO Director John Nyberg attended for the first half of day one to deliver the keynote address, “Transforming Hydrography: Our Journey Towards 2030” where he highlighted wide range of high level opportunities available to the hydrographic community during this decade.



*John Nyberg and Mayor of Genoa, Marco Bucci*

Nyberg introduced the United Nation’s 2030 Agenda, the Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, the IHO DCDB, Seabed 2030, the UN IGIF-Hydro, and IHO progress and opportunities around the IHO S-100 Universal Hydrographic Data Model.



*John Nyberg, Keynote Address*

Following the keynote address, Nyberg chaired an hour long “Hydrographer of Tomorrow: Adapting to Technological Advances and Global Challenges” session that became an interactive conference wide discussion on the challenges for both developing and finding the skills needed for modern hydrographic programmes. Following the discussion

it was decided that an article for the next edition of Hydro International would be written.

There was a comprehensive exhibition area that included approximately 20 hydrographic sponsors and exhibitors.