

Customised Hydrographic Course for Baltic Sea countries

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Introduction

Finnish Maritime Administration has been in touch with Professor Delf Egge at the Hamburg HafenCity University (HCU), Geomatics Department, concerning FIG/IHO Cat A hydrographic education in English language.

There is a need among the HOs of the Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission to have their personnel educated to Cat A and Cat B levels, as part of the knowledge and expertise shift to younger colleagues. In many HOs there is a need however to have the personnel occupied with hydrographic work during survey season, so the question has been if the offered course in Hydrography can be tailored to the needs of the HOs.

Interest has been asked among the HOs in a letter, e-mailed on 20 February 2007 and response day on 6 March 2007. Responses were received, except from Germany, Lithuania and Russia.

So far only limited interest to start a course in the autumn 2007 is from Finland and Sweden, two people from each country.

As it looks now, the course starting in autumn 2007 is a regular course run by Geomatics Department at Hamburg HafenCity University (HCU). With this small number of interested participants it is difficult to tailor the course for the HO personnel.

Proposal:

Each Baltic Sea Hydrographic Office is invited to look upon the necessity of this kind of education, possibly a tailored course starting on 2008. Also possible financial grants should be studied. HCU Geomatics department is proposed to develop distance learning techniques in relation to the course starting on 2008.

Actions required from the BSHC 12th Conference:

The BSHC 12th Conference is requested to take a note on this information and to take appropriate actions.
