

FIG/IHO/ICA ADVISORY BOARD ON STANDARDS OF COMPETENCE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYORS AND FOR NAUTICAL CARTOGRAPHERS

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To

FIG: President Holger Magel, Director Markku Villikka and chairman of commission IV, Adam Greenland

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ICA: President Milan Konecny, Secretary General Ferjan Ormeling and chairman of commission on Marine cartography, Ron Furness

Members and secretary of the Advisory Board

Dear friends!

Ten years in the Board

My term in the Board has come to an end and I am going to write the last circular letter to the members and also to the mother organisations. I am very glad for those years of learning both professional and social and contributing to the development the hydrographic training. I started 1995 in Malaysia and have then been to Canada, Sweden, Japan, India, Chile, Italy, New Hampshire, UK, London and ended in Malaysia this May.

The importance of the Board

Through the years we have learnt that we have been one of the most important working parties in the hydrographic world. I can say this not only from the enthusiasm of the boardmembers but also from the many courses we have had to review. Now with the nautical cartography in the responsibility of the board I think the board is more important than ever. The competence and working load of the board members are of the highest level and this will secure the quality of the work in the board. I hope the mother organisations will keep this in mind and appoint members to the board of the same level as they have done so far.

Reports of the board

After each yearly meeting the board has delivered a report from the meeting and the work in the board. All members of the board take the full responsibility for the work in all details as well in hydrographic surveying as in nautical cartography. From my last meeting the report is attached to this letter./.

Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors

The board is preparing the tenth edition of the *Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors* and has made continuously changes following the development in the field of surveying.

Standards of Competence for Nautical Cartography

The board has reviewed the two first courses against the first edition of the *Standards of Competence for Nautical Cartographers* this year.

FIG

The contribution to the Board from FIG has been very good and the members have done a very good work. The only drawback is the problem to find members supported by national organisations. FIG has now appointed the first female member of the board, thanks for that.

IHO

IHO has always had excellent members with good support from the home organisation. IHO shall have special thanks for supplying the secretary.

ICA

The short period that ICA has been part of the board the contribution has been very fruitful with hard working members of highest international competence.

Good luck

I really wish the FIG/IHO/ICA ADVISORY BOARD ON STANDARDS OF COMPETENCE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYORS AND FOR NAUTICAL CARTOGRAPHERS

all the best for the future.

My personal thanks to all boardmembers for the time together with you and you families. My wife and I have many memories kept nearest our hearts from the meetings in your countries.

The hospitality has been great. I think this is one of the most important circumstances that make the work in the board very interesting and worth the efforts laid down.

A special good luck to Andy Armstrong as chairman from now on.

Keep in touch all!

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