



Maritime Economic Infrastructure Programme Working Group (MEIP WG)

8th Tele-Conference Meeting. Tuesday 25th September 2012

Tele Conference commenced at 10.30hrs EDT, 15.30hrs BST

Participants

Tim Lewis (TL) – UKHO (Chair)
Jane Jones (JJ) – UKHO (Sec)
Mark Halliwell (MA) – UKHO
Jenny Thacker (JT) - NOAA
Leland Snyder (LS) – NOAA
Alejandro Gerones (AG) – CARIS
Rupert Forrester-Bennett (RFB) – Pelydryn
Captain Lopez Guzman (LG) - Mexico

8.1 Opening remarks by Chair

Chair welcomed the ongoing commitment of participants dialling in and stressed the opportunities for specific discussions provided by some new agenda items. These are the donor funding and BSHC debriefs.

8.2 Brief Introductions

8.3 Apologies

Jonathan Justi (JoJu) – NOAA
Juan Carballini (JC) – CARIS
Kerrie Howard (KH) – UKHO
Dr Rob Hensley (RH) – UKHO
Nigel Sutton (NS) – UKHO
Rafael Ponce (RP) - ESRI

8.4 Funding Meeting Progress (Chair provided update)

Chair provided debrief on donor funding meeting held in Washington DC on 14th September. This was extremely professionally coordinated and facilitated by the Maritime Alliance (through Michael B. Jones). The title of the meeting was “Integrated economic development through hydrographic services” and has the endorsement of the IHB.

The meeting was attended by a range of public sector and non-profit organisations including funding and educational institutions, private sector geo-spatial specialists, surveying industry and end users of hydrography. Given the diverse group, and the fact that there some attendees were new to hydrography and the work of the IHO, there was a requirement to “set the scene” which consumed a big part of the meeting. However there was a useful presentation by OTEC international who ably demonstrated the

potential application of hydrography by a stakeholder outside the traditional Safety of Navigation scope.

Overall the meeting was a success and the aim is to build on this work during a dedicated workshop during the MACHC. It is intended that the Maritime Alliance will facilitate and coordinate.

AG questioned whether this was the only group of funding stakeholders to target. Chair confirmed that his aim is to broaden the scope of this cluster of interested parties and to follow up at the MACHC meeting. It was suggested that the key to securing loans, or funding was to contact financiers initially to investigate with funding is being targeted. It was again stressed that this work had the full support of the IHB and 2 representatives will attend the MACHC, with the aim that one should attend the MEIP WG meeting.

8.5 Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission MSDI WG Update

Secretary provided a debrief on WG meeting in Copenhagen. It is important that the MEIP follows standards for MSDI, discussion continues with other related work programmes through the IHO and beyond, works to agreed standards and governance is in place.

Chair asked Mexico for its thoughts on the MSDI efforts under MACHC.

LG provided a useful update framed around the following questions:

1. Financial institutions – How are we dealing with the Governments in this respect?
2. Disparate data and data formats – How to resolve?
3. Requirements for support – Are Governments willing(able?) to support?

Chair thanked MX for opening up this useful debate and indicated that the questionnaire posted would provide the ideal opportunity for MS to raise these issues

8.6 Demonstrator Model Progress

Secretary publicised the forthcoming webinar demonstration of a testbed solution by ESRI on the 4th October (Time to be arranged). This is an opportunity to demonstrate what could be provided and should also include layers provided by CARIS . This will formulate discussion at the MACHC MEIP WG to form a decision on the route best suited to MACHC MS.

8.7 Minutes from last meeting and review of actions

Due to time constraints, outstanding actions were not reviewed.

8.8 Website progress

LS provided update on the Working Groups website. This is available at <http://www.iho-machc.org/whatis/welcome.html> and gives access to the TORS, agendas and minutes of all the meetings

8.9 Any Other Business

Chair reminded the meeting of the questionnaire. This will be distributed together with these actions. Participants are asked to think about these questions for discussion at the MACHC in Guatemala.

8.10 Date of next meeting

TBA

Chair to produce a document to debrief on this meeting at the MACHC

Action: Sec to provide summary of this working group for the benefit of the MEIP WG

Sec to distribute questionnaire together with the minutes