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**Report on the Second Board Meeting of the IALA World-Wide Academy**

**Held at IALA Headquarters Saint Germain en Laye**

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**Introduction**

The second Board Meeting of the IALA WWA (**The Academy**) was held in Saint Germain en Laye in April 2012. The Dean, Rear Admiral Jean-Charles Leclair reported that The Academy had received nothing but positive feedback and support to date. The IMO Secretariat had stated that The Academy’s strategy matched UN aspirations for Capacity Building (CB). Common aims had been developed with the CB team at the IHO; productive and positive liaison had been established with IALA Committees; the relationship between The Academy and Industrial Members was seen as a win-win situation and CB initiatives, based on a Master Plan which would be submitted to the 53rd Council, were already bearing fruit.

**Principle Results of the Second Board Meeting**

**The Academy Website**. A meeting with MSO.net, a software company with proven expertise, resulted in the preparation of functional requirement for both the IALA and Academy websites which could be used as a Tender document. The Academy website would be a sub-domain of the main IALA site but would be used as a pilot for both. It was expected that the Academy website would be operational by October.

**Financial Review**. In the 1st Quarter 2012, support from the main sponsor, IFAN, had been targeted at establishing a firm foundation for The Academy on which clear deliverables could be built. Sponsorship from other organisations, including The World Bank, was being used to maximise the effectiveness of planned CB initiatives such as the scheduled Level 1+ awareness seminar in Cape Town. Expenditure was in line with budgetary estimates and no over-spend was forecast for 2012.

**Stage One Awareness Seminars**.The awareness seminar in Bahrain, mentioned in the First Academy Report, was expected to move to the second stage of The Academy’s “4As” CB strategy when the Bahrain host circulates the seminar report to regional delegates who attended it. Board Member Tamotsu Ikeda recommended that seminar participants should be provided with soft copies of the last two IALA Bulletins. The Academy will continue to select the host country with great care; seek out key players in the region; continue the use of regionally relevant presentation material; and use the seminar questionnaire to gain appropriate data on personnel, risk and current capacity. This improved strategy was in place for the South African seminar.

**Action Plan 2012**. A colour-coded list of CB regions formed the basis for the Action Plan for 2012. The list (shown in detail in The Master Plan) was based on IMO information sub-divided into the seven key CB regions based on public-domain data provided on the IHO website. States which were part of IHO Regional Hydrographic Commissions, but not currently members of IALA had been identified as potential key CB targets. Invitations from the Chairs of RHCs would provide The Academy with excellent opportunities to seek hosts for further awareness seminars. Regional priorities would not only be based on IALA membership, but on risk analysis, traffic patterns from all available AIS data collated by Omar Frits Eriksson of the DMA and other factors such as the length of a State’s coastline.

**Master Plan 2012-2016**. The Board approved a strategic Master Plan for the next four years. The Master Plan would be forwarded to Council for endorsement. Following advice from Sir Jeremy de Halpert, the Board adopted the term “Regional Point of Contact” for a Member State in each region with the potential to assist The Academy in its CB strategy. Proposed Terms of Reference for RPOCs are at Appendix II to the Master Plan. The Academy Board hoped that if the Master Plan was endorsed by Council, a number of Council Members within the key CB regions would accept the Secretary General’s invitation to become a RPOC for the period covered by the Master Plan.

**VTS Training and Accreditation**. The Dean briefed the Board that a 2nd meeting of the VTS Training and Accreditation sub-committee, chaired by The Academy, had been held on 24th March. Members had resolved all outstanding issues and agreed on a common way ahead including on the use of simulators and the accreditation of Industrial Members. The report listed 8 recommended actions and 1 recommended policy on the fee structure for IALA-sponsored experts. The Board endorsed them all and agreed that the Report of the Meeting should be forwarded to the Policy Advisory Panel before final consideration by Council.

**Model Courses**. Three model course related publications were reviewed by The Academy Board. These were all outputs from EEP-18. The first was Recommendation E-141 Edition 2 (Standards for Training and Certification of AtoN Personnel). This revision had added detail on the two model course for AtoN managers and “Level 1+” for senior managers. It had removed the syllabus for Level 1 managers which had been published in E-141/1 and that for Level 2 technicians. This Recommendation had been forwarded to Council for approval. The updated syllabus for technicians was shown in the first model course overview to be issued by The Academy under the reference IALA WWA.L2.0. The Academy approved this model course overview and the first Level 2 model course on the maintenance of Mercury Rotating Optics (reference L2.3.9) produced in the shortened format set out in IALA WWA.L2.0. These will be forwarded to Council for endorsement before publication. Delegates to EEP-18 agreed to draft a further 27 Level 2 model courses to be taken at EEP-19.

**Summary**

In the two months since the first Board Meeting, The Academy has engaged to good effect with Organisations outside IALA and with the proven Committee process within it. This has resulted in strong support for The Academy’s CB strategy from the IMO and IHO and the generation of target-driven initiatives shown in the Master Plan. A clear way ahead on VTS Training and Accreditation has been identified. One revised Recommendation has been forwarded to Council as have 2 IALA WWA approved model courses. Twenty-seven more are in the pipeline. Lessons learnt from the first Level 1+ awareness seminar will be applied to planned seminars in South Africa and Australia aimed at targeting key stakeholders in those regions. The Academy, with support from potential Regional Points of Contact and generous sponsors, is firmly on course to deliver improved safety of navigation world-wide.

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