

Agenda item 9 IALA WORLD-WIDE ACADEMY

9.1 Report of the 6th WWA Board MeetingNote by the Academy**1. Summary**

The Academy is now well-established internationally and thanks to firm sponsorship commitments continues to deliver an increasing level of both training and capacity building. New initiatives such as High Level visits and the facilitation of region training will expand still further the delivery of The Academy's key objectives. This could not have been achieved without the generous support provided by Member States and other Authorities and Organizations to whom The Academy remains very grateful.

2. Introduction

The sixth Board Meeting of the IALA World-Wide Academy (The Academy) was held in Saint Germain en Laye on 1st April 2014. The Dean noted that while financial support was sound and the international reputation of The Academy was well-established, formal requests from the Competent Authorities in target States for Stage 2 technical needs assessment missions were not forthcoming. A series of High Level visits were planned to address that issue.

3. Principle Results of the Sixth Board Meeting

- 3.1. **2013 and 2014 Financial Review.** The accounts for FY 2013 were reviewed and approved by the Board. As mentioned in the last report, the underspent was largely due to increased indirect sponsorship from the IMO. However earlier levels of IMO sponsorship are unlikely to be matched due to increasing pressure on the IMO budget. The underspent was transferred to the Technical Cooperation Fund Operating Reserve (TCFOR). The 2014 Budget had been based on a "worst-case" scenario which gave a predicted overspend of 47,830€ to be covered, if necessary, by the TCFOR. Having scrutinised the 2014 Budget, The Board approved it without amendment.
- 3.2. **Sponsorship.** The Academy's principal sponsor, IFAN, has indicated that it is minded to continue sponsorship, perhaps at an increased and steady level. South Korea has also promised sponsorship at a level to be determined by mid-2014. Whereas National concerns have made sponsorship from the Nippon Foundation less likely, indirect and in-kind sponsorship from a number of generous Member States have placed The Academy in a very sound financial position. The opportunity was therefore taken to extend financial planning to the end of 2019 based on the expected increase in demands on The Academy as its training and capacity building deliverables bear fruit. The Board endorsed in principle the need for an enhanced manpower resource and procurement of a GIS to store, analyse and display risk-based AtoN requirements which could be used to inform target Competent Authorities during the High Level visit programme. Introduction of these plans will be considered in detail only when funding for them has been confirmed.

- 3.3. **Review of Capacity Building Activity October 2013 to April 2014.** Two Stage 2 technical visits had been made to Cameroon and Fiji. The Dean noted successful participation at Regional Hydrograph Commission meetings where The Academy now had well-established Observer status. Interventions at these meetings had been sufficiently successful to reduce the risk in specific areas which it was hoped would lead to a reduction in the number of the Academy's target States. Other activities covered were participation at an IHO capacity building stakeholder forum in Monaco; the French "How to e-Navigate" forum in Brest; the fourth Southern African Ad Hoc Regional Co-operation Group on Safety of Navigation and Marine Environment Protection (SAGNEP); the Indonesian VTS Project and Indian VTS Forum in February 2014, the latter assisted by two IALA-endorsed VTS experts.
- 3.4. **Action Plan April to December 2014.** The fourth Joint IMO/IHO/IALA Level 1+ awareness seminar in Ghana will be followed by a pre-Conference seminar in A Coruña at which 6 Member States will deliver their VTS training and certification experiences. Thanks to the generosity of IMC, 4 representatives of target States will participate to the Conference. The Dean will represent the Academy at IMO TCC-64 in June at which he plans to deliver an intervention on Academy progress since 2012. Participation at SAGNEP-5 and Regional Hydrographic Commissions would extend further The Academy's capacity building strategy.
- 3.5. **Review of Training.** The first Academy/AMSA-delivered modular Level 1 AtoN Manager course had been conducted in Papua New Guinea in November 2013 courtesy of sponsorship by IALA Industrial Member Nawae Construction. The first Academy-run Risk Management Workshop was held in Madrid Spain during the same month. The second is planned for Istanbul in September 2014. Before the 6th Board, members met the 10 participants (4 of them sponsored by IMO, and 1 by The Academy) from 7 countries on the first full one month Level 1 AtoN Manager course to be delivered anywhere in the world. This was run from mid-March to mid-April by Academy staff and generously sponsored guest lectures. France will deliver a similar course in September 2014. It is envisaged that these high profile International events will be run regionally by Approved Training Organisations with The Academy acting as a facilitator where appropriate. The first two-day Introduction to e-Navigation based on model course IALA WWA.L1.4 is scheduled to be delivered in IALA Headquarters in July. The Academy plans to participate in a Japan Coast Guard/Association of Southeast Asia Nations VTS and risk seminar in Tokyo in late October.

4. Action

Council is requested to Note.