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Agenda item 12 – IALA World-Wide Academy

12.2 WWA Board Meetings

12.2.1 – Report of 8th Board Meeting

Note by the Academy

Introduction

The eighth IALA World-Wide Academy Board Meeting was held in Saint Germain en Laye on 15th May 2015. It was attended for the first time by the new Secretary-General Francis Zachariae. The Dean noted that since the last meeting in November the Academy had grown in activity, budget, staff and premises. New sponsorship had been agreed. The last period had been marked by several stage 2 needs assessment missions and by training initiatives. This indicated that the Academy Master Plan reflected the needs of developing countries. In several regions both AtoN and VTS training institutes achieved accreditation.

Principal Results from the 8th Board Meeting

Sponsorship and Academy Finances. The Academy's principal sponsor, the International Foundation for Aids to Navigation (IFAN) generously increased its sponsorship for 2015 and guaranteed its support until 2017. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Academy and the Republic of Korea had been signed last December, with generous sponsorship being received in February.

The Board approved expenditure from the 2015 budget and noted that thanks to increased sponsorship, the Academy was safely on track to deliver its activities.

Training and Capacity Building Activities in 2015. The Board considered the reports of 15 training and capacity building activities conducted since November 2014. These included participation in 3 Regional Hydrographic Commissions; the joint Capacity Building Group meeting with IMO, IHO, IOC, WMO, IAEA and FIG; and e-Nav underway.

The first of 4 High Level missions by the Dean in conjunction with an expert from the Korea Association of Aids to Navigation was made to Indonesia. Others planned are to Vietnam, Cambodia and Sri Lanka.

A needs assessment mission to Vietnam North took place which followed to a mission in Vietnam South last year.

A High Level mission to Cote d'Ivoire resulted in a needs assessment mission a few months later and during that mission initiatives to set up a VTS training hub for French speaking African Countries took place.

Three training institutes in Malaysia, Spain and China had asked for assistance with the accreditation process to deliver Level 1 AtoN manager training. Two of these institutes in Madrid and Wenzhou will run their first Level 1 AtoN Manager course this year.

A follow-up visit to Fiji took place and it was encouraging to note that all the recommendations of an earlier needs assessment mission were being implemented. A very positive meeting with the Fiji-based Secretariat of the Pacific Community investigated how AtoN management services could be enhanced in the Pacific region.

A joint IALA/IHO level 1+ awareness seminar was delivered in Panama where there might be potential to develop a new AtoN training hub.

2015 Action Plan. The Board adopted the updated 2015 Action Plan. This included two High Level missions to Vietnam and Cambodia and seven needs assessment missions to Suriname, Brunei Darussalam, Guinea Bissau, Congo, Antigua, Liberia and Sri Lanka. The annual seminar on the use of the IALA Risk Management Toolbox will take place in Singapore in October. The Academy will participate in the East Asia, South Africa and Islands and Meso-American and Caribbean Regional Hydrographic Commissions. Four Level 1 AtoN manager courses are planned to be delivered by the Academy or with Academy facilitation. Two in English at the IALA Headquarters and in China; one by France and the first in Spanish in Madrid.

Council is requested to:

Take note