

# IALA COUNCIL 80<sup>th</sup> session



**24-28 June 2024**  
**Istanbul**  
**Türkiye**

## 14. – CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA, AND OTHER EVENTS

### *14.3 – World Marine Aids to Navigation Day*

#### 14.3.1 – World AtoN (WAtON) Day

Note by the Secretariat

## INTRODUCTION

At the 79th session the Council agreed to have the WATON Day main event in Genoa, Italy. The event will be hosted on 2 and 3 July 2024 by the Italian Coast Guard, the Italian Navy, the City of Genoa and the Port Authority of Genoa.

Registrations are open online, and the Secretariat is promoting on the web site and on social media. Korea has offered the plaque for the Lighthouse of the Year which will be delivered to the Mayor of Genova at the ceremony.

The final programme is as follows:

### **DAY 1 – Tuesday 2 July 2024**

08:45 Welcome, registration at Palazzo San Giorgio and transfer to Italian Navy Ship “Garibaldi”  
10:00 Opening Remarks  
10.40 Lighthouse and Maritime Signalling Service of the Italian Navy: since 1911 at the service of seafarers  
11.00 Recognition award presented by the Secretary-General of IALA to the Italian Navy representative  
11.10 Coffee break and Transfer to Palazzo San Giorgio  
12.00 Welcome Address  
12.30 Historical background on the “Lanterna”  
12.50 Lighthouse of the Year Award  
13.00 Lunch (Palazzo San Giorgio)  
14.00 Guided tour of S. Lawrence Cathedral or free time  
15.15 Visit to the “Lanterna”  
19.30 Performance of the Italian Navy musical Band (Piazza Matteotti, Palazzo Ducale)  
20.00 Official dinner (Palazzo Ducale)

### **DAY 2 – Wednesday 3 July 2024**

08.45 Meeting at Palazzo San Giorgio and transfer to MSC Fantasia.  
09.00 Registration  
09.30 Opening remarks  
10.00 Workshop



Presentations from IALA

Introduction

- o ARM – Aids to Navigation Requirements and Management
- o DTEC – Digital Technologies
- o ENG – Aids to Navigation Engineering and Sustainability/ Heritage Forum
- o VTS – Vessel Traffic Services
- o World-Wide Academy

Presentations from Italy

- o Digital technology in ship handling
- o Visible Light and Advanced Communications: possible application in the AtoN field
- o Italian VTS in the new regulatory framework
- o Ship Reporting System and maritime services into E-Navigation framework
- o Presentation Italian Navy Representative

Closing remarks

13.00 Lunch onboard MSC Fantasia in Genoa's Old Port

14.45 Transfer to Palazzo San Giorgio

15.00 Visit by boat to San Fruttuoso di Camogli & Portofino (depending on weather conditions) / alternatively Visit of the "Galata Maritime Museum" or free time

19.30 Free time for dinner

**THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO**

**NOTE** the information provided in this document and consider sending representatives to Genoa for the celebration. Council is also invited to consider celebrating the WAtON Day locally and on social media and publicise pictures etc. on the special page on the IALA web site.