

Dear IALA National Member

**Invitation to participate in IALA Legal Advisory Panel - National Members Meeting  
12 - 13 March 2014, IALA Headquarters, Saint Germain-en-Laye, France**

As we move closer to our Assembly meeting in La Coruna, Spain, in May this year National Members are reminded of the IALA Brochure *Safely Navigating the Future*, which outlines the reasons for a change of status for IALA to that of an Intergovernmental organisation. This important change will be discussed at Assembly and all National Members attending will have right to vote on this issue. (The brochure is available at <http://www.iala-aism.org/about/news/243708217/iala-developments>).

At its recent meeting (Goa, India) the IALA Council continued to support the Roadmap for implementation of an International Agreement to bring about this change. Council identified several matters for consideration and, in recognising the importance of the change of status for all National Members, endorsed the calling of a second extraordinary Legal Advisory Panel (LAP) meeting, open to all National Members, to discuss them.

As Chair of LAP it is therefore my pleasure to invite you to send representatives of your administration to this extraordinary meeting, which will take place at IALA Headquarters over the two days **12 - 13 March 2014**.

The first day will develop LAP advice to Council related to the Roadmap, including considering changes to the IALA Constitution, the development of a Resolution for Assembly to express its support for a change of status and the assessment of risks related to such a change. The second day will be conducted a working group meeting to address those additional items identified by Council relating to the case for change.

A draft Agenda and provisional Timetable are attached for your reference.

All documents for this meeting will be available for download from the 'IALA Docs Committee meetings - LAP' (LAP EX2) area of the IALA website at <http://www.iala-aism.org> by **14 February 2014**. Should you not have a personal login for the Committee area the generic login Email: [status@iala-aism.org](mailto:status@iala-aism.org) and Password: lap78 can be used for a limited time.

At the Goa Council meeting the IALA President invited Councillors to ensure that any additional considerations related to the change of status of IALA that remain unaddressed for their Administrations be made known so that these issues could also be considered by LAP. I now extend that same invitation to all National Members, and request that, should your Administration be of the view that there are aspects of the change of status project that require additional consideration you advise me of those, **in writing, by 10 February 2014 by submission to [status@iala-aism.org](mailto:status@iala-aism.org)**. Changes to the draft Agenda will be made as necessary to accommodate this input.

In order to inform us of your delegates for the LAP National Members meeting please complete the Registration form available on IALA Docs, and submit it to [status@iala-aism.org](mailto:status@iala-aism.org) by **Friday 28 February 2014**. Please note that participants should arrange their own transport and accommodation.

I look forward to welcoming you to this meeting.

Francis Zachariae  
Chair, Legal Advisory Panel  
29 January 2014