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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSTITUTES OF NAVIGATION

Secretary General's Report to the General Assembly 2018

I have the honour to report to the General Assembly a summary of the principle activities of the IAIN during the term 2015-2018.

Membership

Since taking office I have endeavoured to increase the membership of the Association on the basis that the more members there are, the better the Association represents all facets of the art and science of navigation. Over the last three years the Association has welcomed to various categories of membership the following organisations: the Israeli Association of Automatic Control, the Honourable Company of Air Pilots, the Indian Maritime Foundation, the Institute of Seamanship, the Resilient Navigation and Timing Foundation, the Irish Maritime Forum, the United Kingdom Maritime Pilots' Association, Chronos Technology Limited, ECDIS Limited, the Chart and Nautical Instrument Manufacturers' Association, the Joemarine Institute of Nautical Studies and Research and the Canadian Aeronautical Navigation Service Provider. We have also signed Memoranda of Understanding with the Comité International Radio-Maritime, and the International Association of Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities. Sadly, the Spanish Institute of Navigation and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Navigation Institute have ceased participating.

Representation

As a recognized International body, IAIN has continued to observe at meetings and, where possible, contribute to, the deliberations of the main International Organisations: IMO, ICAO, IHO, ICG and the US PNT Advisory Board.

IMO

Despite a number of changes of representative, IAIN has been consistently present at the IMO, predominantly at the MSC and NCSR for a. We have made a positive contribution to discussions on 'S' Mode for bridge equipment, the development of standards for the uniform presentation of navigational information received over radio-communications equipment and the need for the IMO to address the regulation of autonomous shipping. IAIN also sponsored a coffee break at the IMO in 2016 to promote discussion about the regulation of autonomous surface ships. Most recently the Association has joined with IALA in encouraging the IMO to consider a review of VTS Regulations.

ICAO

Although only an observer at ICAO plenary sessions, IAIN has, in concert with NAV CANADA and HCAP, been pressing for ICAO to formally adopt the issue of the reference

for heading information provided to aircraft by Air Traffic Control services. Specifically, that the reference should be True North rather Magnetic North, as is presently the case. At the 13th Air Navigation Conference, it seems that ICAO has finally accepted that the issue merits debate. There is still much to do to further socialize the subject.

IHO

During this term the IHO has re-organised and now holds an Assembly every other year (next event in 2019). There has been a hiatus in our representation at the IHO but efforts are in hand to ensure that we are properly represented at the next Assembly and at committee meetings where it is deemed appropriate or necessary.

ICG

We have had three different representatives at this event in previous years. However, a new and, hopefully, long term representative has been appointed and he attended the 13th annual meeting of the ICG. His report will be published (as will those of our other representatives at the various international fora) on the Association website shortly. More importantly, the ICG accepted a proposal that IAIN become an Associate Member of the body, which allows us to have a voice rather than merely observing proceedings. It is considered that IAIN has the ability to contribute in a meaningful way.

US PNT Advisory Board

At present IAIN is fortunate to have two members who are participants of this Board. Their reports have been and will continue to be posted on the IAIN website.

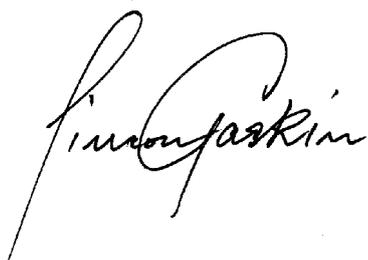
ITU

This is the only international body at which we are currently not represented. The Officers are considering whether the Association should (and, if so, how) become more engaged with this organisation.

Website

During the term our webmaster has carried out a refurbishment of the site to improve readability and linkages and, apart from a brief period during the summer of 2018 when the provider made some adjustments which took us down for some three days, it has hosted a steady stream of news items as well as acting as a portal to all the member organisations own websites. Our esteemed Editor has regularly harvested a wide variety of stories and articles related to navigation for inclusion on the site. Representatives' reports and the Minutes of the Officers' meetings will continue to be posted as they are submitted.

Other routine matters will be presented under the appropriate agenda item at the General Assembly.



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