

Commission 4 Annual Meeting



9 October, 2006
Time 09:20 Local
Room 12B at the
International
Conference Centre,
Munich

XXIII Quadrennial Congress

Topic: Meeting to close 2002-2006 workplan and receive final reports from the working groups.

Chairperson: A. Greenland, MRICS, LINZ, New Zealand.

Minutes: A. Leyzack, Canadian Institute of Geomatics, Canadian Hydrographic Service, Canada.

Attendees: **Ruth Adams**, Co-chair Working Group 4.2, FRICS, United Kingdom Hydrographic Office.
Andy Armstrong- Chair FIG/IHO/ICA, International Advisory Board on the Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers, University of New Hampshire, USA.
Svante Astermo, Chair Swedish Association of Chartered Surveyors, LOC Stockholm 2008, Sweden
Teo Chee Hai- Member of Working Group 4.3, Member of the Land Surveyors Board, Peninsular Malaysia.
Captain Hugo Gorziglia- Director IHB, Monaco.
John McCarthy, Australasian Hydrographic Surveyors Accreditation Panel, Australia.
Jerry Mills- Member of Working Group 4.2, NOAA, USA.
David Neale- Member of Working Group 4.3, University of the West Indies, Trinidad & Tobago.
Michael Sutherland- Chair Working Group 4.3, University of Ottawa, Canada.
Chief Innocent English - Nigeria
A. Leyzack, Canadian Institute of Geomatics, Canadian Hydrographic Service, Canada **A. Greenland**, MRICS, LINZ, New Zealand
Volker Boder Hafen City University, Hamburg, germany
Wilfried Ellmer Bundesamt for Seeschifffahrt and Hydrographie, Rostock
Vanessa O'Connell Sydney Ports Authority
Gordon Johnston Venture Geomatics Limited (UK)
Steve Shipman IHB, Monaco
Adam Kerr- Chair Working Group 4.1, UK

Regrets:

1-2. Welcome and Introduction

Adam welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Adam noted his recent move to New Zealand and career change as Senior Hydrographic Surveyor, LINZ

He introduced Andrew as the incoming chair and David as incoming administrative officer

3. House Keeping

Discussion:

- Review of 5 upcoming technical sessions, 2 workshops and receptions to be held during the Congress.
- Hydro Technical Tour, TT 4: Visit to the Centre for Geoinformation at Waterways and Shipping Directorate South, Regensburg will be Wednesday with an 8:15 Departure from the Congress hotel.
- Commission 4 Dinner will be Wednesday Evening at the Wirtshaus Kuchlverzeichnis, 10 RosenheimerstraBe, tel: 089 481749
- Commission Strategic Planning meeting will be held Thursday morning meeting to discuss 2006-2010 workplan.

4-5. Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes

- The proposed agenda was accepted.
- Adam called attention to the minutes of the previous meeting held in Cairo (April 2005) which are posted on the Commission 4 website. Outstanding Action Items:
ICA MoU- Adam
PCGIAP- Adam, Ken
Funding- Ongoing (ACCO and GA)
Standards- Done
Requests for input for 2006-2010 workplan- Ongoing
Succession Plan- Done

6. Oral Reports from the Work groups

Adam called attention to the workplan which is posted on the Commission IV website and gave an overview of the commission's accomplishments, citing: 80 Papers, 20 events, 15 published articles, 5 technical tours, 3 annual CDs and 2 FIG publications- No's. 36 and 37. Additionally 2 MoU's were signed with sister organizations: IHO (2004) and the IFHS (2005).

Reports from the work groups:

WG 4.1 **Strategic Partnerships** on behalf of Adam Kerr, Adam Greenland summarized the 2 MoU's and noted that through the IHO MoU, the commission supported IHO in its Capacity Building Committee initiatives and likewise the IHO supported FIG at the Regional Meeting in Accra.

WG 4.2 **Vertical Reference Surface for Hydrography**: Ruth Adams (Ruth) presented their joint (with Commission 5) publication 37. She noted that future work would continue under Commission 5. Adam- thanked Ruth and Ahmed for the work done and encouraged delegates to take a copy of the publication with them. Ruth also noted the VRS flyer which was co-produced by RICS UK and that she would make copies available during the technical sessions later today. Adam presented Ruth with an FIG certificate of appreciation.

WG 4.3 **Coastal Zone Management, Marine Cadastre and Ocean Governance**: Michael Sutherland Introduced their joint (with Commission 7) publication 36 and provided an overview of the authors represented. Adam presented Michael with an FIG certificate of appreciation.

WG 4.4 Adam identified that **Education and CPD** can be facilitated through the Commission by attending a conference to provide CPD to students or local HO. He noted that CPD was a challenge to deliver but that it should continue within the next (2006-2010) workplan.

7. Commission 4 Annual CD

Adam reported that in total, 800 copies have been produced and that the 2005-2006 copy represents the 3rd in the series. Ruth asked if there would be a central focal point for distribution during the congress. Adam stated that session chairs could take copies and distribute.

8. Workshops

- Two workshops will be held Tuesday afternoon: WS 4 – Economic Benefits of Hydrography (ICM, Room Königsee) and WS 5 – Pathways to Professionalism (ICM, Room Königsee). During WS 4, Presentations will be given by Hugo Gorziglia and Gordon Johnston and for WS 5, Andy Armstrong and Andrew Leyzack.
- Andrew suggested that we hold break out sessions, perhaps dividing the attendees into two groups and asked that each speaker formulate a question pertaining to their specific topic. A report would be formulated.

9. ACCO and General Assembly

- Adam noted that the ACCO meeting was attended by all chairs and chair-elect, that the FIG Task force on Future Governance has recommended in future there will be no chair-elect positions so as to shorten the period of commitment. Andrew noted that the 2006-2010 C4 draft workplan was in-part influenced by the Task Force's interim report.
- Also noted was the new democratic process for electing new council members including the president. Matt Higgins (Australia) the present ACCO rep to council and Dr. Dalal Alnaggar (Egypt) were appointed to two vacant VP positions.

10. Draft Work Plan

- Andrew introduced the draft work plan for 2006-2010 and invited delegates to contribute feedback. A strategic planning meeting will be held Thursday meeting which will focus on further development of the work plan. All are invited.

11. Hydro International Quarterly Publication of Commission 4 News

- Adam Introduced Durk Haarsma from Reed Business Information. Durk welcomed delegates to visit the Reed stand in InterGeo and noted that FIG is currently publishing general news in GIM International. Durk invited FIG Comm 4 to publish news in Hydro International (10000 circulation) as an opportunity to spread news to hydrographers outside of C4. Hydro International has the same layout page as GIM and Durk suggested that publishing 4X/year would be a good start. They are starting a new website and could link to FIG C4 Website.
- Chief asked about subscription rates- Durk offered a free subscription to all FIG Commission 4 members. Chief noted that subscriptions are higher in Africa than Europe and cost is prohibitive. Gordon asked if Hydro International will participate in future C4 events? Adam stated that an offer has been made and this is an opportunity for the commission to consider. This would warrant the need for a communications officer. Durk noted that IHO is offering a quarterly page.

12. Future Meetings and Upcoming Events

- TN Wong and Winnie Shiu, introduced the HK2007 working week program and asked that the Commission notify the organizing committee regarding their request for a tech tour. There was discussion regarding technical session timing and the likelihood of poster sessions. Andrew suggested that poster sessions would be good for providing flexibility for strategic paper selection and an alternate opportunity for authors wishing to attend. Also suggested that specific times be allocated for PS for authors to present.
- 2007 Meetings and Events: IHO Meeting, Monaco, 7-11 May, Hong Kong WW2007, 13-17 May, THSoA, Norfolk 14-17 May, FIG Regional Meeting, Costa Rica, November

13. Other Business

Michael Sutherland reflected on the past 4 years with Commission 4 and thanked Adam for supporting his endeavours.

Adam noted the location of the next session, thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.