



IALA

INDUSTRIAL MEMBERSHIP

The means by which the industry interacts
with each other to ensure
the development of reliable
and sustainable products.

Principal Activities

IALA takes a pro-active approach, conducting a range of carefully selected activities with well-defined objectives.

IALA has four technical committees during its 2023 to 2027 working period. These are as follows:

- ◆ AtoN Requirements and Management (ARM)
 - Requirements for AtoN systems
 - Management of AtoN services
 - Marine Spatial Planning (MSP)
 - Risk management
- ◆ Vessel Traffic Services (VTS)
 - VTS implementation
 - VTS operations
 - VTS training
- ◆ AtoN Engineering and Sustainability (ENG)
 - Visual signaling
 - AtoN design and maintenance
 - Global capacity building and training
 - Position, Navigation and Timing
 - Sustainability, Heritage, and legacy
- ◆ Digital Technologies (DTEC)
 - Data modelling
 - Data exchange systems
 - Harmonized maritime connectivity
 - Digital communication technologies
 - e-Navigation technologies
- ◆ Every four years, the Conference brings together the world's leading experts in the provision of AtoN and related services.
- ◆ World experts also gather at the regular Symposia.
- ◆ Seminars and workshops on specific subjects are held regularly in key global locations.
- ◆ Awareness raising and training seminars are organized by the World-Wide Academy.

IALA World-Wide Academy

The World-Wide Academy (WWA) is the vehicle by which IALA delivers training and capacity building. It is an integral, but independently funded part of IALA. Its strategy is to facilitate the delivery of both aids to navigation and VTS model courses by accredited training organizations throughout the world. The Academy has been operating since 2012 and its activities in lesser developed countries continue to grow at a rapid pace, in the context of maritime development, as these countries need to have a cadre of competent personnel to ensure they meet their obligations under international law (i.e. SOLAS Convention) to provide AtoN and, where appropriate, VTS. IALA and its Academy together are in a uniquely strong position to assist both existing and potential National Members for the purpose of awareness raising, training and capacity building in both AtoN and VTS management matters, through the network of IALA-endorsed experts.

Origin and Status

Following the building of modern lighthouses during the 1800s, and acknowledging the need for global coordination of maritime navigation safety, international lighthouse conferences were convened from 1926 onwards.

IALA was formed in 1957 as an international technical association based in Paris to support the goals of those earlier conferences. It is a consultative organization with a recommendatory and technical nature and is not-for-profit and non-political. It has the status of an international Non-Governmental Organization.

IALA has its Headquarters in Saint Germain en Laye, near Paris, France.

The Motto of «Successful voyages, sustainable planet»

IALA's mission in the maritime arena is summed up in its chosen motto of "Successful voyages, sustainable planet". The principal aims are:

- ◆ To harmonize standards for Marine Aids to Navigation (AtoN) systems worldwide;
- ◆ To facilitate the safe and efficient movement of shipping; and
- ◆ To enhance the protection of the marine environment.

The overall aim of IALA is to foster the safe, economic and efficient movement of vessels, through improvement and harmonization of AtoN worldwide and other appropriate means, for the benefit of the maritime community and the protection of the environment. It does this by creating Standards, Recommendations and Guidelines of a technical nature, and by encouraging training and capacity building in developing countries.

Over the years, key achievements of IALA have included (in no particular order) a uniform Maritime Buoyage System (MBS), guidance on the provision of AtoN, model courses for the training and certification of AtoN managers, technicians and Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) personnel, the development of waterway risk models (PAWSA and IWRAP Mk2), a harmonized maritime Differential Global Navigation Satellite System (DGNSS) service, guidance on the marking of offshore structures, guidance on heritage, the development of the IMO-mandated Automatic Identification System (AIS), and the creation of the IALA World-Wide Academy.

Industrial Members

Manufacturers or distributors of AtoN equipment and organizations providing AtoN services or technical advice under contract can join IALA as Industrial Members. The number of Industrial Membership is 164 companies from 41 nations worldwide as of February 2024.

Membership Categories

There are three membership categories: National member, Associate member and Industrial member.

Industrial Members' Rights and Benefits

- ◆ Attend IALA General Assemblies
- ◆ Participate in IALA Committee meetings
- ◆ Participate in IALA Workshops/Seminars
- ◆ Participate in IALA Conferences
- ◆ Nominate members to the Industrial Members Group (IMG)
- ◆ Take part in industrial exhibitions
- ◆ Sponsor IALA events
- ◆ Have own page on IALA Website
- ◆ Answer calls for tenders published on IALA Website
- ◆ Advertise in the IALA e-Bulletin
- ◆ Submit editorial articles to the IALA e-Bulletin
- ◆ Sponsor developing countries' participation in IALA events through IMG
- ◆ Access restricted area of the IALA Website
- ◆ Use IALA logos on your organization's letterheads (excluding business cards)

Product Advertisement

Industrial members can enjoy the unique advantage of publishing editorial articles free of charge and advertising at competitive rates in the e-Bulletin, where your achievements and products reach well-targeted readers.



e-BULLETIN

OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF MARINE AIDS TO NAVIGATION AND
LIGHTHOUSE AUTHORITIES



Boost your business through your dedicated web page on the IALA website

Industrial members receive their own webpage on the IALA website. Fill it in carefully and update it regularly with your latest products. This is where your IALA customers go to find the right suppliers.

The Industrial Members Group (IMG)

IMG represents the Industrial members of IALA, which comprise companies or individuals qualifying for Industrial Membership according to Article 5 of the Constitution.

IMG comprises 9 members elected at the General Assembly of Industrial members held on the occasion of each Conference. The IMG President should normally be from the country that will host the next Conference.

There are 2 representatives per region, for American, European/African and Asian/Oceanian continents, and 2 representing all members. They are responsible for keeping Industrial members informed of the activities of the IMG and bringing to the IMG's attention concerns of Industrial members in their region. The current IMG representatives are listed below.

Among other things the IMG:

- ◆ Informs the Industrial members about all important decisions and events in IALA
- ◆ Maintains liaison with the IALA Secretariat and Council
- ◆ Organizes an industrial exhibition at Conferences and Symposia in collaboration with the host country
- ◆ Organizes an industrial evening at each Conference

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