

Agenda item 12 – IALA World-Wide Academy**12.2 WWA Board Meetings***12.2.2 – Report of 9th Board Meeting*Note by the Academy**Introduction**

The ninth IALA World-Wide Academy Board Meeting was held in Saint Germain en Laye on 17th November 2015. Apart from the capacity building missions the last period has been marked by training activity as the Academy facilitated or delivered four Level 1 AtoN manager training courses. The Academy has almost reached its four year anniversary which required the existing Board Members to decide whether they wished to be considered as Board candidates for the next four year period. All present board members confirmed their desire to serve for another four years.

Principal Results from the 9th Board Meeting**Sponsorship and Academy Finances**

The Academy's principal sponsors, the International Foundation for Aids to Navigation (IFAN) and the Republic of Korea have confirmed continued sponsorship until 2019. However additional funding will be required to meet planned activity. The Dean intended to provide a list of targeted Academy events at each Council meeting and invite Council members to consider whether their organisations or other authorities in their home nations might sponsor these projects.

Training and Capacity Building Activities in 2015

The Board considered the reports of 17 training and capacity building activities conducted since May 2015. In the six month period since the last Board Meeting, the Academy, among other activities, participated in 2 technical needs assessment missions; 1 Hydrographic Commission; an e-Navigation conference; 3 High Level missions; the IMO TCC and delivered or facilitated 4 Level 1 AtoN manager courses and its annual risk management training seminar.

The Dean and a Korean representative conducted High Level missions to **Vietnam** and **Cambodia**. This resulted in 4 participants from these countries attending the Level 1 AtoN manager course in China 3 to the risk seminar.

A technical needs assessment mission was conducted to **Suriname** with a follow-up Stage 3 “analysis” mission planned for November. A second technical needs assessment mission was conducted to **Brunei Darussalam**.

The Academy facilitated or delivered Level 1 AtoN training at IALA Headquarters and in **China** in English; in the French language in **France** and in Spanish in **Spain**. The Republic of **Korea** became, with facilitation by the Academy, the first accredited training organisation with approval to deliver “Level 1+” AtoN training for senior managers. The annual risk management training seminar in **Singapore** was attended by 28 participants from 10 countries.

The Academy delivered an intervention at IMO TCC- 65 on behalf of the Joint Capacity building Working Group and lobbied a number of target States during the South Africa and Islands Hydrographic Commission in **Tanzania**. A mission to **Cote d’Ivoire** was conducted to prepare for the AtoN and Maritime Traffic Monitoring Workshop planned back to back with the 61th Council meeting in December. A High Level mission was conducted by the Dean to reinforce cooperation between the Academy and the World Maritime University and The Academy participated in the IALA Workshop on Human Factors and Ergonomics in VTS, both events held in **Sweden**.

2015/2016 Action Plan.

The Board adopted the updated 2015/2016 Action Plan until April 2016. Apart from the Stage 3 mission to Suriname and AtoN and Maritime Traffic Monitoring Workshop in **Senegal** mentioned above, it included a VTS training conference in **Japan**, the facilitation of a Level 2 technician’s course in **France**, the annual joint Capacity Building Working Group in **Switzerland** and a training seminar in **India**. Technical needs assessment missions to **Antigua, Haiti, the Solomon Islands and Liberia** were approved as were participation in the Regional Hydrographical Commission (HC) in **Bangladesh** and a joint IMO/IALA/IHO safety of navigation seminar and HC in **Antigua**. The Academy will facilitate and/or deliver Level 1 AtoN manger courses in **Korea** and **South Africa**.

Council is requested to:

Take note