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Recognizing the excellent work carried out by his predecessor Mr. Salvador de la Encina, due to organizational reasons, in late February Dr. Francisco Toledo, former President of the Castellón Port Authority, was appointed new President of Puertos del Estado.

Mr. Juan Francisco Rebollo, Head of the Spanish Aids to Navigation Service, has recently retired. As former President of IALA and Chancellor for Spain, he would like to express his gratitude to IALA and the Council for all these years of fruitful work.

Puertos del Estado's commitment to work with the IALA World-Wide Academy and other countries in order to support AtoN training in Spanish has materialized in two different initial ways. Firstly, Puertos del Estado has translated into Spanish 57 IALA Guidelines and Recommendations that IALA will make available on-line soon. Secondly, Puertos del Estado and other Spanish-speaking countries have provided the Academy with a list of specialized lecturers able to deliver future IALA AtoN training in Spanish.

Even during this difficult period where the coronavirus pandemic is affecting so badly the Spanish population and the economy, both the AtoN national coordination service in Madrid and the Port Authorities have managed to fulfil their duties and keep the AtoN service working. With a combination of telecommuting and protection measures, Puertos del Estado is committed to keep the AtoN service running with minimum disruption during the difficult months ahead.