

Paper Chart Working Group Meets in Korea



The 9th meeting of the IHO Chart Standardization and Paper Chart Working Group (CSPCWG) was hosted by the Korean Hydrographic and Oceanographic Administration (KHOA) in Seoul from 13 to 16 November 2012. The 23 attendees included representatives of Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Rep. of Korea, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States and the IHB, plus an expert contributor from Jeppesen. The meeting was chaired by Dr Peter Jones (UK).

CSPCWG provides a core of expertise on the concepts of charting and is mainly tasked to develop and maintain the IHO Chart Specifications, as contained in publication S-4.

The meeting was welcomed by Mr. Suk-Hyun Kim, Director General of KHOA. It reviewed and discussed a number of proposals relating to chart content and specifications. These included topics for which new or amended specifications will be prepared: submarine cables; discontinuities between surveys; maximum draught areas; footbridges; spot heights and topographic contours; sounding selection; convention on upright and sloping text styles; compilation practice; and reference to WGS84.

The comprehensive revision of S-4 Part B, which started in 2004, is now in its last phase and is planned for completion in 2013.

Dr Peter Jones (UK) and Mr Jeff Wootton (Australia) were re-elected as CSPCWG Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.

The 10th meeting of CSPCWG has been planned in Wellington, New Zealand, in mid-January 2014. Germany has offered to host the 11th meeting in Rostock.