



## INTERNATIONAL ICE CHARTING WORKING GROUP (IICWG)

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### *IICWG-XIX – Secretariat Report*

In addition to looking after minor action items and e-mail correspondence, I addressed a number of issues of interest to the IICWG:

1. Continued to follow up on the issue of future of Passive Microwave Radiometer satellite missions for operational sea ice monitoring and prepared a briefing note to the IICWG on the subject. The bottom line is that, while the operational Chinese FY-3 program can be used as a gap filler, it is not as good as AMSR-2. The recommendation is to support an decision by ESA to fund the Copernicus Imaging Microwave Radiometer (CIMR) mission.
2. Sent letter from the co-chairs to Dr. Eric Kihn, Director of the Center for Coasts, Oceans, and Geophysics at the U.S. National Centers for Environmental Information, expressing the IICWG's gratitude for his continued support of the IICWG website.
3. Sent letter from the co-chairs to Birte Noer Borrevik, Chair of the Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission (ARHC), thanking her for an invitation to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the AHRC but expressing our regret at being unable to do so this year because of meeting conflicts. We hoped to participate in future AHRC meetings and invited AHRC to the IICWG meeting in Helsinki.
4. With assistance from several Ice Service heads, prepared an IICWG presentation for Marianne Thyrring for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Arctic Shipping Best Practices Information Forum (ASBPIF) held in May 2018. Followed up on the implementation of the ASBPIF web portal which features information about the IICWG as well as links to the IICWG and Ice Logistics Portal websites.
5. Prepared a report on IICWG activities to the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the WMO EC-PHORS along with a presentation that Helge Tangen gave at the meeting.
6. On behalf of the Arctic Regional Climate Centre, distributed the draft Polar Arctic Regional Climate Outlook Forum (PARCOF) consensus report to Ice Services requesting comment. The only response was from AARI, which was passed along to the Forum.
7. Convened the Organizing Committee for the 19<sup>th</sup> IICWG meeting and hosted monthly teleconferences to develop the agenda and organize logistics.

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