



IICWG Mission, Vision and Strategic Goals

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Mission

The International Ice Charting Working Group (IICWG), formed in 1999, promotes cooperation among the world's ice services and acts in an advisory capacity on matters concerning sea-ice and icebergs.

Vision

The IICWG supports the provision of robust products and services for maritime communities to operate safely and efficiently in and around ice-encumbered waters. We achieve this by harnessing the knowledge, skill and experience of the national ice services and international experts and incorporating advancements in data collection, science, and technology.

Strategic Goals

1. Improve maritime safety through collaboration across the international ice services, maritime users and associated groups.
2. Develop our human and technical resources to leverage advances in data acquisition and management, modelling, remote sensing, machine-learning, and artificial intelligence to create efficiencies in data services, analysis and forecasting.
3. Facilitate the transition of applied science into ice services, while ensuring operational needs are considered.
4. Advise and influence relevant international organizations.
5. Advance and support contributions to ice information and climate services.

Implementation

During the annual meeting, the IICWG will discuss priorities and coordinate tasks to achieve these goals, which will be evaluated on a regular basis.



Organization Structure

The Co-Chairs' Coordinating Group led by the two co-chairs will play a coordinating role in the intersessional period to bring together the various task team leads with a goal to report on progress.

The Co-Chairs' Coordinating Group will be responsible for building the agenda for the annual meeting and will meet quarterly by teleconference.

A Local Arrangements Team will be responsible for meeting logistics and execution of the program.

Task Teams will focus on specific themed actions identified by the plenary during the annual meetings.

Task Teams must have a champion who leads a team of willing members to address specific work items to achieve well-defined goals.

Annual Meeting Structure

Monday

- Morning
 - Task Teams meet separately (or jointly if necessary)
- Afternoon – Plenary opens
 - Task Teams report on progress to plenary
 - Discuss challenges, inter-team coordination, issues emerging from task work

Tuesday & Wednesday

- Theme sessions as developed by the Co-Chairs Coordinating Group to explore task developments and introduce new topics of interest to the IICWG
- To include users, suppliers, collaborators and other stakeholders

Thursday

- Working day to absorb what was presented in the previous days and discuss how to go forward with tasks and to introduce emerging issues

Friday

- Morning
 - Business Meeting where the work plan for the coming year is developed
 - Task teams created, continued, or disbanded
- Afternoon
 - Remaining business, wrap-up and adjournment