



21st MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ICE CHARTING WORKING GROUP

September 21-25, 2020 – Buenos Aires, Argentina

A New Decade of Ice Information for Polar Maritime Operations

June 25, 2020

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Videoconference - September 21-25, 2020

Greetings from the IICWG Co-Chairs;

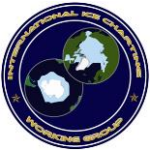
Respecting the COVID-19 travel and meeting restrictions, the **21st Meeting of the International Ice Charting Working Group (IICWG-XXI)** will be held by remote videoconference during September 21-25, 2020. We are inviting you to participate in a modified form with a reduced agenda.

Since 1999, the IICWG has successfully worked as a forum for the operational ice services and helped them to better meet the needs of their national and international maritime clients through coordination and cooperation in data sharing, standards, training, product development, and research activities. The annual meeting is a valuable opportunity for the national ice services to meet, along with their partners and clients, to discuss issues facing operational ice monitoring and forecasting today and in the years to come. While it is impossible to meet in person this year, we feel it is important to maintain momentum on a number of key initiatives and have elected to proceed with a remote videoconference. It is our intention to convene together in Buenos Aires in September 2021.

Recognizing the difficulties inherent in videoconferencing, the agenda is being restricted to a single two-hour session each day, Monday to Friday. To accommodate the wide range of time zones, the sessions will run from 1100UTC to 1300UTC. There is no specific theme for the meeting. The intention is to focus on several initiatives that our task teams have been working on and establish the work plans for the next year. A preliminary agenda is attached.

The Organizing Committee for IICWG-XXI is:

- Alvaro Scardilli (Argentine Naval Hydrographic Service – host)
- Keld Qvistgaard (Danish Meteorological Institute)
- John Parker (Canadian Ice and Marine Service)
- Mike Hicks (International Ice Patrol, USCG)
- Bryan Brasher (U.S. National Ice Center)
- Penny Wagner (Norwegian Ice Service, Met Norway)
- Vasily Smolyanitsky (Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute, Russia)
- Jan Lieser (Bureau of Meteorology, Australia)
- Marc de Vos (South African Weather Service)
- Shanna Combley (NOAA)
- John Falkingham and Klaus Strübing of the IICWG Secretariat.



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Background documentation, together with details on how to register and connect to the videoconference, will be sent to you in the coming weeks. Additionally, you can check the IICWG website at <http://nsidc.org/noaa/iicwg/>.

If you have questions about the meeting, please contact John Falkingham or other members of the Organizing Committee.

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Attach.



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1100 UTC

Vancouver 4:00 a.m. Eastern North America 7:00 a.m. South America 8:00 a.m.
 Europe 1:00 p.m. South Africa 1:00 p.m. Saint-Petersburg 2:00 p.m. Hobart
 9:00 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21		
1100 UTC	MEETING OPENING	
1130 UTC	SESSION 1: MULTI-SPECTRAL SAR	Task Team 1 – Wolfgang Dierking (AWI)
1230 UTC	SESSION 2: ICE CHART QUALITY & UNCERTAINTY	Task Team 4 – Sean Helfrich (NOAA) / Scott Weese (CIS)
1300 UTC	END OF DAY 1	

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 22		
1100 UTC	SESSION 3: MARITIME TRAINING CENTER ENGAGEMENT	Task Team 8 – Keld Qvistgaard (DMI)
1200 UTC	SESSION 4: E-NAVIGATION	Task Team 3 – Jürgen Holfort (BSH)
1300 UTC	END OF DAY 2	



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WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23		
1100 UTC	SESSION 5: ICEBERG MODELLING, VALIDATION, VERIFICATION AND PRODUCTS	Task Team 2 – Mike Hicks (IIP)
1200 UTC	SESSION 6: SEA ICE MODELLING, VALIDATION, VERIFICATION AND PRODUCTS	Task Team 10 – Dean Flett (CIS) / Lars-Anders Breivik (Met Norway)
1300 UTC	END OF DAY 3	

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24		
1100 UTC	SESSION 7: MARITIME OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN OCEAN	TBA
1300 UTC	END OF DAY 4	

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25		
1100 UTC	SESSION 8: SCIENCE AND OPERATIONS	TBA
1200 UTC	MEETING SUMMARY AND CLOSE	
1300 UTC	END OF IICWG-XXI	