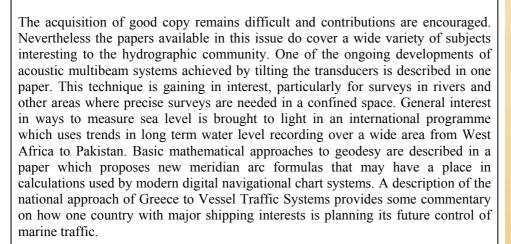
## **Editorial**

This is the first issue of the International Hydrographic Review to be produced in a digital form only. The format will be quite similar to previous hard copy versions. It will be posted on the IHO Web and access will be free. Once a year the IH Bureau will produce a compendium of all papers for the year in hard copy format but this will, for the time being, only be made available to Member States Hydrographic Offices.



An important Note concludes the contents of the issue. This note describes IHO Special Publication 100, the new Geospatial Standard for Hydrographic Data.

It includes a description of plans to migrate from the existing and very important S-57 standard. The production and maintenance of Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs) is today a most important function of Hydrographic Offices and consequently geospatial standards such as S-57 and now, S-100, are of fundamental importance.

Readers of this digital journal are encouraged to consider contributing articles on any subject that will interest the hydrographic community. The careful and detailed recording of technology is seen as both historically important and provides an opportunity to transfer technology. Prospective authors should not be intimidated by any language difficulties as these can be handled in the editorial process. Reports of work in progress in developing countries are equally important as those coming from the more developed countries.

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