

IMWG – Minutes 20210914 - 0600(NZST)

IMWG Agenda Items

1. Previous action points status
2. Building resilience around ICMS
3. Future capability planning
4. Current challenges
5. Virtual RDC
6. Actions
7. Summary

Standing Action points – Status:

1. ICMS 2.0 – Roll out Status
 - a. All Asia Pacific teams have received ICMS2.0*
 - b. All Americas teams received ICMS2.0*
 - c. AEME roll out is 50% complete and will be finished by the end of September*
 - d. Next steps will be to work on the IRNAP teams approved by secretariate*
2. Finance – *Finance paper submitted to secretariate awaiting outcomes for funding model – Needs to be addressed soon as current funding/Sponsor (NED01) ends this year (Dec 2021)*
3. Virtual RDC – *Paper development still in progress, research indicates limited ability to perform all functions of RDC, but Team management is possible through ICMS (Teams) and some amendments to VO inputs to deuce duplication. There will always need to be an RDC as its primarily about people.*

Content

1. Building Resilience - ICMS
 - a. The BaU support for ICMS needs to move from a people-based model to more of a system support model.
 - b. Options are:
 - i. to utilise Esri Disaster program to support the day-to-day requests, such as licencing and user creation functions
 - ii. Increase the number of “developer staff” to support the help desk model as well as future development. This is underway with John Morrison onboarding a member of his US based staff to help in this space, as well as an opportunity in NZL to do the same.
2. Future Capability Planning: 2–5-year planning strategies for ongoing development
 - a. Key areas of development:
 - i. Training
 - ii. Flexible response versions of ICMS
 - iii. Squad / Team level management functions
 - b. Community survey of perceived needs
 - i. What is missing from ICMS
 - ii. What do you want ICMS to do in the future
 - c. Need to be part of live exercises to gain effective feedback and experiences to ensure ICMS meets the INSARAG community needs profile.
3. Challenges
 - a. The virtual environment makes its very difficult to develop and improve ICMS, as live face to Face (F2F) meetings provide such a greater depth of contact and understanding of user needs.
 - b. IMWG needs a representative on the Flexible Response Working group
 - c. Secretariat needs to provide a list of IEC teams to IMWG, so we can ensure that we are providing licencing to approved teams in the process
 - d. Secretariat also needs to provide a priority-based list for the implementation of ICMS into IRNAP teams. (These will need to have a classified team as a mentor)

Actions Points

1. John to talk to Thomas Peter around integration into the VO.
2. Jeff to Complete a discussion paper for IMWG around RDC functions and the links to VOSOCC
3. Jeff to work with Paul Baxter (Flexible Response WG) to get an IMWG rep on FRWG.

Summary

IMWG, like many other INSARAG functions has suffered from a lack on face-to-face contact during the current COVID19 crisis, however we have managed to deliver the ICMS 2.) upgrade to 2 of our 3 zones and will have ICMS 2.0 (Systems) delivered to all classified teams by the end of September.

This has been possible in main by the work completed prior to the pandemic, but also using virtual technology and a lot of patience by our community members.

The focus on delivery of ICMS 2.0 is still the group's main priority, but as this will be complete by the end of September 2021, we are now starting to review a range of enhancements as small releases, and then announce and formally release at team leaders' meetings.

We had a deployment of ICMS to the Haiti earthquake and while there was no real USAR operations, ICMS was used to identify issues, such as fatalities. This is reflective of the need to look into the flexible response modelling to ensure that ICMS is able to develop and keep pace with an increasing scope of operation and IMWG will seek to have a representative on the Flexible Response working group going forward.

The inability to conduct face to face meetings is having a significant impact on the group's ability to plan and get things done, so all are looking forward to the time when we can get together as well as with our INSARAG family colleagues.

A few action points to complete.

Next meeting: 0600 5th October 2021 (NZST – UTC +12 or CET UTC +2)