

HMEI STATEMENT TO THE WMO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL JUNE 2009

HMEI enjoys a strong working relationship with WMO for several years. Our association consists of 100 companies that manufactures equipment, software and services in all fields including meteorology, hydrology, oceanography, aviation, climate, and the environment, to name but a few of the areas in which we have members. We are thus a private sector body endorsed by WMO to provide support to WMO in the field of commercial instrumentation and equipment.

HMEI has provided industry experts to many WMO fora, including Expert Teams in WMO Technical Commissions, experts to training workshops, instruments and exerts in various instrument intercomparisons. We also have been able to send industry experts to the Regional Association meetings and Hydrological Workshops. One such recent example are the Industry experts who attended last months RA IV meeting in the Bahamas. These experts from HMEI member companies were able to offer their expertise and guidance regarding instrumentation to the Association, and were able to gain information on the Associations upcoming needs regarding instrumentation. These needs are passed back to all HMEI member companies in the form of a report so that the industry is aware of future instrument requirements within WMO.

HMEI wishes to let it be known that we can offer the same private sector expertise, guidance and knowledge of instruments to the national meteorological and hydrological services, similarly to what we now provide to the WMO Secretariat. If you, the WMO members, need information on instruments, software applications or generally just need industry expertise, or information about specific instrumentation for tender purposes, use the association endorsed

by WMO for this purpose. You can contact HMEI through links on the CIMO section of the WMO website, or contact the HMEI Secretariat directly care of the WMO here in Geneva.