

The DHyG-Accredited Hydrographer - First Steps and Evaluations

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SUMMARY

The German Deutsche Hydrographische Gesellschaft (DHyG, German Hydrographic Society) is a nonprofit, non-governmental and independent working society. Its aim is to support the practical and scientific hydrography and the national and international cooperation in this field. With the Bremer Erklärung (Declaration of Bremen, 2008) the different German society on the geoinformation and surveying market started a closer cooperation. The DHyG has developed a new procedure to accredit professional hydrographers. The problem was that some public projects were appointed to cheap, but more or less unqualified companies. The aim of the DHyG is to accredit the competence of responsible working hydrographic companies in Germany. The procedure based on an application form with a questionnaire about the education, professional experience, research and development, educational and other hydrographic activities of the candidate. An Accreditation Council inspects the answers closely, evaluates the candidates based on a score evaluation. Each council member forms his own opinion. All results are collated together at the speaker of the group and are discussed in a final meeting. First accreditations had successfully been finished in 2009. A first public invitation to tender referring the DHyG-Anerkannter Hydrograph (DHyG-Accredited Hydrographer) appeared. The presentation deals with the process and the results of the accreditation.

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