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**IHO EXHIBITION ON MARINE CARTOGRAPHY AT ICA'99**

References: 1) IHB Circular Letter 61/1998 of 23 December 1998  
2) IHB Circular Letter 20/1999 of 26 April 1999

Dear Sir,

The 19th International Cartographic Conference was held at the Ottawa Congress Centre in Canada from 14 to 21 August 1999. Reportedly, more than 1,200 participants registered for this major event.

In the frame of this ICA Conference, a worldwide cartographic exhibition was organized by the National Archives of Canada. In connection with this, the IHB, with the kind assistance of the Canadian Hydrographic Service, arranged to have a separate IHO Member States' exhibition on Marine Cartography. Accordingly, Member States were invited to participate through the above-referenced circular letters.

A separate room in the ICA exhibition building was devoted to the IHO display and the IHB would like to thank the following HO's for their participation: Argentina, Bahrain, Canada, Chile, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Japan, New Zealand, Peru, Spain, UK and USA-NOS. The ICA map exhibition attracted numerous visitors throughout the week and this great success benefitted the IHO display as well in making the public aware of the Hydrographic Offices' achievements.

Besides the IHO exhibition, it was noted that a certain number of HO's had their charts/maps displayed only at the general ICA map exhibition, whereas others duplicated their chart display at both, namely: Australia, China, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Tonga. Whilst it is considered that exhibiting charts/maps at both the IHO and the general ICA displays does no harm, as this considerably increases the visibility of HO's products, we think that it is desirable that all participating HO's exhibit their products at least at the IHO display in order to reinforce its impact on the public.

A "jury" was formed to assess HO's exhibits, composed of Mr Anthony O'Connor, Dominion Hydrographer, Mr. Ronald Furness, Chairman of the ICA Commission on Marine Cartography, and Ing en chef Michel Huet representing the IHB. After careful examination of all displays, it was decided that the "ICA'99 - IHO Exhibition on Marine Cartography Prize" would be awarded to both:

**CHILE and PERU.**

Chile presented the ENC production at the Chilean HO in a very clear and attractive way on several panels, so as to inform the public on the matter. Peru demonstrated on a computer a simulated ECDIS and the ENCs produced by the Peruvian HO.

The Directing Committee is pleased to offer their congratulations to the winners. It is planned that the prizes will be presented to the Hydrographers of Chile and Peru by the President of the IHB Directing Committee, at a special ceremony during the 2nd Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference, in March 2000.

The next ICA Conference will take place in Beijing, China, in August 2001 (see [www.sbsm.gov.cn/icc2001/](http://www.sbsm.gov.cn/icc2001/)), and the IHB intends to propose to Member States that a similar IHO cartographic exhibition be organized as part of this event. The IHB President had the opportunity to discuss this matter with the Chinese Hydrographic Authorities and they have very kindly offered to assist in preparing the next IHO display. Member States will receive details on this future exhibition in due course.

Again, the IHB would like to thank all those participating Hydrographic Offices and the Canadian Hydrographic Service, who largely contributed to the success of the "IHO Exhibition on Marine Cartography at ICA'99".

On behalf of the Directing Committee,  
Yours sincerely

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The Directing Committee is particularly happy to start the series of Circular Letters for the year 2000 with this encouraging achievement, which augurs well for the future. The year 2000, the last year of the second millennium of the Christian era, sees the International Hydrographic Organization as a most vital organization which comprises almost all the main maritime countries in the world and which has achieved concrete results in many areas. The Directing Committee's wish is that the Strategic Plan, which will be formally approved at the forthcoming Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference, will be implemented by all the IHO Member States.

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