

**CIRCULAR LETTER 17/2000**  
**10 April 2000**

**LICENCING OF THE TITLE "INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC REVIEW"**

- References:
- a) IHB CL 25/1999 of 31.5.99
  - b) IHB CL 4/2000 of 19.1.00

Dear Sir,

As mentioned in Circular Letter 4/2000, the Directing Committee has been negotiating a licence to a commercial publisher to use the title "International Hydrographic Review".

Negotiations have been held with two publishers: Elsevier Science (UK) who are the publishers of a large number of marine science journals and GITC (The Netherlands), who are the publishers of a range of survey and geomatics journals.

Both companies offered similar terms for the licence, but owing to an organisational re-structure, Elsevier have withdrawn their offer. The terms of the licence with GITC, as they were tentatively laid out, would include the following obligations during a first period of 5 years:

**GITC Obligations**

- To produce and distribute the International Hydrographic Review (IHR) in English only, twice a year;
- To mail up to 3 copies of each issue to a maximum of 75 Member States addresses, worldwide, free of charge. The total number of free copies should not exceed 225 per issue;
- To include one IHB Director on the Editorial Board of the IHR;
- To mutually agree with the IHB about the layout of the Review.

**IHB Obligations**

- To licence GITC to publish the IHR;
- To allow the use of the IHO logo and the name I.H. Review on the cover;
- To supply all correct subscription names and addresses to GITC;
- To allow GITC free exhibition space to promote the IHR at IHO Conferences;
- A financial contribution of a minimum of 55,000 FrF per year (increased by the price index every year).

The provisional contract has been sent to a lawyer, for advice.

The Directing Committee believes that this initiative will assist the programme objectives of the IHO (Programmes 3<sup>1</sup> and 4<sup>2</sup> of the Strategic Plan), particularly in the exchange of technical information, and in widening the scope of information to a much wider field of activity, for example the GIS applications of hydrographic data. It will also promote the value of the work of the hydrographic offices to a much wider audience.

The Directing Committee is now seeking approval and comments, if any, from Member States on this project. You are kindly requested to return the attached Voting Paper (Annex A) to the IHB **by 1 June 2000.**

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Giuseppe Angrisano', is centered on the page. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Rear Admiral Giuseppe ANGRISANO  
President

Encl: Annex A (Voting Paper)

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<sup>1</sup> Programme 3 - Techniques and Standards Coordination and Support

<sup>2</sup> Programme 4 - Public Relations and General Management Support

**VOTING PAPER**

*(to be returned to the IHB by 1 June 2000)*

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**LICENCING OF THE TITLE "INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC REVIEW"**

1. DO YOU AGREE TO LICENCING THE TITLE "*INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC REVIEW*" TO GITC ?

YES  NO

2. DO YOU AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THE LICENCE AS SHOWN ON PAGE 1 OF THIS CL?

YES  NO

COMMENTS:

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