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**CIRCULAR LETTER 26/2001
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**ONE YEAR SECONDMENT OF DR. D. TRAVIN (IOC) TO THE
INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC BUREAU
(1 October 2001 - 30 September 2002)**

Reference: CL 47/2000 : Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) IOC-IHO

Dear Sir,

Following the signature of the above-referenced Memorandum of Understanding in October 2000, the Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and the Directing Committee of the International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB) have agreed to locate the ocean mapping office of the IOC at the IHB offices in Monaco for a period of one year. This will imply the secondment of Dr. Dimitri TRAVIN to the IHB.

The IHB will provide Dr. TRAVIN with an office, secretarial support and the use of a computer, telephone, fax, etc. The IOC will continue to pay his salary, social security and travel expenses.

The reason for this move is related to the intense and continuous commitment of the IHO in the development of GEBCO and the International Bathymetric Charts, which necessitates a permanent liaison between the IHO Secretariat and the staff officer of the IOC in charge of ocean mapping. His presence in Monaco, as a detached IOC civil servant, will, in the opinion of the Directing Committee and the IOC Executive Secretary, assist in accelerating the implementation of all ocean mapping projects.

The President of the IHB Directing Committee has already verbally informed the Monegasque Government Authorities of this secondment, who advised him to inform the Director of the External Relations Department in writing. This will be done immediately.

This Circular Letter is sent to IHO Member States for their information and for their comments, if any.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Rear Admiral Giuseppe ANGRISANO
President

Copy to: Dr. P. Bernal, Executive Secretary, IOC.