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**PRINCE ALBERT 1<sup>st</sup> MEDAL FOR HYDROGRAPHY - 2002**

Dear Sir,

You will recall that the Prince Albert 1<sup>st</sup> medal for Hydrography is traditionally awarded every 5 years and presented by the Prince of Monaco at International Hydrographic Conferences (IHC). To date, two medals have been awarded - one in 1992 (at the XIVth IHC) and one in 1997 (at the XVth IHC).

The winning article is selected by the IHO Member States from articles chosen during the 5 year-period between Conferences.

Up until 1999, the eligible papers were chosen from those published in the International Hydrographic Review (2 volumes per year, March and September) but from January 2000, following the licensing of the International Hydrographic Review to the commercial publisher GITH in September 1999, the selection has been made from technical articles published in the New International Hydrographic Bulletin (10 issues per year, up to December).

The winning article, which will be awarded the Prince Albert 1<sup>st</sup> Medal in 2002, would normally be chosen amongst the papers selected for this award in 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001. However, bearing in mind that the papers eligible for selection would include the one to be published in the December 2001 issue of the Bulletin, the Directing Committee considers that the period available (2 months) between the distribution of the December issue and the notification of the winner to the Government of Monaco, is too short to complete the voting procedures explained above. Therefore, it has been decided that the final selection will be made amongst the articles selected in 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000, and that the next selection period will be from 2001 to 2005.

You will find attached herewith a Voting Paper to select the winner of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Prince Albert Medal to be presented at the XVIth I.H. Conference. You are kindly requested to return your vote to the IHB **by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2001.**

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

Rear Admiral Neil GUY  
Director

Encl. Annex A – Voting Paper

**VOTING PAPER***(to be returned to the IHB, duly completed, by 1 November 2001)*

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**2002 PRINCE ALBERT 1st MEDAL ON HYDROGRAPHY**

The 2002 Prince Albert 1st Medal on Hydrography will be presented by H.S.H. Prince Rainier III of Monaco at the XVIth International Hydrographic Conference in April 2002.

The papers selected for the 2002 Prince Albert Medal from 1997 to 2000 are shown below.

YEAR	PAPER	AUTHOR	PUBLISHED IN
1997 1998	"The History of the International Hydrographic Bureau"	Captain Federico BERMEJO (IHB)	IH Review, March 1997 (Commemorative issue)
1999	"The role of the Hydrographic Office"	Mr. William SALMON (UK)	IH Review, Sept. 1999
2000	"The modern management of a Hydrographic Office"	Capt. H. GORZIGLIA (Chile)	IH Bulletin, Nov. 2000

The Terms of Reference for the award of the Prince Albert 1<sup>st</sup> Medal, as approved by the IHO Member States, stipulate that the papers having been awarded the Commodore Cooper Medal in the same years can also be considered eligible for the Prince Albert 1<sup>st</sup> Medal. They were the following:

YEAR	PAPER	AUTHOR (S)	PUBLISHED IN
1997 1998	Modern Under-keel Clearance Management	Bruce B. PARKER and Lloyd C. HUF	IH Review March 1998
1999	Automatic detection of Punctual Errors in Multibeam Data Using a Robust Estimator	N. DEBESE and H. BISQUAY	IH Review Sept. 1999
2000	The modern management of a Hydrographic Office	Capt. H. GORZIGLIA (Chile)	IH Bulletin, Nov. 2000

You are requested to identify with a cross the paper that you would like to receive the 2002 Prince Albert I Medal on Hydrography.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_