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**ICC 2001 – 20<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CARTOGRAPHIC CONFERENCE  
(Beijing, China, 6-10 August 2001)**

**NAUTICAL CHART DISPLAY BY IHO MEMBER STATES**

References: IHB Circular Letter 11/2001 dated 16 February 2001  
IHB Circular Letter 30/2001 dated 25 June 2001

Dear Sir,

1. As announced in the above-referenced Circular Letters, an exhibition of IHO Member States' cartographic products was organized as part of the 20<sup>th</sup> International Cartographic Conference (ICC 2001), in Beijing, China, from 6 to 10 August 2001. International Cartographic Conferences, which are held every two years, are major events of the International Cartographic Association (ICA) and attract many role players in the cartographic world. More than 1000 participants were registered at ICC 2001.

2. The IHO cartographic exhibition was very successful thanks to the excellent organisation provided by the Maritime Safety Administration (MSA), China. Member States' charts/maps were extremely well presented in a spacious and well laid out environment and MSA staff took care to provide the necessary explanations to visitors. The exhibition was officially opened on 6 August by the President of the IHB Directing Committee who was invited to give a brief speech to the ICA Conference attendees and the press.

3. The Bureau is very grateful to the following 15 IHO Member States who, along with the IHB, participated in the exhibition:

*Australia, Chile, China, Finland, France, India, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Portugal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Turkey, United Kingdom and USA (NOAA).*

4. A jury of cartographic experts was formed to judge the displays and to select the best one. The Jury was chaired by Rear Admiral Giuseppe ANGRISANO, IHB President, and he was assisted by the other members of the Jury:

- Mr. Ron FURNESS (Australia), Chairman of the ICA Commission on Marine Cartography;
- Prof. Harold MOELLERING (USA), Chairman of the ICA Commission on Spatial Data Standards;
- Mr. WANG Jinfu (China), Deputy Director-General, MSA;
- Ing. en chef Michel HUET, IHB Professional Assistant for Cartography.

5. The Jury, in assessing the displays, took into account the following criteria/themes: General Presentation; Paper Nautical Cartography; Digital Nautical Cartography; and Thematic Maps and Charts (e.g. Bathymetry or Fishery). **CHINA** was finally chosen as the best exhibitor at the "**IHO Cartographic Exhibition at ICC 2001**".

6. China's display was unanimously voted the best. It included paper charts (National and INT), bathymetric maps, and Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs) portrayed on ECDIS. These were presented by MSA, along with the Navigation Guarantee Department of the Chinese Navy Headquarters and the Hydrographic Offices of Hong Kong and Macau Special Administrative Regions.

7. The IHB would not only like to thank the MSA (China) for their outstanding support in setting up the IHO exhibition at ICC 2001, but would also like to congratulate China for their splendid display. As announced in CL 30/2001, a prize will be awarded to the winning Hydrographic Office, i.e. China, at the XVIth International Hydrographic Conference (Monaco, 14-19 April 2002).

8. The second best display, as selected by the Jury, was that of the **UNITED KINGDOM** and the IHB warmly congratulates the UK Hydrographic Office for their very well presented display.

9. The IHB wishes to reiterate its gratitude for the very kind assistance provided by the MSA in organizing the IHO cartographic exhibition at ICC 2001. Following the great success encountered by this IHO display to the world's cartographers, it is hoped that the next edition (Durban, South Africa, 2003) will see even more IHO Member States participating. The Bureau is confident that the South African Hydrographic Office will make a point of providing similar support at ICC 2003.

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-colored background.

Rear Admiral Giuseppe ANGRISANO  
President