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INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC REVIEW

Reference: CL 53/2001 dated 31 October 2001.

Dear Sir,

A total of 16 replies were received in response to the above-referenced Circular Letter which sought the views of the IHO Member States on the International Hydrographic Review (new series) published by GITC (The Netherlands).

The following comments were received :

- Bahrain:** Satisfied with the copies they receive.
- Canada:** The Regional Office in Quebec works in French and would prefer to receive the I.H. Review in French (if it were to exist in French). Requires 2 extra copies.
- Chile:** SHOA has been active in sending papers to the IHR or Hydro International, and is willing to continue providing articles that could be of general interest to the international hydrographic community.
- Finland:** As regards possible articles for the IHR, we are willing to write a paper describing the aims and preliminary experiences of our new paper chart production system Nsector (see website: <http://www.meridian.fi/nsector>). This system is a continuation of our HIS Project and aimed at producing printed charts from the same data base where the ENC's are extracted. The developing project has been so far successful and the delivery of the system will be in January 2002. An article could be provided on this subject. Finland will also be able to provide an article on a new hydrographic survey vessel with a modern multi-beam system, which should be in operation in 2003.
- France:** It has been agreed with the Editor of the IHR that a set of articles from the French Hydrographic Annals would be regularly translated into English and published in the I.H. Review.
- Greece:** Wishes to congratulate the IHB, GITC and, in particular, the Editor, Adam J. KERR, on the new series of the International Hydrographic Review. As in the case of the previous publication, this new publication continues to maintain the professional nature of its contents, providing a remarkable record of hydrographic progress. Believes that the new series will be well received by the hydrographic community, adding a new dimension to distributing information on hydrography and associated sciences.
- India:** Requires 3 extra copies.
- Italy:** This Institute confirms its willingness to submit new articles in the near future. Satisfied with 3 copies and also suggests producing a CD Rom to satisfy the requests of additional copies.
- Korea, Rep. of** Requires 2 extra copies.

The Netherlands:

The new magazine is more attractive than the "old" concept and it gives the impression of being easier and more pleasant to read. As regards a possible merge with "The Hydrographic Society", there is no reason that this possibility should be ruled out. However, it is stressed that the reputation of the I.H. Review, as being a magazine with valuable, lasting and authoritative articles, should be maintained and it should not "slide down" to the level of an "announcement Bulletin".

Norway: Believes that it may be a good idea to merge the two publications (IHR and the Hydrographic Society Journal) in some way for a number of reasons.

Peru: Requires 3 extra copies.

Russia: Requires 3 extra copies.

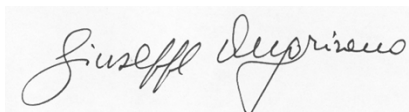
Turkey: Dissatisfied with the new I.H. Review. The previous IHO publication was more technical, covered a broader range of subjects, whereas the new publication has a more commercial approach and is smaller in size.

UK: Supports the IHB comments with regard to the I.H. Review articles and actively encourages UKHO staff to submit papers and reports.

USA NIMA: Requires 1 extra copy.

The IHB will take into account the above comments and has already addressed a letter to GITC in order to satisfy at best the request for additional copies.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,



Rear Admiral Giuseppe ANGRISANO
President