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IHO CARTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITIONS

References: 1. IHB Conf. CL 22/2002, dated 18 February 2002.
2. IHB CL 44/2001, dated 2 October 2001

Dear Sir,

The IHB is grateful to those 27 Member States which participated in the IHO Cartographic Exhibition that took place during the 16th International Hydrographic Conference, Monaco, on 15-19 April 2002, namely :

Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Finland, France, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Japan, Korea (DPR), Korea (Rep.), Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Portugal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Turkey, United Kingdom, and USA.

It is believed that IHCs offer a good opportunity for Member States to exhibit their most recent charting products and other achievements or plans. In addition to Member States, Conference observers include representatives from non-IHO States and various international and national organisations, as well as equipment manufacturers and other commercial exhibitors.

With a view to encouraging greater participation by Member States in the cartographic exhibition, the IHB set up a prize to be awarded to the best exhibitor, as adjudicated by a special Jury. The Jury as constituted for this Conference comprised:

- Capt. G. SINGHOTA, representing the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation;
- Sir A. LAUGHTON, Chairman of GEBCO;
- Mr. R. FURNESS, Chairman of the International Cartographic Association (ICA) Commission on Marine Cartography, representing the ICA President;
- Rear Admiral A. CIVETTA, former IHB Director;
- Mr. A.J. KERR, former IHB Director;
- Rear Admiral N. GUY, IHB Director, and
- Mr. Michel HUET, IHB Professional Assistant for Cartography.

The criteria taken into consideration by the members of the Jury when assessing the displays, included : General Presentation of the Display; Innovation in the Display; Paper Nautical Charts: Layout, Content and Presentation; Digital Nautical Charts: General Impression; and Thematic Maps/Charts (e.g. Bathymetry or Fishery): Layout, Content, Presentation and Extent of Interest Generated.

After careful consideration of the 27 chart exhibits, the Jury decided to award the prize to :

ITALY

The IHB Directing Committee is pleased to congratulate the winner of the "IHO Cartographic Exhibition at IHC 16" for the quality, modern style and attractiveness of their exhibit. As you may recall, the prize was awarded to the then Italian Hydrographer, Capt. A. AGLIATA, during the closing ceremony of the 16th I.H. Conference, by the IHB President, Rear Admiral G. ANGRISANO.

It should be noted that the Jury gave high consideration to a number of other exhibits. Those of the following Member States deserved a particular mention (in brackets, the rank as adjudicated by the Jury):

United Kingdom (2)
USA (3)
France and Japan (4)
Netherlands (6)
Australia (7)
Turkey (8)

The next opportunity for Member States, and the IHB, to promote their charting products should be the 21st International Cartographic Conference (ICC) of the ICA, which will take place on 10-16 August 2003 in Durban, South Africa.

On this occasion, it is the IHB's intention to organize an IHO Cartographic Exhibition, similar to that held during the 20th ICC (Beijing, August 2001 – See IHB CL 11/2001). You may recall that the best exhibitor prize, for their display, was awarded to China by HSH Prince RAINIER during the Opening Ceremony of the 16th IHC.

The IHB will rely on the support of the South African HO for the setting up of the IHO Cartographic Exhibits at ICC'2003. An IHB CL on this matter should follow soon.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,


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Director