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**INTERNATIONAL ABLOS CONFERENCE:
ADDRESSING DIFFICULT ISSUES IN UNCLOS**

IHB, Monaco, 28 - 30 October 2003

Reference:- CL 8/2003 dated 29 January 2003

Dear Hydrographer,

Further information regarding the International ABLOS Conference is enclosed with this Circular Letter. Member States are requested to give this information a wide distribution.

The Conference will be preceded by a one-day workshop on CARIS - LOS (Law of the Sea) Software. This workshop, presented by CARIS, will take place on 27th October and requires a separate registration (See attached Circular Notice).

It is also intended to convene the first meeting of the editorial committee preparing the 4th Edition of S-51 the Technical Aspects of Law of the Sea (TALOS) Manual on 23rd - 24th October.

On behalf of the Directing Committee,
Yours sincerely,

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President

Encl: Information on the 3rd Biennial Conference of ABLOS

First Circular - June 19, 2003

THIRD BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF ABLOS

*The IAG/IHO/IOC Advisory Board on Hydrographic, Geodetic,
and Marine Geoscientific Aspects of the Law of the Sea*

October 28-30, 2003

International Hydrographic Bureau, Monaco

Theme:

Addressing Difficult Issues in the Law of the Sea

The Conference will draw together legal and technical specialists for an exploration of problems related to Geodesy, Hydrography, and Marine Geoscience that may affect the interpretation and application of the Law of the Sea.

The first day will feature six invited Tutorial presentations delivered by leading international experts who will provide introductory overviews followed by discussions of current practice and problems. Scheduled topics include: Height Reference Systems; Territorial Sea Baselines; Maritime Zones and Jurisdictions; Article 76 Desktop Studies; Seabed Resources; and Maritime Boundary Negotiations.

The second and third days will consist of submitted Plenary presentations dealing with new developments and emerging issues in several areas, e.g. Maritime Boundary Delimitation (including the Juridical Continental Shelf); Navigation and Charting; Geographical Information Systems; Baselines and Cadastres; and others.

A provisional Conference program will soon be posted on the ABLOS website, where details are already available concerning registration and accommodation in Monaco:

<http://www.gmat.unsw.edu.au/ablos>

Attendance is limited to 80 persons, so early registration is advised!

On Monday October 27, the Conference will be preceded by a hands-on Workshop presented by Rob van de Poll, describing the use of CARIS LOTS in the implementation of Article 76. There will be a separate fee for this Workshop, and attendance will be strictly limited. For details, contact Rob van de Poll at vdpoll@caris.com

