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**ABLOS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 2003 –  
ADDRESSING DIFFICULT ISSUES IN UNCLOS**

Reference: IHB CL 8/2003 dated 29 January 2003

Dear Hydrographer,

With reference to the above, the ABLOS Conference on Addressing Difficult Issues in UNCLOS was held at the IHB from 28 to 30 October 2003.

The Conference was a great success with 88 delegates from 31 countries attending. Amongst the attendees were Delegates representing 22 Member States, 10 other Government departments, 12 business groups, 9 academic institutions and 3 International Organizations. Day 1 of the Conference included 6 tutorial sessions on: Height Reference Systems, The Normal Baseline, Maritime Zones and Jurisdictions, National considerations when negotiating a maritime Boundary, Completing an Article 76 Desktop Study and Deepwater Non-Living Marine Resources. On days 2 and 3 there were 22 papers covering topics on hydrography, oceanography, geodesy, law, computing, GIS and marine research.

The IHB is pleased to provide a copy of the Conference proceedings on the enclosed CD. The next ABLOS conference will be held in late 2005.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

*(original signed)*

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS  
President

Enclosure. ABLOS CONFERENCE 2003 CD