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**INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC REVIEW**

Ref. a) IHB Circular Letter No. 33 /2003  
b) IHB Circular Letter No. 50/2003

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the Circular Letter in reference a) above, the IHB requested Member States to: review the number of copies of the I.H. Review they require; provide the addresses of potentially interested institutions that might wish to subscribe to the Review, and finally to consider submitting contributions for publication.
2. To accommodate the demand for extra copies as indicated by Member States, the IHB has reached a new agreement with GITC which will enter into force on 1 September 2004, a solution that was mentioned in the Circular Letter in reference b) above. The modifications introduced will also enable the IHO to reach all pending Member States as well as other States who have demonstrated an interest in the IHO activities. The Review will include abstracts of all articles in French and Spanish, making it a more "user-friendly" publication. Through this Public Relation activity, the IHB is contributing towards increasing public awareness of the importance of hydrography, which is one of the goals of the Organization.
3. The quality of the IHR is better through improved format and content. Articles are capturing the attention of more readers and subscriptions are steadily increasing thanks to the contributions of the Member States and also the introduction of new institutions through suggestions made by Member States.
4. With regards to written contributions, Member States should consider themselves permanently invited to provide technical articles of general interest, particularly those sharing experiences in new areas of technology used in hydrographic surveying, data management and nautical chart production, distribution and maintenance, as well as hydrographic projects and their derived social and economic benefits.
5. Finally, we would like to stress the importance of the IHR in terms of the visibility of the IHO.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

*(original signed)*

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Director

