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**ABLOS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 2005 - "Marine Scientific Research and the
Law of the Sea: the Balance between Coastal State and International Rights"**

References: A. IHB CL 25/2005 dated 9 March 2005
B. IHB CL 82/2005 dated 26 August 2005

Dear Hydrographer,

The 2005 ABLOS biennial conference, as notified in the References was held at the IHB from 10 - 12 October 2005.

The conference was very successful with 79 delegates from 25 countries attending. The delegates included representatives from 20 Hydrographic Offices, 26 other government departments, 5 business groups, 8 academic institutions, 1 Intergovernmental Organization and 1 Non-Governmental Organization. The first day of the conference was devoted to tutorial sessions on matters related to UNCLOS Article 76 and was attended by 29 delegates. The seminar on days 2 and 3 included 18 papers on many topics related to the theme of the Conference "Marine Scientific Research and the Law of the Sea: the Balance between Coastal State and International Rights". The IHB is pleased to provide a copy of the conference proceedings on the enclosed CD. Proceedings may also be downloaded from the IHO website (www.iho.shom.fr > Committees > ABLOS > ABLOS website). The next ABLOS conference will be held in late 2007.

The 12th ABLOS business meeting, held on Sunday 9 October, preceded the Conference. The minutes of this meeting will shortly be made available on the IHO web site.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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President

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