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(A Coruña, Spain, 9-16 July 2005)

Nautical Chart Display by IHO Member States
Presentation of Papers by HOs' Representatives

- References:
- 1) IHB Circular Letter 76/2004 of 18 November 2004
 - 2) IHB Circular Letter 50/2005 of 13 May 2005
 - 3) IHB Circular Letter 69/2005 of 4 July 2005

Dear Hydrographer,

1. As announced in the above-referenced Circular Letters, an exhibition of IHO Member States' cartographic products was held as part of the 22nd International Cartographic Conference (ICC 2005), in A Coruña, Spain, from 9 to 16 August 2005. Also, presentations were given by IHO representatives to oral and poster sessions at the Conference. International Cartographic Conferences, which are held every two years, are major events of the International Cartographic Association (ICA) (www.icaci.org) and attract many role players in the cartographic world. More than 1600 participants were registered at ICC 2005, from 98 countries. 500 oral presentations were given in 150 technical sessions. Both IHO chart exhibition and presentations generated much interest amongst the ICA conference delegates.

2. The **IHO cartographic exhibition**, as part of the ICC 2005 Map Exhibition, was very successful thanks to the excellent support provided by the local organizers and the Spanish Hydrographic Office (Instituto Hidrográfico de la Marina). Member States' charts/maps were presented in a special area kindly allocated to the IHO.

Cartographic products and/or posters from the following 17 Hydrographic Offices and the IHB were exhibited:

*Australia, Chile, China, Croatia, Cuba, Finland, France,
Japan, Korea (Rep. of), Mexico, Norway, Slovenia, South
Africa, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine and United Kingdom.*

A jury was formed to judge the IHO exhibition, chaired by the IHB representative, Michel HUET, Professional Assistant for Cartography and representing the IHB Directing Committee. The other Jury members are listed below:

- Prof. Ferjan ORMELLING, Secretary General, International Cartographic Association (ICA)
- Dr. Santiago BORRERO, Secretary General, Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH)
- Prof. Fraser TAYLOR, President, International Steering Committee for Global Mapping (ISCGM)
- Prof. Harold MOELLERLING, Chair, ICA Commission on Spatial Data Standards

- Mr. Ron FURNESS, Chair, ICA Commission on Marine Cartography

After careful consideration of all the displays, the jury decided, in accordance with a series of strict criteria, that the prize for the best exhibition should be given to **Australia**.

The IHB wishes to thank all those HOs listed above for their participation in this exhibition and warmly congratulates the winner who will receive his prize at a next major IHO event, normally the 17th International Hydrographic Conference (IHC) in May 2007 in Monaco.

The other best displays, as selected by the Jury, were those of **South Africa** and the **United Kingdom** and the IHB also congratulates these two HOs for their excellent contribution.

It should be noted that the Spanish HO had set up a big and splendid display covering many aspects, ancient and modern, of Spanish hydrographic surveying and nautical charting. However, it was located outside the Map Exhibition area and was therefore not part of the IHO cartographic exhibition.

3. In the frame of the ICC 2005 Map Exhibition, delegates were asked, by filling in a voting paper, to indicate, for each category of cartographic products, their preferred map/chart. "Nautical Charts and Bathymetric Maps" was one of those categories, for which the ICA award went to the Hydrographic and Geodetic Service of **Cuba** for their 1:1 million scale chart *Carta Náutica de Cuba* (2002 Edition). Congratulations to the Cuban HO for this award! The IHO can be proud that one of its members is thus distinguished by the mostly land mapping oriented ICA community.

4. A number of presentations were given by HOs' Representatives, and the IHB, at the **ICC 2005 technical sessions**. In particular, chairs and speakers of the three oral sessions covering the topic "Marine Cartography, Navigation and Ocean Mapping" principally came from the IHO. Additional IHO contributions, as session chairs or speakers, related to the themes "Spatial Data Infrastructures" and "Data Capture and Quality Assessment of Spatial Data".

This was the first time in ICC history that such a significant contribution to the ICC technical sessions was provided by the IHO. No doubt this will have raised the importance of Hydrography and emphasized the relevance of the IHO amongst the ICC 2005 delegates. IHB thanks are extended to all those HOs which sent contributors to the technical sessions, in particular Croatia, Cuba, France, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain and United Kingdom. Additionally, the following HOs sent representatives to ICC 2005: China, Japan, Rep. of Korea, Turkey and Ukraine.

5. The next ICA Conference will take place in Moscow, Russia, in August 2007 and will be hosted by the Federal Agency of Geodesy and Cartography of Russia. More information on this event will be communicated in due course. It is IHB's intention to continue giving IHO high visibility on this occasion through another IHO Chart Exhibition and contributions to the ICC 2007 technical sessions. Your continued support in both these endeavours are critical to success and much appreciated.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,



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Director