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5th ABLOS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The 5th ABLOS Biennial Conference will be held at the IHB in Monaco on Thursday and Friday 16 / 17 October 2008. The theme for the 5th Conference is:

"Difficulties in Implementing the Provisions of UNCLOS"

2 The Conference will be preceded by the 15th ABLOS Business Meeting which will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday 14 / 15 October.

3 Member States may register one delegate for the Conference free of charge. Further registrations are available at a cost of 160 Euros if made on or before 31 August 2008 and 200 Euros after 31 August. Attendance is limited to 85 and places will be allocated in order of receipt of registration forms.

4 The first announcement is attached to this Circular Letter and forms for Registration, Abstract Submission and Hotel Bookings can be downloaded from the ABLOS web site www.iho.org > Committees > ABLOS or from the ABLOS website at www.gmat.unsw.edu.au/ablos/.

5 A further Circular Letter will be issued when papers have been selected and the programme finalised, however the latest information can always be obtained by visiting the ABLOS web site.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President

Encl. ABLOS Announcement

DIFFICULTIES IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF UNCLOS

The Fifth ABLOS Scientific Conference: First Circular

The Fifth Conference of the IAG/IHO* Advisory Board on Scientific and Technical Aspects of the Law of the Sea (ABLOS) is scheduled for October 16-17, 2008 in Monaco. The purpose of this Conference is to draw together specialists from a variety of disciplines for a discussion of the challenges that arise when applying science and technology with due consideration of the juridical requirements of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

* IAG: International Association for Geodesy; IHO: International Hydrographic Organization

Proposed sessions will address the following topics:

- The delimitation of the outer continental shelf
- Technical and legal issues concerning territorial sea baselines in a changing environment
- The protection of the marine environment - principles and practices
- The definitions of sea level and sounding datum
- The establishment and application of marine cadastres
- Marine scientific research and the collection of oceanographic data

Conference organizers invite abstracts of presentations concerning the above and related topics. Abstract submissions should be made to Chris Carleton (chris.carleton@ukho.gov.uk) by April 30, 2008.

Visit the ABLOS website at www.gmat.unsw.edu.au/ablos/index.html or at www.iho.org > Committees > ABLOS for more information concerning the Conference.