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(Moscow, Russia, 4-11 August 2007)**

**Nautical Chart Display by IHO Member States**

Reference: IHB CL 87/2005, dated 31 August 2005.

Dear Hydrographer,

The above-referenced Circular Letter reported on the 2005 Conference of the International Cartographic Association (ICA), ICC'2005, held in La Coruña (Spain), and noted that the next ICA Conference would take place in Moscow, Russia, in August 2007. ICC'2007 will be hosted by the Federal Agency of Geodesy and Cartography of Russia from 4 to 11 August 2007. It has now become a tradition that the IHO participate in these biennial ICA conferences through attendance by HO representatives and/or through IHO chart exhibitions. This has contributed to maintaining high visibility of the IHO to the world's cartographers.

The general theme of the ICC'2007 Conference will be "Cartography for everyone and for you". More details may be found on the ICC'2007 website (<http://icc2007.com/key1/lang2.htm>). Topics addressed by the Conference will include "Marine Cartography, Navigation and Ocean Mapping" and "Spatial data infrastructures (NSDI, GSDI and SDI), development, standards", which reflect many of the current IHO concerns and activities. Presentations to the Conference will be given in parallel sessions. The IHB is of the opinion that the participation of IHO Member States in such events is good for the reputation of the Organization.

The President of the Federal Agency of Geodesy and Cartography of Russia, also ICC'2007 Conference Director, Dr Alexander BORODKO, has agreed that a special section of the ICC'2007 Map Exhibition, which will be held alongside the conference, can again be devoted free of charge to marine charts and maps, as at past conferences. Furthermore, the Russian Hydrographer, RAdm Sergey V. KOZLOV, has kindly offered the support of the Head Department of Navigation and Oceanography to assist the IHB in setting up the Marine Chart Display.

As you know, there will be an IHO Cartographic Exhibition in conjunction with the 17<sup>th</sup> International Hydrographic Conference in Monaco, 7-11 May 2007. It is proposed that all Member States' "paper" displays at IHC-17, e.g. charts, posters or bathymetric maps, be also exhibited at ICC'2007, where visitors to the exhibition will be of a different type from those at IHC-17. It is further proposed that the IHB take care of dispatching the "paper" material to the exhibiting place in Moscow, following IHC-17. This would

avoid those interested HOs the burden of having to again prepare a display for ICC'2007. The IHB, in liaison with the ICC'2007 organizers, would also take care of mounting the static displays, with HDNO's assistance. Member States are requested to indicate whether they have any objection to the above proposal, before 31 May 2007.

Electronic chart products, e.g. ENC's, can also be exhibited at ICC'2007. Dr BORODKO has indicated that, during the exhibition, security measures will be taken so as to safeguard the material on display. However, those Member States who would like to display digital products at ICC'2007 will have to make their own arrangements for the computer part of their display, including manning the booth. They will be provided with a table and electrical sockets, as required. Those HOs who are interested should contact the local organizers at [ks@mvk.ru](mailto:ks@mvk.ru) or [nvs@mvk.ru](mailto:nvs@mvk.ru).

There may be HOs, not exhibiting at IHC-17, who wish to participate in the ICC'2007 display; in this case, they should liaise with the local organizers as above, keeping the IHB informed, and send their display material to the exhibiting place, clearly marked: "ICC'2007 - IHO MARINE CHARTS EXHIBITION".

As usual, a prize will be awarded for the best display at the "IHO Member States' Exhibition of Nautical Charts and Ocean Maps" of ICC'2007, as selected by a jury of experts. This prize will be presented on the occasion of a future major IHO event. You will recall that the winning HO at the ICC'2005 exhibition was the Australian Hydrographic Service (AHS), and the Australian Hydrographer will receive his prize at IHC-17.

Apart from participating in the IHO chart exhibition at ICC'2007, Member States are encouraged to send representatives to this event to reinforce the representation of the marine side in this land cartography dominated gathering.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,



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