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ICC 2007 – 23rd INTERNATIONAL CARTOGRAPHIC CONFERENCE
(Moscow, Russia, 4-9 August 2007)

Nautical Chart Display by IHO Member States
Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies

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Dear Hydrographer,

As announced in the above-referenced Circular Letter, the 23rd International Cartographic Conference (ICC'2007), was held in Moscow, Russia, from 4 to 9 August 2007. International Cartographic Conferences, which are held every two years, are major events of the International Cartographic Association (ICA) and attract many role players in the cartographic world. About 700 participants were registered at ICC 2007. This event included:

- An ICA General Assembly on 4 and 9 August.
- The Conference itself, where numerous scientific papers on cartography-related matters were presented throughout the week in sessions running in parallel.
- A Map Exhibition, where various maps and other cartographic products from ICA member countries were presented. An IHO Cartographic Exhibition was held as part of the Map Exhibition.
- A Commercial Exhibition.

1. The IHO Cartographic Exhibition

The IHO cartographic exhibition was very successful thanks to the excellent support provided by the Department of Navigation and Oceanography (DNO) of the Russian Federation. Member States' charts/maps were presented in a special area kindly allocated to the IHO by ICC'2007 organisers and the IHO exhibit generated much interest to the ICA conference delegates. Cartographic products and/or posters from the following 19 HOs, and the IHB, were exhibited: *Australia, Bangladesh, Chile, China, Ecuador, Greece, Finland, France, Italy, Japan, Korea (Rep. of), Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Portugal, Russia, Slovenia, Turkey and Ukraine.*

A jury was set up to assess the IHO exhibition, formed of ICA "personalities" and chaired by the IHB representative, Ing. en chef Michel Huet. After careful consideration of all displays the jury decided, following a series of strict criteria, that the best display was that of the **Australian Hydrographic Service.**

The IHB wishes to thank all those HOs listed above for their participation in this exhibition and warmly congratulates the winner who will receive its price at the next major IHO event, e.g. the Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference (EIHC) of May 2009 in Monaco. It should be noted that Australia was already nominated Best Exhibitor at the ICC'2005 Chart Exhibition.

The other best displays, as selected by the Jury, were those of Japan, Netherlands, France and Finland, and the IHB also congratulates these HOs for their excellent contribution.

2. The Conference

Among the numerous papers presented during the ICA Conference, the followings dealt with subjects of interest to the IHO community:

- ✓ *An Initial Model of the Computation Viewpoint for a Spatial Data Infrastructure* (A. Cooper, South Africa)
- ✓ *SDI Design to Facilitate Spatially Enabled Society* (A. Rajabifard, Australia)
- ✓ *Progress in the Creation of an Operational Global Spatial Data Infrastructure: The Global Map Experience* (F. Taylor, Canada)
- ✓ *Infrastructure for Spatial Information In Europe (INSPIRE): From Cartography to Spatial Objects and Network Services* (K. Tóth and P. Smits, Italy)
- ✓ *ENC Production Process Design for Croatian Part of the Adriatic Sea Area* (M. Lapaine and T. Duplančić Leder, Croatia)

More information on the Conference is on the ICC'2007 website (www.icc2007.com).

3. The Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies (JB-GIS)

During ICC'2007, the JB-GIS held its yearly meeting, chaired by Mr. Stig Enemark, FIG President and with participation of ICA, IHO, ISPRS (International Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing), ISCGM (International Steering Committee for Global Map) and IMTA (International Map Trade Association). JB-GIS is a forum where areas of common interest are discussed, and a coordination mechanism for cooperation among member societies. JB-GIS aims at providing an authoritative contact point for all agencies interested in geospatial information. More information is at www.jbgis.org. Main subjects discussed were the development of a Geospatial Information Knowledge Portal (GIKP) for National Mapping Agencies, and how to foster increased cooperation between related working groups / committees within the JB-GIS organisations. For the next two-year period, the Chairman of the Board will be Mr. Ian Dowman, ISPRS President. The next meeting of JB-GIS has been planned in conjunction with a congress of ISPRS in Xian, China, July 2008.

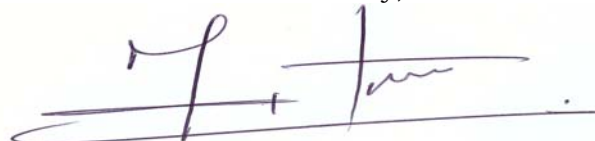
4. The ICA Assembly

At the ICA General Assembly, Prof. William Cartwright, Professor at the University of Melbourne, Australia, was elected as new ICA President and Dr. David Fairbairn, United Kingdom, was elected as new ICA Secretary General, both for a 4-year mandate. We are confident that the excellent relations that the IHO enjoyed with the outgoing ICA President, Prof. Milan Konecny, Czech Republic, will continue with Prof. Cartwright.

The Assembly also elected Commander Patricio Carrasco (SHOA, Chile) as new Chairman of the ICA Commission on Marine Cartography. The IHB congratulates Commander Carrasco for his election which should contribute to strengthening the ICA-IHO cooperation, e.g. in the area of land-marine data integration in building spatial data infrastructures.

The 24th International Cartographic Conference will take place in Santiago de Chile on 15-21 November 2009 (ICC'2009). The ICA Assembly selected Paris, France, as the venue for the 25th ICC in 2011.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,



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President