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16th ABLOS BUSINESS MEETING

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The 16th ABLOS Business Meeting was held in Bali, Indonesia from 4-5 August 2009. The meeting was hosted by BAKOSURTANAL, the Indonesian Mapping Agency, and timed to coincide with an Indonesian organised "International Seminar on the Technical Aspects of the Law of the Sea", the South East Asia Survey Conference (SEASC) and a meeting of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN). Several members of ABLOS helped in the organisation of and presented papers at the International Seminar which immediately preceded the ABLOS Business Meeting. Admiral MARATOS took the opportunity of the co-located meetings to meet with Helen KERFOOT, the chair of UNGEGN.

2 The meeting reviewed ABLOS's ToR and drafted amendments to reflect that within the IHO, ABLOS now comes under the HSSC. The revised ToR are being presented to the Executive Council of the International Association of Geodesy (IAG) and are also included in the report to HSSC1 which was prepared during the meeting. The meeting also considered, inter alia, its membership, and a Capacity Building Training Course.

3 Initial planning for the 6th ABLOS Conference which will be held in Monaco in 2010 took place and an organising committee was established. The title chosen for the seminar is:

"Contentious Issues in UNCLOS - Surely Not?"

A further Circular Letter with logistical information regarding this seminar will be issued when information is available.

4 The full report of the 16th Business Meeting is available from the ABLOS section of the IHO web site: <http://www.iho-ohi.net/english/committees-wg/hssc/ablos.html>

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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