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**6<sup>th</sup> ABLOS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE**

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The 6<sup>th</sup> ABLOS Biennial Conference will be held at the IHB in Monaco from pm Monday 25 October to pm Wednesday 27 October 2010. The theme for the 6<sup>th</sup> Conference is:

*“Contentious Issues in UNCLOS – Surely Not?”*

2 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 2010 and 200 Euros after 31 August. Attendance is limited to 80 and places will be allocated in order of receipt of registration forms.

3 The first announcement is attached to this Circular Letter and forms for Registration, Abstract Submission and Hotel Bookings can be downloaded from the ABLOS section of the IHO web site: <http://www.iho-ohi.net/english/committees-wg/hssc/ablos.html> or from the ABLOS website at <http://www.gmat.unsw.edu.au/ablos/index.html>.

4 A further Circular Letter will be issued in 2010 when papers have been selected and the programme finalised; however, the latest information can always be obtained by visiting the web sites listed above.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'A. Maratos', is written over a horizontal line.

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS  
President

Encl. ABLOS Announcement

## CONTENTIOUS ISSUES IN UNCLOS – SURELY NOT?

The Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS) is a subsidiary body of the International Association of Geodesy (IAG) and the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO). One of its mandates is to organize regular conferences that explore and clarify the interface between marine law and science.

The Sixth ABLOS Conference is scheduled for 25-27 October 2010, at the International Hydrographic Bureau in Monaco. This meeting will again gather specialists from a variety of disciplines to discuss challenges that arise in the application of marine science and technology while taking into account the juridical requirements of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

This year's Conference Proceedings will be added to the accumulation of 125 or so Web-accessible presentations that have been delivered at the five previous Conferences, and which address numerous aspects of state practice and jurisprudence in the Law of the Sea.

Past ABLOS Conferences have dealt with:

- *Technical Aspects of Maritime Boundary Delineation and Delimitation (1999)*
- *Accuracies and Uncertainties in Maritime Boundaries and Outer Limits (2001)*
- *Addressing Difficult Issues in UNCLOS (2003)*
- *Marine Scientific Research and the Law of the Sea: the Balance between Coastal State and International Rights (2005)*
- *Difficulties in Implementing the Provisions of UNCLOS (2008)*

Proceedings of all past Conferences are available on the ABLOS website at <http://www.gmat.unsw.edu.au/ablos/index.html>.

As in the past, the Conference Organizers seek presentations that discuss how the provisions of UNCLOS can affect undertakings in marine science and technology. Special consideration will be given to papers that describe real or anticipated problems, and which propose solutions to those problems. Speakers will be encouraged to outline selected legislation and, where appropriate, to describe case histories, actual situations, or real-world experiences that could offer guidance to practitioners in other states.

Following are some proposed session topics for the 2010 Conference. Suggestions for other topics will be welcomed.

- *Legal and technical complications specific to polar regions and island regimes*
- *Will international law keep pace with sea level rise and climate change?*
- *Geodesy and its significance in charting and cartography: legal implications*
- *Satellite imagery and its applications in the definition of baselines*
- *Anomalous continental margin features and their impact on maritime boundaries*
- *Regulating navigation and the exploitation of deep seabed resources*
- *UNCLOS obligations: a burden for some developing states?*

Abstracts should be submitted to Chris Carleton ([chris.carleton@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:chris.carleton@ukho.gov.uk)) by 30 April 2010.

Formatting instructions are posted on:

<http://www.gmat.unsw.edu.au/ablos/ABLOS10Folder/AbstractFormat.pdf>

Completed manuscripts of accepted papers should be submitted no later than 31 August 2010 to ensure inclusion in the Proceedings which will be distributed at the close of the Conference. Formatting and submission instructions for the final papers will be sent to those whose abstracts have been accepted. They are also are posted on:

<http://www.gmat.unsw.edu.au/ablos/ABLOS10Folder/PaperFormat.pdf> and on [http://www.iho-ohi.net/mtg\\_docs/com\\_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS\\_Conf6/ABLOS\\_Conf6.htm](http://www.iho-ohi.net/mtg_docs/com_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS_Conf6/ABLOS_Conf6.htm)

### **Language**

English will be the language of the Conference. No translation services will be available.

### **Reception**

An evening reception for delegates will take place during the Conference. Venue and time will be posted on this website in due course.

### **Registration**

A registration form can be downloaded from:

<http://www.gmat.unsw.edu.au/ablos/ABLOS10Folder/ABLOS2010ConfRego.pdf> or from [http://www.iho-ohi.net/mtg\\_docs/com\\_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS\\_Conf6/ABLOS\\_Conf6.htm](http://www.iho-ohi.net/mtg_docs/com_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS_Conf6/ABLOS_Conf6.htm)

Please note that there is a reduction in the registration fee for those who book and pay before 31 August 2010.

Registration fees will be waived for graduate students whose abstracts are accepted.

### **Travel and accommodation information**

A certain number of rooms have been pre-booked at hotels in and close to Monaco. A hotel booking form can be downloaded from:

<http://www.gmat.unsw.edu.au/ablos/ABLOS10Folder/ABLOS2010HotelForm.doc> or from [http://www.iho-ohi.net/mtg\\_docs/com\\_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS\\_Conf6/ABLOS\\_Conf6.htm](http://www.iho-ohi.net/mtg_docs/com_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS_Conf6/ABLOS_Conf6.htm)

### **Conference Organizing Committee**

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