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DEATH OF AN IHB STAFF MEMBER

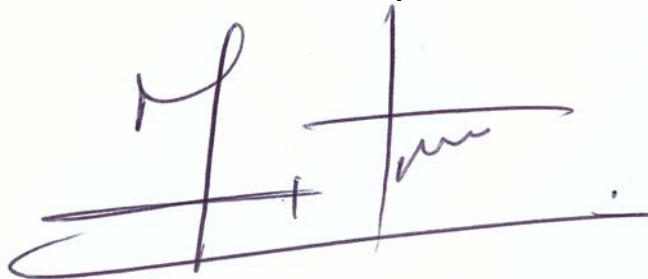
Dear Hydrographer,

1 It is with immense sorrow that the Directing Committee and Staff of the IHB have to announce the untimely death of Rachid SEMLALI at the age of 48 years. Rachid died suddenly in hospital on 1 July 2010 following a short illness.

2 Rachid joined the IHB in 1987 as a General Services Assistant and later was appointed Office Manager. He will be well remembered by the many Member State delegates who have attended meetings at the Bureau as well as the five-yearly Conferences, where Rachid was always present to ensure the proper functioning of all the technical requirements and the provision of logistical support to social events.

3 The Directing Committee and Staff will ensure that his family receive all the support and assistance required at this very difficult time, and wish to extend their heartfelt condolences to his families in France and in Morocco.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,



Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President