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**CIRCULAR LETTER 63/2011
24 October 2011**

**MULTIBEAM SONAR TRAINING COURSE IN FREMANTLE (AUSTRALIA)
(31 October - 05 November 2011)**

Ref: CL 59/2011 dated 15 September.

Dear Hydrographer,

1 Through the CL in the reference above, the IHB invited IHO Member States to each consider nominating a suitable candidate who would benefit from the 57th Multibeam Sonar Training Course that the Ocean Mapping Group (University of New Brunswick) and the Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping, NOAA-UNH Joint Hydrographic Center (University of New Hampshire) will be conducting in Fremantle (Australia), from 31 October to 05 November 2011.

2 This course was not originally listed in the CBSC Work Plan 2011 and its inclusion was possible due to the kind contribution made by the Republic of Korea to the IHO Capacity Building Programme.

3 The IHB is pleased to report that 11 applications were received and the 10 selected trainees come from the following IHO MS: Bangladesh, Brazil, Indonesia, Japan, Korea (Republic of), Mauritius, Nigeria, Oman, Philippines and Peru; all the selected candidates meet the entry requirements and are committed to making broad use of the training in their respective hydrographic offices, following the training period.

4 The IHB is well aware of the inconvenience caused by the very short time given to Member States to consider this training opportunity, but the circumstances prevented us from proceeding in a better way. The IHB would like to apologize for this situation and will make every effort not to repeat this experience that left several countries who were highly interested in the course unable to apply due to the short time available to submit a candidate's application.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,



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Director