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7th ABLOS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Reference: IHB CL 78/2011 dated 5 December

Dear Hydrographer,

1 As reported at the reference the 7th ABLOS Biennial Conference will be held in Monaco in October 2012. The theme for the 7th Conference is:

“UNCLOS IN A CHANGING WORLD”

2 The Government of Monaco has very kindly made the Salle du Ponant at the Centre de Rencontres Internationales (CRI), available for this Conference which will allow for a much greater number of participants; previous Conferences have always been oversubscribed.

3 This year the Conference has been programmed alongside the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO) Meetings and the GEBCO Science Day in particular with the intention of fostering dialogue between the two groups who have numerous matters of common interest. The GEBCO Science Day will take place on Tuesday 2 October and the ABLOS Conference from Wednesday 3 to Friday 5 October. All registrants for the ABLOS Conference are invited to attend the GEBCO Science Day and those attending the GEBCO Science Day may attend day 1 of the ABLOS Conference at no cost.

4. The IHB is also pleased to note that this year the ABLOS Conference is being organised in association with the Institut du Droit Économique de la Mer (INDEMER) of Monaco. Madame Annick de Marffy-Mantuano, President of the Scientific Council of INDEMER is a former Director of the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS).

5 The latest information regarding the ABLOS Conference is available on the IHO web site www.iho.int > Committees and WGs > ABLOS > 7th Conference or via the direct link: http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS_Conf7/ABLOS_Conf7.htm

This web page will be maintained continuously as more information becomes available.

6 Member States may register one delegate for the Conference free of charge. Further registrations are available at a cost of 175 Euros if made on or before 31 July 2012 and 250 Euros after 31 July.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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President