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NEW DIRECTING COMMITTEE - ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The new Directing Committee, comprising Mr. Robert WARD, President and Mr. Mustafa İPTEŞ and Mr. Gilles BESSERO, Directors, will assume office on 1 September 2012. The new Directing Committee met recently to decide on the distribution of responsibilities between the new Directors. As a result, it has been agreed that responsibilities will generally follow the arrangement of the three parts of the IHO Work Programme, and be distributed as follows:

Robert WARD - President

- Relations with EU, the United Nations including IMO and WMO, international bodies concerned with hydrographic matters in polar regions, Non-Member States of the IHO, and other relevant organizations and bodies as appropriate;
- Matters concerning IHO Membership, Host Government Affairs;
- Public Relations;
- Finance and Budget;
- Strategic Plan, Work Plan;
- Programme Performance Reporting;
- IHB Administration, Information Technology;
- IHB Personnel Administration, Staff Regulations;

and the following Regional Hydrographic Commissions:

- Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission;
- East Asia Hydrographic Commission;
- Meso American - Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission;
- South Africa and Islands Hydrographic Commission;
- South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission;

and the following Commission:

- Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica.

Mustafa İPTEŞ - Director (Regional Coordination Programme)

- IRCC, and subordinate bodies, including IBSC and GEBCO;
- Relations with FIG, IOC, the academic sector (education and training), and other relevant organizations, concerning the IRCC programme;
- Capacity Building, Training, Education and Technical Co-operation, including CB Work Programme, CB Fund and budget;
- Translation services;
- IHO Publications;
- International Hydrographic Review;
- IHO Conference;
- Annual Report;

and the following Regional Hydrographic Commissions:

- Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission;
- Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission;
- North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission;
- ROPME Sea Area Hydrographic Commission;
- USA and Canada Hydrographic Commission.

Gilles BESSERO - Director (Technical Programme)

- HSSC and subordinate bodies;
- Relations with ABLOS, IALA, ICA, IEC, ISO, and other relevant organizations, concerning the HSCC programme;
- Technical Support services;
- Stakeholder Liaison;

and the following Regional Hydrographic Commissions:

- Eastern Atlantic Hydrographic Commission;
- Nordic Hydrographic Commission;
- North Sea Hydrographic Commission;
- South East Pacific Hydrographic Commission;
- South West Atlantic Hydrographic Commission.

2. This is an initial division of responsibilities. It may be adjusted in the future should the Directing Committee consider it necessary, particularly in the light of new or emerging requirements.

3. The new Directing Committee is confident that the arrangements described above will provide the most suitable service to Member States and best meet the aims of the Organization.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Ward', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert WARD
Director
President-elect