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> **12 December 2014**

8th ABLOS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

References:
A.   ABLOS Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures
B.   EIHC-5 - Conference Report CONF.EX5/REP.04 – *Approval of the proposed IHO Work Programme and Budget for 2015*

Dear Hydrographer,

1.   Under the terms of Reference A and in accordance with the IHO Work Programme for 2015 approved by the 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference (Reference B), the 8th Biennial Conference organized by the Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS) will be held in Monaco from 20 to 22 October 2015. The theme for the 8th ABLOS Conference is:

“*UNCLOS: Advances in Governing the Blue World*”

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

3.   Previous ABLOS Conferences have always been oversubscribed. For this reason, the 8th Conference will be held at the Novotel Hotel in Monaco. This venue will accommodate up to 120 delegates, a much greater number of participants than could be seated at the IHB. Registrations will be accepted with full payment of fees on a first come, first served basis.

4.   A publicity leaflet is forwarded with this letter. The ABLOS would be grateful if it is distributed within your organization and brought to the attention of other relevant national authorities and educational institutions.

5.   Information regarding the ABLOS Conference is available on the IHO web site www.iho.int > Committees and WGs > ABLOS > 8th Conference or via the direct link:

http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS_Conf8/ABLOS_Conf8.htm

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

6.   Registrations should be made using the attached form (see Annex) or downloaded from the ABLOS page of the IHO website. The cost of registration will be 300 Euros if made on or before 15 July 2015 and 400 Euros after 15 July. Registration fees cover a copy of the Proceedings in digital format,

morning and afternoon refreshments, lunches and an official evening reception. The registration fee will be waived for students who are accepted to deliver presentations.

7.   A block booking of 100 rooms has been made at the Novotel at a special conference rate including breakfast of 155 Euros for a city view room and 165 Euros for a garden view room. These rates are guaranteed until 15 May 2015. The following link to the Novotel should be used to obtain these rates. Select 'View the rates' and then 'View the other rooms' for more room options: (http://www.accorhotels.com/lien_externe.svlt?goto=rech_resa&destination=5275&sourceid=ABLOS&dayIn=18&monthIn=10&yearIn=2015&nightNb=9&preferredCode=ABLOS&merchantid=par-accorFR&xtor=ADC-5009).

8.   The Technical University of Denmark (DTU) is hosting an ABLOS Conference website at http://www.ablosconference.com/ where abstracts, presentations and papers can be uploaded. The site also provides details of the management of the Conference session topics and session programme.

9.   As in previous ABLOS Conferences, all presentations will be in English with no translation provided. Presentations will only be considered for inclusion in the programme on receipt of a supporting abstract. All abstracts should be submitted to the organizing committee for consideration via the above website no later than 15 May 2015.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Gilles Bessero
Director

Enclosure: Conference publicity leaflet.

Annex: Registration Form.

8th Biennial ABLOS Conference
UNCLOS: Advances in Governing the Blue World
20 - 22 October 2015
Novotel, MONACO

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE FILL IN AND SUBMIT THIS FORM BY MAIL, FAX OR EMAIL TO:

Contact Address:
David Wyatt, International Hydrographic Bureau,
4B Quai Antoine 1er, BP 445, MC98011 MONACO Cedex, Principauté de Monaco
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Email: info@iho.int

Title: ....
First Name: ....
Surname/Family Name: ....
Position: ....
Institution/Organization: ....
Address: ....
City: ....
Postcode: ....
Country: ....
Tel: ....
Fax: ....
E-mail: ....
Partner's name, if accompanied: ....
Partner's comprehension of English: ....

Please tick the box below which you consider most correctly describes your place of employment:

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National Maritime Safety Agency:	☐
Other Government Department:	☐
Intergovernmental Organisation:	☐
Non Governmental Organisation:	☐
Academia:	☐
Business / Industry:	☐
Other (please specify):	☐ ………………………………………..

20 - 22 October 2015 – UNCLOS: Advances in Governing the Blue World

Registration fees:

400 Euros per person (300 Euros if paid by 15 July 2015).
Fee includes proceedings on CD, morning and afternoon refreshments, lunches and evening reception.
Registration fees will be waived for graduate students whose abstracts are accepted.

Please tick appropriate box:

Symposium   300 Euros (by 15 July) ☐   400 Euros (after 15 July) ☐

Method of payment (please tick): Credit Card ☐   Bank Transfer ☐

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Ibancode: MC5817569000017012510000297

UBP SA
Account number: 3019755 (euros)
Swift code: UBPGMCMX
Iban code: MC5816648000140000301975537

Please note that all bank charges and fees must be paid, so that the full amount is credited to the above account. A copy of your bank transfer should be brought with you to complete the registration at the conference.

Cancellation must be made in writing to the above contact address. Refunds, less any charges, will only be made if cancellation is made before 15 July 2015.

Accommodation should be booked directly with the hotels; to receive the special ABLOS rate at the Novotel use the link:
(http://www.accorhotels.com/lien_externe.svlt?goto=rech_resa&destination=5275&sourceid=ABLOS&dayIn=18&monthIn=10&yearIn=2015&nightNb=9&preferredCode=ABLOS&merchantid=par-accorFR&xtor=ADC-5009) or the link from the website and select 'View the rates' and then 'View the other rooms' for more room options; for other hotel options and rates see the link on the ABLOS 8 Conference front page at
http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS_Conf8/ABLOS_Conf8.htm.

UNCLOS:
Advances in Managing the Blue World

**8th IHO-IAG Advisory Board on the
Law of the Sea (ABLOS) Conference**

20-22 October 2015

**Organized in association with the
Institut du Droit Économique de la Mer (INDEMER)
of Monaco
at
Hotel Novotel Monte Carlo
15 boulevard Princesse Charlotte, 98000
Principauté de Monaco**

www.ablosconference.com

"How inappropriate to call this planet Earth when it is quite clearly Ocean." Arthur C. Clarke

Increasing use of the oceans and thus enhanced opportunities and threats related to the oceans demand action. The core theme of the 8th ABLOS conference is to address advances in governing our shared Blue World under the framework of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) from both legal and technical perspectives.

**Early Bird Registration: €300 by 15 July 2015
Standard registration (after 15 July 2015): €400**

Registration is inclusive of proceedings, morning and afternoon refreshments, lunches and evening reception. Registration fees will be waived for graduate students whose abstracts are accepted.

Special room rate, inclusive of breakfast at the Hotel Novotel Monte Carlo available until 15 May 2015 of €155 city view room and €165 garden view room.

For further information including registration, abstract and accommodation booking details see:

www.ablosconference.com