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**MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAMME IN HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYING  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI (USA) SPONSORED BY  
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA – SELECTION OF CANDIDATES**

**Third Course (10 August 2015 - 4 August 2016)**

Reference: IHO CL 65/2014 dated 15 September - *Master of Science Programme in Hydrographic Surveying at the University of Southern Mississippi (USA) sponsored by the Republic of Korea - Call For Nominations*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the above-referenced Circular Letter, the Directing Committee invited the IHO Member States to consider nominating suitable candidates who would benefit from the opportunity offered by the Republic of Korea (ROK) Capacity Building Project to enrol in the 2015-2016 session of the Category “A” Hydrographic Surveying programme at the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) in the USA.
2. The IHB received applications from twelve countries. The Selection Board, comprising representatives from the Korea Hydrographic and Oceanographic Administration (KHOA), the IHB and the USM met on 25 February 2015 at the KHOA, Busan, ROK and examined all twelve applications.
3. The candidates from **Bahrain (Mr. Jasim BUTAIBA)**, **Nigeria (Mr. Babatunde Luqman AKANBI)**, **Romania (Mr. Lucian DUTU)** and **Oman (Mr. Fahad Khamis Khalfan AL ABRI)** were selected for the session that will be held at the USM from 10 August 2015 to 4 August 2016. Individual notification letters have been sent to the selected applicants with detailed instructions.
4. In accordance with Annex B of the Reference (Timetable for selection of the candidates), selected candidates must submit all the required documentation to the USM in liaison with Mr Maxim F. van Norden, Coordinator of the Hydrographic Science Graduate Degree Programme, Department of Marine Science (e-mail: maxim.vannorden@usm.edu, Tel: +1 228 688 7123, Fax: +1 228 688 1121). Mr van Norden is the principal point of contact at the USM. Selected candidates will then receive detailed logistic information directly from the USM.
5. The Selection Board also selected **Ms. Carol FISHER-GAVIN (Jamaica)** and **Mr. Devendra Ragoath MADHOW (Mauritius)** as **reserve candidates**, subject to the submission of an acceptable TOEFL or IELTS test score no later than 30 April 2015 and final confirmation by the Programme Coordinator. The reserve candidates will only be called for the course in the event that one or more of the selected candidates becomes unavailable before the course starts.

6. It is expected that another opportunity for training at USM will be offered in 2016, thanks to the continuing and generous support of the Republic of Korea. The Directing Committee advises those organizations whose applications were not selected this time, together with other prospective candidates, to begin preparations for next year's applications now. In particular, prospective candidates should ensure that they have all the necessary documentation well in advance, especially the necessary TOEFL / IELTS and GRE scores.

7. The Directing Committee congratulates those candidates who have been selected and thanks the IHO Member States for their interest.

8. The Directing Committee would also like to renew its thanks to the Republic of Korea for its substantial support of the IHO Capacity Building and other programmes.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mustafa IPTES', is centered on the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'M' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mustafa IPTES  
Director