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6^e CONFERENCE BIENNALE ABLOS

Madame la Directrice, Monsieur le Directeur,

1 La 6^e conférence biennale ABLOS, qui se tiendra au BHI, à Monaco, du lundi 25 octobre (après-midi) au mercredi 27 octobre 2010 a pour thème :

« *Des questions litigieuses dans la Convention des Nations Unies sur le Droit de la mer ? – Certainement pas !* »
En anglais : « Contentious issues in UNCLOS ? - Surely not ! »

2 Les Etats membres peuvent enregistrer un délégué à la conférence, à titre gracieux. Tout autre enregistrement à la conférence pourra être effectué le jour même ou bien avant le 31 août 2010, moyennant 160 euros, et après le 31 août, moyennant 200 euros. Le nombre de participants est limité à 80 et les places seront attribuées en fonction de l'ordre de réception des formulaires d'enregistrement.

3 La première annonce est jointe à la présente lettre circulaire, et les formulaires pour l'enregistrement, pour la soumission de résumés et pour les réservations d'hôtels peuvent être téléchargés à partir de la section ABLOS du site web de l'OHI : <http://www.iho-ohi.net/english/committees-wg/hssc/ablos.html> ou du site web ABLOS à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.gmat.unsw.edu.au/ablos/index.html>.

4 Une autre lettre circulaire sera publiée en 2010, lorsque les articles auront été sélectionnés et le programme finalisé. Dans l'intervalle, les dernières informations peuvent toujours être obtenues en consultant les sites web listés ci-dessus.

Veillez agréer, Madame la Directrice, Monsieur le Directeur, l'assurance de ma haute considération,

Pour le Comité de direction,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. Maratos', is written over a horizontal line.

Vice-amiral Alexandros MARATOS
Président

CONTENTIOUS ISSUES IN UNCLOS – SURELY NOT?

The Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS) is a subsidiary body of the International Association of Geodesy (IAG) and the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO). One of its mandates is to organize regular conferences that explore and clarify the interface between marine law and science.

The Sixth ABLOS Conference is scheduled for 25-27 October 2010, at the International Hydrographic Bureau in Monaco. This meeting will again gather specialists from a variety of disciplines to discuss challenges that arise in the application of marine science and technology while taking into account the juridical requirements of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

This year's Conference Proceedings will be added to the accumulation of 125 or so Web-accessible presentations that have been delivered at the five previous Conferences, and which address numerous aspects of state practice and jurisprudence in the Law of the Sea.

Past ABLOS Conferences have dealt with:

- *Technical Aspects of Maritime Boundary Delineation and Delimitation (1999)*
- *Accuracies and Uncertainties in Maritime Boundaries and Outer Limits (2001)*
- *Addressing Difficult Issues in UNCLOS (2003)*
- *Marine Scientific Research and the Law of the Sea: the Balance between Coastal State and International Rights (2005)*
- *Difficulties in Implementing the Provisions of UNCLOS (2008)*

Proceedings of all past Conferences are available on the ABLOS website at <http://www.gmat.unsw.edu.au/ablos/index.html>.

As in the past, the Conference Organizers seek presentations that discuss how the provisions of UNCLOS can affect undertakings in marine science and technology. Special consideration will be given to papers that describe real or anticipated problems, and which propose solutions to those problems. Speakers will be encouraged to outline selected legislation and, where appropriate, to describe case histories, actual situations, or real-world experiences that could offer guidance to practitioners in other states.

Following are some proposed session topics for the 2010 Conference. Suggestions for other topics will be welcomed.

- *Legal and technical complications specific to polar regions and island regimes*
- *Will international law keep pace with sea level rise and climate change?*
- *Geodesy and its significance in charting and cartography: legal implications*
- *Satellite imagery and its applications in the definition of baselines*
- *Anomalous continental margin features and their impact on maritime boundaries*
- *Regulating navigation and the exploitation of deep seabed resources*
- *UNCLOS obligations: a burden for some developing states?*

Abstracts should be submitted to Chris Carleton (chris.carleton@ukho.gov.uk) by 30 April 2010.

Formatting instructions are posted on: <http://www.gmat.unsw.edu.au/ablos/ABLOS10Folder/AbstractFormat.pdf>.

Completed manuscripts of accepted papers should be submitted no later than 31 August 2010 to ensure inclusion in the Proceedings which will be distributed at the close of the Conference. Formatting and submission instructions for the final papers will be sent to those whose abstracts have been accepted. They are also posted on:

<http://www.gmat.unsw.edu.au/ablos/ABLOS10Folder/PaperFormat.pdf> and on http://www.iho-ohi.net/mtg_docs/com_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS_Conf6/ABLOS_Conf6.htm

Language

English will be the language of the Conference. No translation services will be available.

Reception

An evening reception for delegates will take place during the Conference. Venue and time will be posted on this website in due course.

Registration

A registration form can be downloaded from:

<http://www.gmat.unsw.edu.au/ablos/ABLOS10Folder/ABLOS2010ConfRego.pdf> or from http://www.iho-ohi.net/mtg_docs/com_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS_Conf6/ABLOS_Conf6.htm

Please note that there is a reduction in the registration fee for those who book and pay before 31 August 2010.

Registration fees will be waived for graduate students whose abstracts are accepted.

Travel and accommodation information

A certain number of rooms have been pre-booked at hotels in and close to Monaco. A hotel booking form can be downloaded from:

<http://www.gmat.unsw.edu.au/ablos/ABLOS08Folder/ABLOS2010HotelForm.doc> or from http://www.iho-ohi.net/mtg_docs/com_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS_Conf6/ABLOS_Conf6.htm

Conference Organizing Committee

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