

Seventh Conference of the IHO-IAG Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS)

ABLOS is pleased to announce that its Seventh Conference is scheduled for October 3-5 at the Salle du Ponant in Monaco. Located across the Harbour from the International Hydrographic Bureau, this spacious venue has been chosen with a view to accommodating the numerous attendees that have characterized past Conferences.

This year's Conference Theme is "UNCLOS in a Changing World". Conference Chairman Chris Carleton and the Organizing Committee invite presentations that discuss how the practice and application of the Law of the Sea are or may be affected by contemporary developments.

A Keynote Address will be delivered by Robert C Beckman, Director of the Centre for International Law at the National University of Singapore.

A notable departure from previous Conferences will be the concurrent scheduling of the Annual Meeting of the IOC-IHO General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO). ABLOS Conference participants are invited to arrive a day early in Monaco in order to attend the GEBCO Science Day on October 2, at the Salle du Ponant.

More information concerning the ABLOS Conference is posted on the official website at http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS_Conf7/ABLOS_Conf7.htm, where details can be found with respect to: hotel accommodations in Monaco; suggested session topics; procedures for registration; and submission of abstracts.

Conference organizers look forward to welcoming new and returning participants to this year's event.