

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

ABLOS is pleased to announce that planning continues for its Seventh Conference from October 3rd to 5th at the Salle du Ponant in Monaco.

This year's Conference Theme is "UNCLOS in a Changing World". Conference Chairman Chris Carleton and the Organizing Committee, in association with the Institut du Droit Économique de la Mer (INDEMER) of Monaco, invite presentations that discuss how the practice and application of the Law of the Sea are or may be affected by contemporary developments. *The abstract deadline has been extended to July 31st in order to broaden the scope of the conference.*

A Keynote Address will be delivered by Professor 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 International Hydrographic Bureau in Monaco.

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 regarding: hotel accommodations in Monaco; suggested session topics; procedures for registration; and submission of abstracts. For any specific enquiries or questions, please contact David Wyatt at the IHB, e-mail: david.wyatt@iho.int. *Please note that the early registration fee applies only until July 31st.*

Conference organizers look forward to welcoming you and your colleagues to this year's event.