



Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee

Report of ABLOS

to HSSC4

September 2012

Principal activities and achievements

- ✦ The 7th ABLOS Conference will be held in Monaco and with a full programme of 30 papers planned to be delivered across 12 sessions in 3 days. Professor Robert Beckman from Singapore, Director of the Centre for International Law and Associate Professor Faculty of Law at the National University of Singapore will give the Keynote Address. The Conference has 70 delegates registered.



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- ✦ Under Work Plan Item C1 and as part of the IHO CB programme, a LoS seminar is programmed to be conducted in Vietnam in November for the East Asia Regional Hydrographic Commission. A request has also been received from the Sultanate of Oman for a similar seminar for the ROPME Sea Area Regional Hydrographic Commission.



Future work programme

- ✦ The drafting of the 5th Edition of the TALOS Manual (C-51) has been undertaken as Work Item B2 with the final draft anticipated to be presented to the ABLOS19 Business Meeting being held at the IHB 1 and 6 October. It is expected the draft manual will be forwarded to IHO MS for approval shortly after the meeting.



Action requested of HSSC

- a. note this report;
- b. endorse the continuation of ABLOS to pursue its work under its existing Terms of Reference; and
- c. review and endorse the work program at Annex B

