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MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA  
HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION



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**To:** Mr. Mathias Jonas  
Secretary General of the IHO.  
Principality of Monaco

**Subject:** Invitation to the 19<sup>th</sup> Conference of the MACHC

**Dear Secretary General of IHO**

I have pleasure to officially invite you to the 19<sup>th</sup> Meso American & Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission Conference, which will be held in the City of Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, from November 26<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.

The preliminary program proposed for consideration is following:

- November 28<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 09:00, the formal opening will take place after which the MACHC Integrated Charting Committee (MICC), The Capacity Building Committee (CBC), The Maritime Economic Infrastructure Project (MEIP), and Risk Assessments Group will have their meetings.
- From 29<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018, the MACHC plenary meeting will take place and industry-related contribution will be an integral part of the plenary meeting. Besides organizational developments, the Conference aims to focus on a thematic agenda for Survey and Risk, Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI, and Nautical Charts and Publications.
- The meeting will be preceded by the MACHC Seminar on Raising Awareness of Hydrography from 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November, in the same venue.

The meeting will be held at the Hotel Caribe, Cartagena de Indias, All reserve must be by grupos2@hotelcaribe.com through Esther Lucia Ortega with contact phone number +57 5 650 1160 Ext. 7813 (phone) and +57 321 540 1659 (mobile) more information <https://en.hotelcaribe.com/>, <https://www.hotelcaribe.com/> and <https://pt.hotelcaribe.com/>.

For more information, the logistic manual prepared by the Maritime General Directorate from Colombia is attached.

Enclosed you will find the registration form. I kindly ask you to email this form to [cgrasi@dimar.mil.com](mailto:cgrasi@dimar.mil.com) and [asunext.hidro@gmail.com](mailto:asunext.hidro@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

In the near future, the project "Agenda of the 19<sup>th</sup> Conference" will be sent through this medium, in which the chronology and follow-up of the events to be carried out will be presented in detail. In view of the above. Your comments will be greatly appreciated in order to propose matters of interest and collective relevance to the participants for inclusion in the Conference.

Your Sincerely

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Deputy General Director of Oceanography, Hydrography and Meteorology  
Chair, MACHC