

THIS ASSEMBLY CIRCULAR LETTER REQUIRES YOU TO REGISTER

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**PRESENTATION OF THE RESULTS OF ELECTION FOR THE POSITION OF
IHO DIRECTOR AND REPETITION OF THE ELECTION IN CASE OF A TIE**

References:

- A. Assembly Circular Letter No. 17 dated 11 April 2020 – *Proposed Scenario on the Postponement of the 2nd Session of the IHO Assembly and Associated Activities Resulting from Exceptional Circumstances due to Covid-19.*
- B. Assembly Circular Letter No. 18 dated 14 April 2020 - *Final List of the Candidates for the Position of IHO Director.*
- C. Assembly Circular Letter No. 20 dated 20 April 2020 – *Election for the Position of the IHO Director.*
- D. IHO Publication M-1, Edition 2.1.0, June 2017 - *Basic Documents of the International Hydrographic Organization*
- E. IHO Registration System

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Following the general principles given in Reference A (paragraph 22), the Secretariat is currently conducting the voting procedure to elect an IHO Director from the candidates listed in Reference B. As indicated in Reference C, the deadline for the IHO Secretariat to receive the voting ballot in paper or electronic form is 1 June 2020.
2. On 5 June 2020, under supervision of the designated Scrutineers, all the paper-based and electronic votes that have been received will be combined and counted. On completion, the results will be immediately announced by the Secretary-General on various channels:
 - a live stream webinar exclusive for Member States spectators and invited observers,
 - a dedicated Assembly Circular Letter,
 - social media such as LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter and Youtube,
3. The first platform for communication of the results will be the live stream webinar. Member States are invited to register at least one participant and up to three participants maximum via the IHO Registration System (<https://iho.int/en/online-registration>) by **1 June 2020**. The Secretariat will reply with personal links for the final webinar registration.

4. The webinar on 5 June 2020 will start at 13:00 CET in the presence of the Directing Committee and the Scrutineers. After presentation of the election results by the Secretary-General, the outgoing and the incoming IHO Director will take the opportunity to address the audience briefly according to the established practice.

5. Article 23 of the General Regulations (Reference D) states that in the event that two or more candidates tie with the largest number of votes, a new ballot restricted to those candidates shall be held. In this case the Secretariat proposed in Reference C a similar process as conducted in the first round. However, in light of the wide acceptance by Member States of the electronic voting option and the negative experiences with long haul dispatch of paper ballots, the Secretariat is now of the opinion that should a second round be necessary, it should be conducted electronically. Those Member States who voted using paper ballots in the first round are kindly invited to consider this option if deemed necessary.

7. 6. The Secretariat will activate the link for electronic voting https://IHO.formstack.com/forms/acl24_20 in case of a tie at 14:00 CET. Member States will have three hours for digital voting. The voting will end at 17:00 CET with no extension possible. During the voting period, the Secretariat will monitor the voting notices in real-time, then in presence of the Scrutineers will count the incoming votes again. The announcement of the result will be made at 18:00 CET. Member States are invited to be prepared for this rather unlikely situation, by having access to internet, being able to receive e-mails on the official e-mail address and having the mandate to vote electronically.

Yours sincerely,



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