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**CIRCULAR LETTER 19/2024**  
**03 April 2024**

**ADOPTION OF THE IHO RESOLUTION –  
THE EX ABYSSIS AD ALTA – IHO AWARD FOR HYDROGRAPHIC EXCELLENCE**

Reference:

A. IHO CL 06/2024 dated 8 February 2024 – *Call for the approval of the IHO Resolution – The Ex Abyssis ad Alta – IHO Award for Hydrographic Excellence.*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Circular Letter in Reference called for the approval of a new IHO Resolution – *The Ex Abyssis ad Alta – IHO Award for Hydrographic Excellence*, in application of a decision made by the IHO Council in 2023 (Decision C7/16 refers).
2. The IHO Secretariat thanks the following 36 Member States who responded to Reference A: Algeria, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jamaica, Mauritius, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Thailand, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and United States. All 36 Member States supported the adoption of the new IHO Resolution.
3. When the Reference was issued, there were 99 Member States of the IHO with two States suspended. In accordance with the provisions of the Convention on the IHO as amended, the minimum number of affirmative votes required is 32. As a result, the proposed IHO Resolution - *The Ex Abyssis ad Alta – IHO Award for Hydrographic Excellence* has been adopted.
4. This IHO Resolution is now in force and will be included into the IHO Publication M-3 shortly. For 2024, in application of this IHO Resolution, please note that nominations should be sent to the IHO Secretariat ([info@iho.int](mailto:info@iho.int)) **no later than 1 May 2024**. For ease of reference the Nomination form from Reference A can be found at Annex A herewith.

On behalf of the Secretary-General  
Yours sincerely,



Dr John E. Nyberg  
Director

Annex A : Nomination form

**NOMINATION FORM**  
(to be sent by 1 May 2024 to [info@iho.int](mailto:info@iho.int))

<b>Details of Person Being Nominated</b>	
Title	
Surname	
Given Names	
Nationality	
Home Institution	
Awards or Honorifics	

**Justification for Nomination**

Provide details of how the nominee has made a significant contribution to pursuing the aims and objectives of the IHO, including any positions held or activities undertaken. Also, please include a statement in your own words about why you think the person should be singled out and recognised by the IHO.

As a guide, you may wish to consider some of the following questions:

- In what role(s) or area(s) has the nominee excelled?
- How has the nominee demonstrated service worthy of recognition?
- How has the nominee's contribution impacted on either a particular field, locality, group, community or humanity at large?
- Over what period of time has the nominee made a major contribution?
- Has the nominee's contribution been recognised elsewhere (for example; in the media, by other awards, professional or interest groups, or through government)?
- What makes this person stand out from others?

<b>Endorsement by Nominating Member State</b>	
Member State	
Signature	
<b>I certify that the information provided is, to the best of my knowledge, true. I am prepared to provide additional information and justification for this nomination, if requested.</b>	
Title	
Surname	
Given Names	
Position	

**Please add here justification for making this nomination**