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**27 February 2017**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 9<sup>th</sup> ABLOS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE**  
**Monaco, 10-11 October 2017**

**References:**

- A. Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures of the IHO-IAG Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS)
- B. IHO CL 65/2016 dated 9 December - *Notice of approval of IHO Work Programme and Budget for 2017*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Under the provisions of Reference A and in accordance with the IHO Work Programme for 2017 approved by the IHO Member States (see Reference B), the 9<sup>th</sup> biennial conference organized by the IHO-IAG Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS) will be held in Monaco from 10 to 11 October 2017. The theme for the 9<sup>th</sup> ABLOS Conference is:

*“UNCLOS: Pushing the Limits of UNCLOS”*

2. The 9<sup>th</sup> ABLOS Conference will return to the original venue of earlier editions at the IHO Secretariat in Monaco. This venue will accommodate no more than 90 delegates; therefore places will be allocated in order of receipt of registration forms. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, subject to full payment of the registration fees.

3. Information regarding the 9<sup>th</sup> ABLOS Conference is available on the IHO web site [www.iho.int](http://www.iho.int) > Committees and WGs > ABLOS > 9<sup>th</sup> Conference or via the direct link:

[http://www.iho.int/mtg\\_docs/com\\_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS\\_Conf9/ABLOS\\_Conf9.htm](http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS_Conf9/ABLOS_Conf9.htm)

This web page will be updated as more information becomes available.

4. Registrations should be made using the attached form in Annex A or downloaded from the ABLOS page of the IHO website. The cost of registration is 300 Euros. Registration fees cover a copy of the Proceedings in digital format, morning and afternoon refreshments, lunches and an official evening reception. The registration fee will be waived for full-time first degree students who are accepted to deliver presentations.

5. The Technical University of Denmark (DTU) is hosting an ABLOS Conference website at <http://www.ablosconference.com/> where abstracts, presentations and papers can be uploaded. The site also provides details of the management of the Conference session topics and session programme.

6. As in previous ABLOS Conferences, all presentations will be in English with no interpretation provided. Presentations will only be considered for inclusion in the programme upon receipt of a

supporting abstract. All abstracts should be submitted to the organizing committee for consideration via the above website no later than 15 May 2017.

7. On behalf of the ABLOS, the IHO Secretariat requests Member States to circulate the invitation to attend the Conference both within their organization and among other relevant national authorities and educational institutions.

On behalf of the Secretary-General  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gilles Bessero', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gilles Bessero  
Director

Annex A: Registration Form

**9<sup>th</sup> Biennial ABLOS Conference**  
***UNCLOS: Pushing the Limits of UNCLOS***  
**10 - 11 October 2017**  
**IHO, MONACO**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**PLEASE FILL IN AND SUBMIT THIS FORM BY MAIL, FAX OR EMAIL TO:**

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**Registration fees:**

300 Euros per person.

Fee includes Proceedings on USB flash drive, morning and afternoon refreshments, lunches and evening reception. Registration fees will be waived for full-time first degree students whose abstracts are accepted.

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**Please note** that all bank charges and fees must be paid, so that the full amount is credited to the above account. A copy of your bank transfer should be brought with you to complete the registration at the conference.

Cancellation must be made in writing to the above contact address. Refunds, less any charges, will only be made if cancellation is made before 15 July 2017.

Accommodation should be booked directly with the hotels. To receive the special ABLOS rate quote ABLOS9, for hotel options and rates see the link on the ABLOS 9 Conference front page at [http://www.iho.int/mtg\\_docs/com\\_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS\\_Conf9/ABLOS\\_Conf9.htm](http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS_Conf9/ABLOS_Conf9.htm).