

ABLOS Conference Funds

1. The initial balance of the ABLOS Conference Funds was assumed to be zero after making a loss at the 8th ABLOS Conference in 2015. The IHO agreed to provide funds to cover the negative balance.
2. Holding the event at the IHO has made economic sense and allowed for some recovery of funds to support activities and future Conferences. The registration fee covered the usual items as well as the reception, coffee breaks and lunches (cost €25 per head). The costs for the two days were approximately:

Lunches	= 2,500€
Coffees	= 1,000€
Reception	= 5,000€
Hotel for keynote speaker	= 510€
Flight for keynote speaker	= 1,000€
Cleaning	= 100€
Overtime	= 800€
Total	= 10,910€
3. There were 17 non-paying participants with 48 paying participants with a registration fee of 300€, which generated an income of 14,200€ and thus a surplus of 3,290€.
4. Due to the cost of using the Novotel, although an excellent venue, it is recommended the ABLOS considers carefully whether use the Novotel again or to continue to use the IHO as the venue for the 10th ABLOS Conference in 2019. It should be noted that although some funds are available, it is not sufficient for the deposit for the Novotel and the IHO is not in a position to make an unsecured loan from the Operational budget.
5. The ABLOS is requested to consider an appropriate registration fee for the next Conference, which will attract sufficient participants whilst covering all costs and generate a reasonable surplus to support ABLOS activities and future Conferences, which could be held at external venues, if demand required.
6. The ABLOS is **invited** to note the information provided and **take** action as deemed appropriate.