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MESO AMERICAN - CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION



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MACHC Letter 09/2021

To: All MACHC Members and Observers
IHO Director Luigi Sinapi
IHO Assistant Director Leonel Manteigas

Subject: **Virtual MACHC22 Conference**

Reference: Statutes of the MACHC.

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

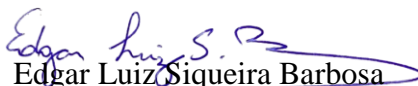
After receiving information from the United States that, for reasons related to COVID-19, they could not host an in-person Conference this year. Moreover, for reasons related to the uncertainties surrounding the pandemic, we intend to conduct the MACHC22 Conference in a virtual format. To that end, the United States has kindly offered the use of the Interactio virtual meeting platform, the same that we successfully used last year.

Noting the above, we now ask that you reserve your calendar for the Conference in the week of November 29 - December 3, 2021, in accordance with decision at MACHC21. To avoid video conference fatigue, as we have seen in several IHO virtual meetings this past 15 months, we must have a simplified programme. We envisage 4 (four) shorter daily sessions of approximately 3 (three) hours at times that will accommodate both regional and European participants.

With the above in mind and noting the reference, to adjust the Agenda for the next Conference to the most relevant topics, we would like to receive your opinion on the format adopted at MACHC21 and suggestions for improvement. If you do, please send your comments, by no later than August 20, 2021, so that we can take your views into account as we plan for the Conference.

I look forward to your responses. In the meantime, please be safe and stay healthy.

Sincerely,


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