



MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEAS HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

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MBSHC CIRCULAR LETTER No 06/2021

Subject: Region F ICCWG coordinator. 2nd Call for nominations

Background

The 22nd Conference of the MBSHC via VTC was held on 27-28 May, and the decisions taken regarding the representative positions for the Commission were as follows:

- Spain will continue as Chair of the MBSHC until the next meeting (MBSHC23), provided a Vice Chair is elected before the end of 2021. In case of non-election, Spain will step down as Chair on 1 January 2022.
- A selection process for the Vice-Chair will be opened by Circular Letter from September to December 2021.
- Croatia, provided their current Director is confirmed in her post in mid-August, will be able to present their candidature as Vice-Chair.
- Lebanon has volunteered to fill the positions vacated by Italy as MBSHC representative to GEBCO, and as CSB/Seabed 2030 coordinator.
- Following Italy's resignation as ICCWG coordinator for Region F, no volunteers came forward either during the period opened by circular letter 03/2021 informing of the resignation, or during the meeting itself. Consequently, this position has been declared vacant until the appointment of a new coordinator.

Creation of a WG

As a result of the above, it is urgent to establish a new process for the election of an ICCWG coordinator for Region F, due to the seriousness of this situation, especially in the transition period towards the new S-100 standard and other relevant issues to be resolved.

Member States are therefore urged to give serious consideration to the possibility of being able to fulfil the tasks of Region F ICCWG coordinator from their hydrographic offices.

Proposals for alternative solutions are also welcome. The IHO Secretariat has raised the possibility of establishing rotational shifts for this post. Any new proposal could be the way forward, should we again find ourselves without a candidate.

Proposal and applications from candidates will be accepted until the next **1 July**.

Until the above-mentioned date, and while Spain is Chair of MBSHC, given the precarious situation of the Hydrographic Commission with the post of cartographic coordinator vacant, the Cartographic Section of the IHM, whose head is Commander Jose María Bustamante, will be in charge of the most urgent and relevant matters related to ICCWG. The contact e-mail for these issues will be rcc.ihm@mde.es

Thank you for your cooperation. Please keep safe and we look forward to your proposals and potential candidates.

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