

MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEAS HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

November 16, 2020

MBSHC CIRCULAR LETTER Nº 04/2020

Subject: IRCC12 Meeting and MBSHC Chair.
Ref.: (a) IHO Circular Letter 35/2020 dated 23 October 2020.
(b) MBSHC Circular Letter 02/2020 dated 17 February 2020.
(c) Article 6a of the Statutes of MBSHC.
Annex: List of Recommendations to RHC from IRCC12

Dear colleagues,

First of all, let me wish that you and your staff haven't been affected severely by this pandemic situation.

About IRCC

1. Per Reference (a), the 12th meeting of the IHO Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC12) took place as a VTC meeting on 6 and 7 October 2020. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Parry Oei (Singapore) and attended by the Chairs or representatives of the Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHC), subordinate bodies of the IRCC, and observers.

2. The report of IRCC12, together with the list of decisions, actions, and recommendations to RHC arising from the meeting and their current status, and the IRCC work program for 2020-2021 are now available from the IRCC section of the IHO website (<https://iho.int/en/ircc12-2020>). Please find attached to this letter the Draft List of Recommendations to RHC from IRCC12.

3. At the end of the meeting, Mr. Thomas Dehling (Germany) was elected as Chair and Mr. John Nyberg (USA) was elected as Vice-Chair of the IHO Inter-Regional Coordination Committee. The 13th meeting of IRCC (IRCC13) will be held from 22 to 24 June 2021 in Monaco.

About MBSHC

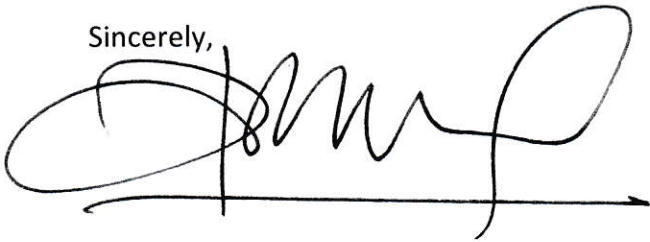
4. We would like to avail ourselves of this opportunity to remind all Members that the next meeting of the Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission (MBSHC) is scheduled for 1-3 June 2020 in Ljubljana (Slovenia). As you may recall, MBSHC Circular Letter no 02/2020 submitted to a vote different planning options, resulting in the "3.5 day-long option. Scheduling 3 days for the full meeting and the Region F WG meeting in the afternoon of the previous day". Due to the current situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, next February 2021 a decision will be taken regarding a potential Video Tele Conference (VTC) as an alternative to the in-person meeting. An adapted agenda for the VTC meeting will be considered and adopted in due course.

5. On this issue, please be reminded that there is still no candidate to take over the position of Chair after the Conference. Slovenia indicated that they are unable to take over as mandated by Article 6 (a) in the Statutes of the MBSHC, and consequently another candidate is required.

6. With this in mind, and in preparation of the MBSHC Conference, Full MBSHC Member States are kindly requested to inform this Chair by **1 February 2021** of your intention to seek the position of MBSHC Chair.

Be safe and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JDG', written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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