



MBSHC Circular Letter 04/2013

19 July 2013

To: MBSHC Members, Associate Members, Observers.

Subject: Invitation to participate to the 18th MBSHC Meeting.

Reference: MBSHC CL 01/2013.

Dear Colleagues,

Following the above mentioned reference and as you may recall, the 18th Meeting of the Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission (MBSHC18), will take place in the Harbiye Military Museum & Convention Hall, Istanbul, Turkey, from 25 to 27 September 2013.

Please be informed regarding logistics information and registration procedures in the attached Annexes of this letter. The primary point of contact for registration, and for logistical, visa and accommodation assistance is Lt. Esref GUNSAY, Head of Electronic Charting, TN-ONHO, egunsay@shodb.gov.tr or LCdr. Burak INAN, TN-ONHO, Head of Charting b.inan@shodb.gov.tr. They can be contacted at: Telephone: +90 216 322 25 80 (Ext.3610-3600) Fax: +90 216 331 05 25.

I would like to emphasize that hotel reservations are the responsibility of each participant. Nevertheless, special accommodation rates at the Inncity Hotel/Nişantaşı (www.inncityhotel.com) have been negotiated for the duration of MBSHC18. The hotel is 3 min. walking distance to Harbiye Military Museum & Convention Hall. Please note that the special rates are valid until **15 August 2013**.

Members and Associate Members of the MBSHC, as well as Observers, wishing to attend the Meeting, are kindly invited to send the common Registration Form provided in the Annex B, in order to inform us of your intention to attend the Meeting as well as the number of delegates and accompanying persons and send it to egunsay@shodb.gov.tr with a copy to the MBSHC Chair (geopol_hnhs@navy.mil.gr) preferably not later than **20 August 2013**.

Additionally, I take this opportunity to remind you that all Member States are requested to submit their national reports in the standard format at least one month in advance from the date of the Conference, and to send their national reports, to the MBSHC Chair and to the IHB, as agreed in Decision no. 06 of the 17th MBSHC Meeting.



A tentative Provisional Agenda is under scheme and will be circulated shortly, for comments and suggestions on subjects to be discussed. Unfortunately only France, Ukraine and Turkey have made propositions for additions in the Agenda. I take this opportunity to ask you to participate in the configuration of the Agenda since it is needed to have the views of all participants, in order to obtain a consistent Programme with the overall objectives of the MBSHC.

Please don't hesitate to contact us should you need further assistance or information.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex A – Logistics information
Annex B – Delegates registration form