



# 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee

## Recognizing the Champions of Hydrography

### Agenda Item 4.6A

HSSC-15, Helsinki, Finland, 5 – 9 June 2023



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# **BACKGROUND**

International  
Hydrographic  
Organization

The work of the IHO is dependent on the resources provided by member states and other stakeholders.

The community has benefited from the significant contributions of a range of individuals over many years.

Although some mechanisms exist to recognise contributions this paper proposes that an additional mechanism is introduced to ensure that broader contributions can be recognised in an appropriate way.



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# PRINCE ALBERT 1<sup>ST</sup> MEDAL FOR HYDROGRAPHY

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IHO has an existing means to recognise significant contributions to the work of IHO the Prince Albert 1<sup>st</sup> Medal for Hydrography\*.

The medal is awarded on a triennial basis which limits how many contributors can be recognised in this way.

This mechanism does not support recognition of broader contributors from Industry or the IHO Secretariat (past and present).

\*IHO M-3 Res 2/2014





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# RATIONALE

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The current situation does not allow for appropriate formal recognition of contributions to the IHO.

It is necessary to consider this holistically across all IHO organs and subordinate groups hence, the HSSC should propose this to the Council.

The proposed new award would be more inclusive and contribute to the motivation of active contributions within the IHO.



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## ACTION REQUIRED

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**Action Required of HSSC** The HSSC is invited to:  
a. endorse the following recommendation

The HSSC chair group in liaison with the IRCC chair group should develop a proposal for submission to Council 7 to establish a new award to recognise significant contributions to hydrography by individuals to be awarded by the Council.