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**FIG/IHO/ICA INTERNATIONAL BOARD ON STANDARDS OF COMPETENCE FOR
HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYORS AND NAUTICAL CARTOGRAPHERS (IBSC) -
VACANCY FOR AN IHO REPRESENTATIVE**

Reference:

A. IHO CL 28/2020 dated 15 July - *FIG/IHO/ICA International Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers (IBSC) - IHO Nomination*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The International Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers (IBSC) is a joint body of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG), the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and the International Cartographic Association (ICA).
2. The IBSC is composed of members with known competence in the civil, governmental and educational sectors of hydrographic surveying and nautical cartography, selected to provide as wide as possible a spectrum of knowledge and experience in educational practices, hydrography and nautical cartography, from different geographical areas. Twelve Members, four provided by FIG, four provided by IHO and four provided by ICA constitute the IBSC, with IHO Assistant Director Leonel Manteigas, designated by the IHO Secretariat as Secretary of the Board. The current list of IBSC Members is presented in Annex A.
3. The IBSC is tasked to review syllabi of programmes and individual recognition schemes, maintain IBSC publications, provide guidance to education and training institutions and support the IHO for the establishment of new hydrographic programmes where regional training capacity does not exist.
4. As announced in Reference A, Dr Arata SENGOKU (Japan) has been an IHO representative to the IBSC since 2020. Dr Arata SENGOKU informed the Board that due to other commitments is therefore no longer able to continue as a Member of the IBSC.
5. The IHO Secretariat would like to thank Dr Arata SENGOKU for his contribution to the work of the IBSC during the time he served as an IHO representative.
6. In accordance with the procedures in force, the IHO Secretariat kindly requests Member States to consider nominating a suitably qualified and experienced expert to fill the vacancy to represent the IHO on the IBSC. Candidates must have the appropriate theoretical background, experience and expertise that will be relevant and valuable to the work of the Board.
7. An appropriate Curriculum Vitae (CV), outlining the credentials and experience of the nominee, should be provided in support of any proposed candidature. The Terms of Reference, Rules of Procedure and Code of Ethics of the IBSC are available in the [IBSC](#) section of the IHO website.
8. Members of the Board are expected to attend every meeting and to conduct business by correspondence between meetings. The selected candidate is expected to attend the 47th Meeting of the IBSC scheduled to take place in Hamburg, Germany from 15 to 26 April 2024 (TBC).

9. Member States should also note that the IHO does not subsidize the participation of its representatives. The IHO representatives are expected to be supported by their own organization for all expenses incurred as a Member of the Board. Nominations, including the candidate's detailed CV, should be submitted by using the IHO Online Form System by accessing the following link:

https://IHO.formstack.com/forms/cl_31_2023

Alternatively, a Nomination Form is provided in Annex B. Nominations should reach the IHO Secretariat **no later than 15 January 2024**.

11. The Secretary-General, in consultation with the Directors at the IHO Secretariat, will examine the nominations received and, in liaison with the IBSC Chair, confirm the new member of the IBSC, or, if required, consult the Member States to assist in the selection.

On behalf of the Secretary-General

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luigi Sinapi', written in a cursive style.

Luigi Sinapi
IHO Director

Annex-A: Current List of the IBSC Members
Annex-B: Nomination Form

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LIST OF IBSC MEMBERS

24 August 2023

NAME	Country	Representing
Capt. Nickolás de A. ROSCHER Chair	Brazil	IHO
Mr. Sobri SYAWIE Vice-Chair 1	Indonesia	FIG
Professor Emeritus Lysandros TSOULOS Vice-Chair 2	Greece	ICA
Mr. Adam GREENLAND Member	New Zealand	FIG
Mr. Gordon JOHNSTON Member	UK	FIG
Prof. Dr. Harald STERNBERG Member	Germany	FIG
Capt. Andrew ARMSTRONG Member	USA	IHO
Cdre. Rod NAIRN Member	Australia	IHO
Vacant		IHO
Cdre. J. GURUMANI Member	India	ICA
Vacant		ICA
Vacant		ICA
Mr. Leonel MANTEIGAS Secretary	IHO Secretariat	

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NOMINATION FORM

(Please prefer using the IHO Online Form System; if not possible, please return this form to the IHO Secretariat by email (cl-lc@iho.int) by 15 January 2024)

Note: The boxes will expand as you type your answers

Member State

YES or NO?

Would you like to nominate an expert to be a member of IBSC?

IF YES:

Name:

Email:

Comments:

Signature:

Date:

Attachment: CV of nominated expert.