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THE EX ABYSSIS AD ALTA – IHO AWARD FOR HYDROGRAPHIC EXCELLENCE

2024 RECIPIENT

Reference A. IHO CL 19/2024 dated 03 April 2024 – *Adoption of the IHO Resolution The Ex Abyssis ad Alta – IHO Award for Hydrographic Excellence*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Circular Letter in reference adopted the new IHO Resolution on the *The Ex Abyssis ad Alta – IHO Award for Hydrographic Excellence*.
2. The Latin phrase *Ex Abyssis ad Alta* was chosen as the name of the award in honour of Prince Albert I of Monaco who used it as his personal motto. With this reference, the Award pays tribute to the instrumental role of the Grimaldi family and the Principality of Monaco in the establishment and continuation of the international collaboration in hydrography.
3. The Secretariat received 10 nominations from 11 Member States, with one candidate being nominated twice. IHO Secretariat convened the Ex Abyssis ad Alta Award Board in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Resolution and agreed unanimously on the selection.
4. The *Ex Abyssis ad Alta – IHO Award for Hydrographic Excellence* recipient for 2024 is

Yves GUILAM, IHO Assistant Director

5. The recipient will receive the award in a formal ceremony at the 8th Council Meeting in the presence of IHO Council Members, invited observers and IHO Secretariat's staff. A plaque carrying Yves Guillam's name and year of award will be mounted in the library of the IHO Secretariat.
6. The IHO Secretariat thanks all the Member States who nominated a candidate and encourage all the IHO Member States to provide new or renewed nominations for the next edition of the *Award in 2025*.

On behalf of the Secretary-General
Yours sincerely,

Dr John E. Nyberg
Director