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**EMPOWERING WOMEN IN HYDROGRAPHY – IBSC INTERNSHIPS  
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

References:

- A. CL 47/2021 dated 17 December - Joint Canada-IHO Project Empowering Women in Hydrography. Internships at the IHO Secretariat - Call for nominations
- B. 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IHO Council - Decision C7/24b
- C. CL25/2024 dated 27 May - Empowering Women in Hydrography Project - UK Improving Gender Balance Fund - Call for applications.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Reference A announced the offer and called for nominations for internships associated with the EWH project, three related with the review process of submitted programmes to the International Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers (IBSC). In reference B, the IHO Council agreed to continue with the EWH project led by the CBSC, supported by remaining funds and future financial and / or in-kind support as currently announced by CA, NO, DK, US, but still to be confirmed. Reference C informed Member States on the UK support for the IHO Empowering Women in Hydrography Project through a dedicated Improving Gender Balance Fund.
2. After the experience of having had interns related with the review process of submitted programmes to the FIG/IHO/ICA International Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers in 2022, IBSC requested the IHO Secretariat once again, to have interns working predominantly remotely and to participate in person at the intersessional meeting that will be held in Athens, Greece from 11 to 15 November 2024.
3. The four interns will assist the Board on the following topics:
  - a. Two interns in the revision of the S-5 Standards (Standards of Competence for Category "A" and "B" Hydrographic Surveyors).
  - b. Two interns in the revision of the S-8 Standards (Standards of Competence for Category "A" and "B" Nautical Cartographers).

4. The candidates should preferably be from institutions with recognized courses or institutions that intend to submit a course in the near future and, further:
  - a. Applicants for the revision of the S-5 Standards should be hydrographers with adequate experience and preference will be given to candidates with experience in teaching/organization of S-5 Courses.
  - b. Applicants for the revision of the S-8 Standards should be Nautical Cartographers with adequate experience and preference will be given to candidates with experience in teaching/organization of S-8 Courses.
5. Support for the selected interns to participate in the IBSC intersessional meeting will be provided through the offer from the UK (Reference C) and from the in-kind contributions from other Member States.
6. Candidates should submit their applications to [ewh@iho.int](mailto:ewh@iho.int) specifying the internship they are applying for and including a CV focused on the objectives of the respective internship and joining the Annex A to CL25/2024 through the official representative of their Member State. Candidates' applications should arrive **no later than 16 September 2024** to allow the corresponding respective selection by the IBSC.
7. The IHO Secretariat would also like to encourage Member States to provide support and consider submitting proposals for other projects to "Empower Women in Hydrography" using the template available on the project's webpage at <https://iho.int/en/basic-cbasc-ewh>.

On behalf of the Secretary-General  
Yours sincerely,



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