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PRINCE ALBERT 1st MEDAL FOR HYDROGRAPHY - 2026
- CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Reference: IHO Resolution 2/2014 as amended - *The Prince Albert 1st Medal for Hydrography*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Prince Albert 1st Medal for Hydrography was introduced in 1988 following discussions between the President of the Directing Committee and the Prince of Monaco. It was named the "*Prince Albert 1st Medal for Hydrography*" acknowledging that Prince Albert 1st was one of the great navigators and explorers of his time.
2. In accordance with the IHO Resolution in reference, the Medal is awarded at the IHO Assembly to recognize individuals who have, by their actions, contributed significantly to achieving the aims and objectives of the IHO. The Prince Albert 1st Medal will be presented during the Opening Ceremony of the 4th Session of the IHO Assembly in April 2026.
3. The IHO Secretariat invites Member States to consider submitting nominations meeting the conditions and eligibility criteria for the award of the Medal in accordance with the Reference. Member States may submit up to two nominations if they wish to nominate one of their citizens and a citizen of another State. Current and former members of the IHB/IHO Secretariat are not eligible for the award.
4. Member States submitting nominations are requested to complete and return one form per nominee to the IHO Secretariat **no later than 19 December 2025** using the nomination form provided as Annex B or, but preferably, using the IHO Online Form accessible through the following link:
https://iho.formstack.com/forms/web_form_cl_36_2025

Yours sincerely,

Dr Mathias JONAS
Secretary-General

Annexes: A. IHO Resolution 2/2014 as amended - *The Prince Albert 1st Medal for Hydrography*
B. Nomination Form

IHO Resolution 2/2014 as amended

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Introduction

1. The Prince Albert 1st Medal for Hydrography was introduced in 1988 following discussions between the President of the Directing Committee and the Prince of Monaco. It was named the “Prince Albert 1st Medal for Hydrography” acknowledging that Prince Albert 1st was one of the great navigators and explorers of his time. The medal was to be awarded to the author of the best article published in the International Hydrographic Review (IHR). The Medal had always been presented by the Prince of Monaco himself during the Opening Ceremony of the ordinary International Hydrographic Conferences. In 2014 at the 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference, Member States agreed to a proposal submitted by Monaco to amend the conditions of the award of the Medal to recognise individuals that have by their actions contributed significantly to achieving the aims and objectives of the IHO. In simple terms, the award of The Prince Albert 1st Medal for Hydrography is a recognition of the IHO’s *“heroes of hydrography”*.

Nominations for the Award

2. At the end of the year preceding an Assembly, Member States may submit up to two nominations for the award using the form shown at the Annex to this Resolution. One nomination may be for a citizen of the Member State, another nomination may be for a citizen of another State.
3. Current and former members of the former IHB or of the IHO Secretariat are ineligible for the award.

Selection Process

4. The Secretary-General and Directors, in consultation with representatives of the Government of HSH The Prince of Monaco, will select the recipient of the award, taking into account at least the following:
 - a. Specific examples of innovation, original work, exceptional achievement or exceptional devotion in the pursuit of the aims and objectives of the IHO.
 - b. How the work or efforts of the nominee have improved global hydrography, hydrographic techniques or hydrographic capacity.

NOMINATION FORM

*One Form per Nominee - to be returned to the IHO Secretariat, duly completed,
by 19 December 2025*

E-mail: cl-lc@iho.int Fax: +377 93 10 81 40

https://IHO.formstack.com/forms/web_form_cl_36_2025

Details of Person Being Nominated	
Title	
Surname	
Given Names	
Awards or Honorifics	

Reason and Justification for Nomination

Provide details of how the nominee has made a significant contribution to pursuing the aims and objectives of the IHO, including any positions held or activities undertaken, together with relevant dates of service. Also, please include a statement in your own words about why you think the person should be singled out and recognized by the award of the Prince Albert 1st Medal for Hydrography.

As a guide, you may wish to consider some of the following questions:

- In what role(s) or area(s) has the nominee excelled?
- How has the nominee demonstrated service worthy of recognition?
- How has the nominee's contribution impacted on either a particular field, locality, group, community or humanity at large?
- Over what period of time has the nominee made a major contribution?
- Has the nominee's contribution been recognized elsewhere (for example; in the media, by other awards, professional or interest groups, or through government)?
- What makes this person stand out from others?

Reason and Justification for Making this Nomination (box will expand as you type)	
Endorsement by Nominating Member State	
Member State	
Signature	
I certify that the information provided is, to the best of my knowledge, true. I am prepared to provide additional information and justification for this nomination, if requested.	
Title	
Surname	
Given Names	
Position	