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**IHO PROJECT EMPOWERING WOMEN IN HYDROGRAPHY  
SHOM (FRANCE) HYDROGRAPHIC AND OCEANOGRAPHIC SURVEYS –  
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**References:**

- A. CL 20/2021 dated 31 May IHO Project Empowering Women in Hydrography.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Reference A presented the proposal of the IHO Project Empowering Women in Hydrography (EWH), and the IHO Secretariat encouraged the Member States to consider the recommendation of the 2nd Session of the Assembly (A-2 Decision 36) to participate in the EWH Project.
2. The IHO, together with Shom (France) is offering opportunities for the summer 2026 associated with the EWH project to participate in hydrographic and oceanographic survey activities aboard the research vessel RV *POURQUOI PAS ?*. The campaign will consist of two survey legs, each with two available spots (four opportunities in total):
  - First leg: Scheduled for July - August 2026 (exact dates to be confirmed). Departure from Brest; return city to be determined.
  - Second leg: Scheduled for July - August 2026 (exact dates to be confirmed). Departure and return cities to be determined.
3. Candidates must read, write, and speak French proficiently and submit the applications no later than **30 March 2026** via e-mail ([info@iho.int](mailto:info@iho.int) with copy to [adcc@iho.int](mailto:adcc@iho.int), [cba@iho.int](mailto:cba@iho.int) and [ewh@iho.int](mailto:ewh@iho.int)) providing the following documents:
  - a. A curriculum vitae (including a photo) and any related documents.
  - b. Statement of the nominating authority (Annex A).
  - c. The application form (Annex B).
4. The EWH project, which was initially launched thanks to a contribution from Canada and has received financial support from Denmark, Belgium, Norway and UK, as well as in-kind contributions from U.S.A., France, and others, will support transportation to and from the location of the survey ships, accommodation and meal expenses prior to and after the survey. Insurances, Passport and Visa are the responsibility of the applicant or the applicant's administration.

5. The IHO Secretariat would like to thank Shom (France) for offering this opportunity and encourages Member States to consider participation in the EWH Project.

Yours sincerely,  
On behalf of the Secretary-General

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luigi SINAPI', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Luigi SINAPI  
Director

Annex A: Statement of the nominating authority

Annex B: Candidate application form

**STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL HYDROGRAPHER**

**or**

**APPROPRIATE NATIONAL AUTHORITY**

The **Hydrographer** (or \_\_\_\_\_) of \_\_\_\_\_ requests the IHO to consider this Application and confirms that Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ is fully aware of the following conditions which apply to this application:

1. Insurance, visa and any other related expenses are not covered by the IHO EWH Project. They are the responsibility of the institution submitting the application.
2. Should a selected candidate not be able to participate in the cruise for any reason she will be replaced by a candidate from the waiting list and **NOT** by an applicant from the same country.
3. Passport and Visa are the responsibility of the applicant or the applicant's administration.

Date:	National Authority (Position):
Signature:	

## CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM

<b>1. Project: IHO EWH</b>	
Type of project:	Experience onboard SHOM research vessel
Name of the project:	IHO Empowering Women in Hydrography project
Research Vessel:	RV Pourquoi pas ?
<b>2. Personal information</b> (filled by applicant)	
Title:	Family name:
	First name:
Nationality:	Date and place of birth:
<b>3. Address direction</b> (filled by applicant)	
Address:	
Telephone:	
e-mail	
<b>4. Present position and description of duties</b> (filled by applicant)	
<b>5. Date and signature of the applicant</b>	