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**PRINCE ALBERT 1st MEDAL FOR HYDROGRAPHY - 2017
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

Reference: IHO Resolution 2/2014 - *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. Following the decision made at the 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference and in accordance with IHO Resolution 2/2014 (see Annex A for ease of reference), the conditions and eligibility criteria for the award of the medal were adjusted in accordance with a proposal from Monaco. The medal is now awarded at each ordinary session of the IHO Assembly to recognize individuals that have by their actions contributed significantly to achieving the aims and objectives of the IHO. The next Medal will be presented by the Prince of Monaco during the Opening Ceremony of the 1st Session of the IHO Assembly in April 2017.
3. The IHO Secretariat is now initiating the nomination process and invites Member States to consider submitting nominations. 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 are ineligible for the award.
4. Member States submitting nominations are requested to fill the form given in Annex B and return one form per nominee to the IHO Secretariat no later than **15 January 2017**.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Ward", is placed below the text.

Robert WARD
President

Annexes:

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

IHO RESOLUTION 2/2014 - *THE PRINCE ALBERT 1ST MEDAL FOR HYDROGRAPHY*

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 is always 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 ordinary International Hydrographic Conference (to be replaced by “Assembly”, when the Assembly is established), 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 IHB (“IHB” to be replaced by “former IHB or of the IHO Secretariat” when the Secretariat is established) are ineligible for the award.

Selection Process

4. The Directing Committee (“Directing Committee” to be replaced by “Secretary-General and Directors”, when the position of Secretary-General is established) 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.

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NOMINATION FORMOne Form per Nominee - to be returned to the IHO Secretariat, duly completed, **by 15 January 2017**E-mail: cl-lc@iho.int

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Details of person being nominated	
Title	
Surname (Family Name)	
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 recognised 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 recognised 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 (Family Name)	
Given Names	
Position	