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RECIPIENT OF THE PRINCE ALBERT 1ST MEDAL FOR HYDROGRAPHY 2017

References:

- A. IHO CL 47/2016 dated 22 September – *Prince Albert 1st Medal for Hydrography – Call for Nominations*
- B. IHO Resolution 2/2014 - *The Prince Albert 1st Medal for Hydrography*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Reference A called for nominations for the Prince Albert 1st Medal for Hydrography to be presented at the 1st Session of the IHO Assembly in April 2017.
2. The Secretariat of the IHO thanks the six Member States who replied to Reference A within the deadline indicated: Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico, Sri Lanka, Sweden and United Kingdom.
3. The Secretary-General and Directors, in consultation with representatives of the Government of His Serene Highness (HSH) Prince Albert II of Monaco, and after careful consideration of the nominations received, are pleased to announce that the Prince Albert 1st Medal for Hydrography will be awarded to Mr Juha Korhonen, who has recently retired from the Finnish Transport Agency Hydrographic Office.
4. Mr Korhonen was actively involved in the work of the IHO from 1980 until his retirement in 2014. He played a significant role in the first ENC/ECDIS testing programmes and represented Finland and the Baltic States in many IHO bodies, including the Committee on Hydrographic Requirements for Information Systems (CHRIS), now the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC). He used his extensive knowledge and experience in IHO matters when he represented his region in the IHO Strategic Planning Working Group that developed the new structure of the IHO which now has led to the revised Convention on the IHO and the 1st session of the IHO Assembly. He was instrumental in establishing a common hydrographic survey plan for the whole of the Baltic Sea, subsequently adopted by the Helsinki Commission which in turn, enabled co-financing from the European Union. Mr Korhonen's outstanding attention to detail, continuous contribution to the work of the IHO and his success in maximizing hydrographic capacity within the Nordic and the Baltic Sea region has served as an excellent example and left a lasting legacy in hydrography that will be enjoyed by mariners, hydrographers and all those that use the sea, for many years to come.

5. Mr Korhonen has been invited to attend the 1st session of the Assembly to be presented with his medal at the Opening Ceremony by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco.

Yours sincerely,



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