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**MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAMME IN HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYING  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI (USA)  
SPONSORED BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

**Fifth Course (7 August 2017 - 3 August 2018)**

**SELECTION OF A CANDIDATE**

Reference: IHO CL 51/2016 dated 29 September - *Master of Science Programme in Hydrographic Surveying at the University of Southern Mississippi (USA) sponsored by the Republic of Korea - Call for Nominations (Fifth Course)*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the above-referenced Circular Letter, the IHO Secretariat invited the IHO Member States to consider nominating suitable candidates who would benefit from the opportunity offered by the Republic of Korea (ROK) Programme of Technical Cooperation to enrol in the 2017-2018 session of the Category "A" Hydrographic Surveying Programme at the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) in the USA.
2. The IHO Secretariat received applications from nine countries. The Selection Board, comprising representatives from the Republic of Korea, the IHO Secretariat and the USM met on 27 February 2017 at the Korea Hydrographic and Oceanographic Agency (KHOA), in Busan, ROK and examined all nine applications. The budget allocation from the Korean fund to sponsor this training for this session will be available only for one student.
3. **The candidate from Romania (Ms Valentina Cornelia PAVEL) was assessed as meeting all of the necessary criteria and was selected for the session that will be held at the USM from 7 August 2017 to 3 August 2018.** A notification letter has been sent to the selected applicant with detailed instructions.
4. In accordance with Annex B of the Reference (Timetable for selection of the candidates), the selected candidate must submit all the required documentation to the USM in liaison with Mr Maxim F. van Norden, Coordinator of the Hydrographic Science Graduate Degree Programme, Department of Marine Science (e-mail: maxim.vannorden@usm.edu, Tel: +1 228 688 7123, Fax: +1 228 688 1121). Mr van Norden is the principal point of contact at the USM. The selected candidate will then receive detailed logistic information directly from the USM.
5. It is expected that another opportunity for training at USM will be offered in 2018, thanks to the continuing and generous support of the Republic of Korea. The IHO Circular Letter regarding the call for nominations for the next session is planned to be circulated in September 2017. The Secretariat advises those organizations whose applications were not selected this time, together with other prospective candidates, to begin preparations for next year's applications now. In particular, prospective candidates should ensure that they have all the necessary documentation well in advance, especially the necessary TOEFL / IELTS and GRE scores.

6. The IHO Secretariat congratulates the candidate who has been selected and thanks the IHO Member States for their interest.

7. The IHO Secretariat would also like to renew its thanks to the Republic of Korea for its substantial support of the IHO Capacity Building and other programmes.

On behalf of the Secretary-General  
Yours sincerely,



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Director