



Istituto Idrografico della Marina
Al Direttore

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From
Capt. Luigi SINAPI
Director
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

I'm writing to you in order to explore the possibility to include Italy, and specifically the Italian Hydrographic Institute (IIM), as associate member on ARHC.

As you surely know, our involvement in the Arctic region has been ever increasing in the last few years.

Our personnel were appointed as members of the Emergency Prevention Preparedness and Response (EPPR) WG and the IIM Director Capt. Luigi Sinapi is actively involved in the activities of the Italian MFA national coordinator for Arctic Policy.

Furthermore, next summer a scientific survey in Arctic waters will be guided by IIM personnel on board S/V Alliance. This will not be an isolated activity, as there are many survey and research activities planned in the next future.

Considering the above, I would be grateful if you could suggest that our Institute be accepted as associate member on the Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission where we will be able to contribute with the share of data collected during our hydrographic and oceanographic surveys for the benefit of all participants.

I thank you in advance for your kind attention and support.

Kind Regards

Capt. Luigi SINAPI
Director