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Dear Colleagues Capt. VATU and Mr. MITROVIC,

I would like to congratulate you on the outstanding success of Lt Valentina Pavel who, having been selected for the fifth edition of the programme sponsored by the Republic of Korea and having attended the Master of Science Programme in Hydrographic Surveying at the University of Southern Mississippi, in addition to her Category "A" Hydrographic Surveyor Certificate, received the Hydrographer of the Navy award as well.

I am sure that Lt. Pavel will bring a valuable contribution not only to the Romanian Navy but also to the Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission and the whole hydrographic community.

I would also like to praise Cdr. Branislav Gloginja from Montenegro, who successfully completed his Master of Science Programme in Hydrographic Surveying at the University of Southern Mississippi. I hope this will prove to be an important step towards a stronger Montenegrin Hydrographic and Cartographic Service.

As the Chair of the Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission I am proud to welcome two new "Cat A" hydrographers in our region and, in congratulating them on their achievement, I wish them a successful and rewarding career.

Last, but not least, I would like to express my gratitude to the Republic of Korea, who actively supports capacity building by funding high-level training and education programmes for the hydrographers of the future.

Best regards,

Rear Admiral. Luigi SINAPI  
Director of the Istituto Idrografico della Marina  
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