



International Hydrographic Organization

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Exhibition on "Historical Nautical Charts and Mediterranean"

Yacht Club de Monaco, 1 to 14 April 2019

The years 2019 and 2021 will be important in the history of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO). 2019 will mark the centenary of the 1st International Hydrographic Conference, which was held in London in 1919 and 2021 will be the centenary of the establishment of the International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB) in 1921 in Monaco as precursor of the modern IHO. The IHO Secretariat will undertake the centenary celebrations of the International Hydrographic Organization ranging from 2019 to 2021 as important milestones of the IHO. In this regard, it has been planned to organize exhibitions, symposiums, outreach events and similar activities from 2019 to 2021.

The first event under the IHO Centenary Celebrations will be an exhibition with the theme "*Historical Nautical Charts and Mediterranean*" at the Yacht Club de Monaco from 1 to 14 April 2019. The Opening Ceremony of the Exhibition, attendance by invitation only, will be held at the Yacht Club de Monaco on 1 April 2019 at 18:00, to be followed by a champagne reception. The Curator of the exhibition is Mr Ali Riza Isipek.

The exhibition will be open to the public every day from 10:00 to 18:00 between 2 and 14 April 2019. Visitors will have a chance to learn about the famous cartographers, the maritime world of the Mediterranean, types of old ships, historic navigation methods, old nautical charts from different countries and tools used for navigation. This immense heritage will be displayed by means of oil paintings, wooden ship models, tiles (maps and miniatures on ceramic), portolans (world's first nautical charts), flags, navigational tools and informative roll-up banners. A section dedicated to Prince Albert I of Monaco will also be displayed at the exhibition.

The International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO), established with the strong support of Prince Albert I of Monaco in 1921, is an Inter-governmental technical consultative organisation. The IHO currently comprises 89 Member States. The IHO actively engages all coastal and interested States to advance maritime safety and efficiency and sustainable use of the marine environment. One of its principal roles is the maintenance of relevant international standards and guidelines and the global coordination of the provision of hydrographic and nautical charting services.

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