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IOC Chairman

Subject: Invitation to a workshop convened for Group I Member States on “The Role and Scope of the IOC in Marine Science and in the Global Ocean Observing System”, 26–27 May 2014 in Utrecht, The Netherlands

Action required: To nominate and register participant to the meeting

Sir/Madam,

You may recall that the IOC Executive Council at its 45th session (Paris, 26–28 June 2012) decided, through EC-XLV/Decision 4.2 (“The Future Needs for Intergovernmental Coordination and Governance for Sustained Ocean Observations & Services”):

to establish an inter-sessional consultation of all Member States and coordinated by a Vice-Chair to identify scientific and technical issues within IOC mission and mandate, in order to improve IOC's activities in the area of sustained ocean observations and services.

These consultations will assist the Assembly in addressing future requirements for intergovernmental coordination and governance in order to sustain ocean observations and services. IOC Electoral Groups II, III, and IV have held inter-sessional consultations.

Peter Haugan, Vice-chairman of IOC Group I, and I invite IOC Group I Member States to a workshop in Utrecht, The Netherlands, on 26 and 27 May 2014 to contribute to this consultation. Representatives from eight of the Group I Member States of the IOC Executive Council met on 11-13 February 2014 in Utrecht to prepare for this meeting.

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A description of that preparatory meeting and its outcomes along with references that were felt pertinent to these discussions is available at the meeting web site <http://www.joss.ucar.edu/meetings/2014/ioc-electoral-group-i-meeting>. Draft agenda and additional documentation will also be made available online.

The workshop will be held at the Hotel Van Der Valk Hotel de Bilt – Utrecht. Funds are not available for travel expenses; however, a group rate has been arranged for a block of rooms at the Hotel de Bilt Utrecht where the meeting will be held. The meeting is being coordinated by the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research/Joint Office for Science Support (UCAR/JOSS). They will make accommodation reservations from your registration. Rooms have been reserved assuming one participant from every Member State will participate. Please go to the meeting web site <http://www.joss.ucar.edu/meetings/2014/ioc-electoral-group-i-meeting> to register your participation and provide your travel details. If more than one participant is coming from a Member State all participants should complete a registration.

The workshop will be conducted in English.

With assurances of our highest consideration, we remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Peter Haugan
Vice Chairman for Electoral Group 1

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Wendy Watson-Wright
Executive Secretary