IOC Circular Letter No. 2463

To: Executive Heads of relevant International, Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations

Subject: Twenty-Second Session of the IOC Committee on International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE-XXII), Ensenada, Mexico, 11–15 March 2013

I have the pleasure of inviting your Organization to participate in the Twenty-second Session of the IOC Committee on International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE), to be held from 11 to 15 March 2013 in Ensenada, Mexico.

You are kindly requested to inform us at your earliest convenience on your participation in the above event and forward the names of your delegation. We will be grateful if you can inform us of the names, contact addresses and e-mail addresses of your representatives so we can easily contact them and add their details to the IODE-XXII web page.

The IODE Programme, both through its global projects, as well as through its regional ODIN networks that focus on capacity building, attributes high importance to close working relationships with other organizations, programmes and projects that collect, manage or exchange oceanographic data and information. This is also reflected in the “IOC Strategic Plan for Oceanographic Data and Information Management” adopted by the IOC Assembly at its 24th Session (2007). In fact the adoption of a revised Strategic Plan will be on the agenda of the 22nd Session of the Committee.

IODE, as all IOC programmes are now facing serious financial challenges that have a short-term impact (the inability to implement adopted work plans) but potential also long-term impact (what will be the relevance and role of IODE in a changing financial and geopolitical realm). The Committee will therefore need to address the continued need for IODE and also identify, or at least recommend, solutions if IODE should continue. Cooperation with other Organizations, clearly specified mandates and interoperability with each other’s data and information systems are requirements more important than ever.
During this Session time for reporting on activities in the past inter-sessional period will therefore limited to leave more time for discussions and drafting sessions. Of course the draft IOC Strategic Plan for Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange and IODE Quality Management Framework will also feature prominently on the agenda.

If your Organization/project wishes to make a presentation or contribute a working document on existing or proposed collaboration with IODE, then we will very much welcome this. We would then like to invite you to submit your documentation to us not later than 31 December 2012 (so we can take its content into account when planning the working sessions).

All documentation will be made available through the IODE website through http://www.iode.org/iode22 in English only. You are kindly invited to download all documentation from the website.

The Provisional Agenda and Timetable are attached. Practical information on venue and hotel accommodation will be made available on the IODE website.

In order to enable us to make all necessary practical arrangements with the local host, we will appreciate your reply at your earliest convenience. Responses should be sent to Mr Peter Pissierssens, Head of the IOC Project Office for IODE (e-mail: p.pissierssens@unesco.org or fax: +32-59-79 52 20).

Looking forward to a successful Session I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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Enclosure (1): IODE-XXII Provisional Agenda and Timetable
INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION  
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IOC Committee on International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange,  
Twenty-second Session (IODE-XXII)  
Ensenada, Mexico, 11–15 March 2013  

PROVISIONAL AGENDA  

1. OPENING  

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS  
   2.1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA  
   2.2. DESIGNATION OF A RAPPORTEUR  
   2.3. SESSION TIME TABLE AND DOCUMENTATION  
   2.4. ESTABLISHMENT OF SESSIONAL WORKING GROUPS  
   2.5. LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS  

3. INTRODUCTORY REPORTS  
   3.1. CO-CHAIRS’ REPORT  
   3.2. IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE IODE-XXI WORK PLAN  
   3.3. FINANCIAL AND IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION REPORT  
   3.4. INTRODUCTION TO WORK PLAN AND BUDGET  

4. NODC AND PROJECT OFFICE REPORTS  
   4.1. REPORTS OF NODCs, DNA’s AND MARINE INFORMATION CENTRES  
   4.2. REPORT OF THE IOC PROJECT OFFICE FOR IODE  

5. PROGRAMME ACTIVITY REPORTS  
   5.1. GROUPS OF EXPERTS  
      5.1.1. IODE Group of Experts on Biological and Chemical Data Management and Exchange Practices (GE-BICH)  
      5.1.2. IODE Group of Experts on Marine Information Management (GE-MIM)  
      5.1.3. JCOMM/IODE Expert Team on Data Management Practices (ETDMP)  
      5.1.4. IODE Group of Experts for OBIS (GE-OBIS)  
   5.2. PROJECTS  
      5.2.1 Ocean Biogeographic Information System (OBIS)  
      5.2.2. JCOMM/IODE Ocean Data Standards  
      5.2.3. IODE OceanDataPortal  
      5.2.4 Data Citation/Data Publishing (SCOR/IODE)  
      5.2.5 Global Oceanographic Data Archaeology and Rescue (GODAR)  
      5.2.6 Global Temperature and Salinity Profile Programme (GTSPP)  
      5.2.7 Global Ocean Surface Underway Data Pilot Project (GOSUD)  
      5.2.8 OceanDocs Aquatic Commons and OpenScienceDirectory  
      5.2.9 OceanExpert
6. IODE CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

6.1. OCEANTEACHER AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

6.2. IODE'S REGIONAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: ODIN
   6.2.1 Ocean Data and Information Network for Africa (ODINAFRICA)
   6.2.2 Ocean Data and Information Network for the Caribbean and South America
       regions (ODINCARSA)
   6.2.3 Ocean Data and Information Network for European Countries in Economic
       Transition (ODINECET)
   6.2.4 Ocean Data and Information Network for the Western Pacific region (ODIN-
       WESTPAC)
   6.2.5 ODIN-Black Sea
   6.2.6 Regional Network of Pacific Marine Libraries (ODIN-PIMRIS)
   6.2.7 Other regions

6.3. CONCLUSIONS FOR IODE REGIONAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

6.4 EMERGING NEEDS IN CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

7. COOPERATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMMES AND ORGANIZATIONS

8. THE FUTURE OF THE IODE PROGRAMME

   8.1. INTRODUCTION TO THE SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS
   8.2. THE IOC STRATEGIC PLAN FOR OCEANOGRAPHIC DATA AND INFORMATION
       EXCHANGE 2013–2016
   8.3. CHANGES IN THE IODE STRUCTURE
   8.4. IODE QUALITY MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10. REQUIRED RESOURCES AND PLAN OF ACTION FOR 2013 (CURRENT UNESCO

11. ELECTIONS OF CO-CHAIRS

12. DATE AND PLACE OF IODE-XXIII

13. ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT

14. CLOSURE

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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION**  
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