To: GLOSS National Contacts  
ICG/IOTWS Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFP)  
ICG/IOTWS Tsunami National Contacts (TNC)

cc: ICG/IOTWS Officers  
ICG/IOTWS Working Group Chairs and Vice Chairs  
Official National Coordinating Body for liaison with the IOC Member States  
Permanent Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States  
WESTPAC, SE Asia GOOS, Indian Ocean GOOS  
Royal Thai Navy Hydrographic Department  
IHO, WMO

Subject: Training Course for Operators of Sea Level Stations, 17–21 March 2014, Royal Thai Navy Hydrographic Department, Bangna, Bangkok, Thailand

Dear Colleagues,

Within the framework of the Global Sea Level Observing System (GLOSS) and the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/IOTWS), the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO jointly with the Royal Thai Navy Hydrographic Department, is organizing a Training Course for Sea Level Operators to be held in Bangna, Bangkok, Thailand from 17-21 March, 2014.

IOC of UNESCO is inviting your institution to nominate a sea level station operator/technician to participate in this training course. The person should be responsible for conducting/supporting the maintenance/installation/analysis of the sea level station in your country; have experience with the maintenance or data analysis of observational stations (hydromet, geophysical); levelling or data processing experience/training/education, and should hold a permanent position with a national agency. The language of the workshop will be in English.

The course outline will include the following topics: introduction to sea level observations, tidal theory; analysis of tide gauge data; introduction to harmonic analysis; introduction to tidal analysis software; hands on training sessions; visit to a sea level station; tide gauge levelling and datum control; real time sea level observations and the use of the Global Telecommunication System (GTS); and satellite radar altimetry.

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Participants are also expected to provide a presentation on their national sea level observing activities.

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO will be able to cover air ticket and per diems for a limited number of participants nominated by the official IOC or Tsunami National Contact (TNC). A letter of recommendation from the head of the department/institution of the nominee should also be provided. Kindly notify the IOC – Ms Elena Iasyreva (e.lasyreva@unesco.org) copied to: t.elliott@unesco.org and t.aarup@unesco.org. Priority for sponsorship will be given to participants from Member States of the Northern Indian Ocean and the SE Asia region. Please provide nominations no later than 16 February 2014.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

Wendy Watson-Wright
Executive Secretary, IOC
Assistant Director-General, UNESCO

Enclosure (1): Registration form
REGISTRATION FORM

Training Course for Operators of Sea Level Stations, March 17-21 2014, Royal Thai Navy Hydrographic Department, Bangna, Bangkok, Thailand

Name as it appears in your Passport:
Title: 

First Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________

Passport Number: ___________________________
  Date of Issue: ___________________________
  Place of Issue: ___________________________
  Valid until: ___________________________

Nationality: ___________________________

Date of Birth: ___________________________
Place of Birth: ___________________________

Organization: ___________________________

Job title (or position): ___________________________

Sea Level Station Expertise: ___________________________

Complete Office Address:
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Contact Phone Number: ___________________________
Fax number: ___________________________
E-mail address: ___________________________

Name and location of the Airport of departure:
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Please send all necessary details to the attention of Ms Elena Iasyreva, (E-mail: e.lasyreva@unesco.org - - copied to: t.aarup@unesco.org- Fax - (33) 1 456 85 810.