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   IODE National Coordinators for Marine Information Management

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Subject: Call for candidatures for IODE Co-Chairs

As you know Ms Sissy Iona (Greece) and Mr Ariel Troisi (Argentina) were elected during IODE-XXI (Liège, Belgium, 23-26 March 2011) as Co-Chairs of IODE. They were both re-elected for a second term at IODE-XXII (Ensenada, Mexico, 11-15 March 2013). As Ms Iona and Mr Troisi have now completed two terms they will, in accordance with the IOC Manual, step down at the end of the 23rd Session of the IODE Committee (planned to be held in Bruges, Belgium on 16-20 March 2015). It is therefore the responsibility of the Committee to elect new IODE Co-Chairs. We would appreciate receiving candidatures from experts of the IODE data and information community (including Associated Data Units).

In order to enable the Committee to select the best experts for these important positions, we would like to invite candidates to submit their names as well as a curriculum vitae and a short paper outlining their views on the future of IODE. In order to enable us to distribute the candidatures well ahead of the session, we would appreciate receiving candidatures not later than 15 November 2014. Please provide also an e-mail address through which we can contact the candidate. Nominations should be sent to Mr Peter Pissierssens, Head of the IOC Project Office for IODE by email to p.pissierssens@unesco.org.
We remind candidates that as Co-Chair you will be expected to assist the Secretariat in implementing the work plan adopted by the Committee. This may consist of participating in relevant meetings, in on-line discussions, in drafting of documents or other activities in support of IODE.

Looking forward to receiving candidates and to welcoming the new Co-Chairs,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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