IOC Circular Letter No. 2540

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To: ICG/CARIBE EWS Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFP)
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ICG/CARIBE EWS Chair and Vice-Chairs

cc: Official National Coordinating Body for liaison with the IOC Member States
Permanent Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States
Permanent Observers to ICG/CARIBE EWS
Puerto Rico Seismic Network (PRSN)
NOAA NWS Caribbean Tsunami Warning Program (CTWP)
UNESCO Offices in La Habana, Kingston, San José and Guatemala City
IOC UNESCO Regional Office for IOCARIBE

Subject: Fourth Training Course for Operators of Sea Level Stations in the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions, Mayagüez, Puerto Rico 3–7 November 2014

Within the framework of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (ICG/CARIBE-EWS), the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, the Puerto Rico Seismic Network (PRSN) of the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez (UPRM) and the Caribbean Tsunami Warning Program (US NOAA/NWS) are organizing the “Fourth Training Course for Operators of Sea Level Stations in the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions”, in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, 3–7 November 2014.

IOC of UNESCO is inviting Caribbean TWFPs and TNCs to nominate a sea level station operator / technician / data analyst 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. The participant should also have experience with the maintenance or data analysis of observational stations (hydromet, geophysical), electronic, levelling or data processing experience/training/education; and should hold a permanent position with a national or regional agency. Another requirement is that the participants must have completed the online courses Tsunami Warning Systems and the Caribbean Edition of Tsunami Strike! (https://www.meted.ucar.edu/index.php) before the beginning of the training course. The language of the workshop will be in English and Spanish.

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Currently over 60 sea level stations in the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions are contributing to the CARIBE EWS and are available to the existing Tsunami Warning Centres. In addition to fulfilling the requirements of tsunami services it is encouraged that the stations also meet the requirements of the Global Sea Level Observing System (GLOSS). The aim of this training course is to facilitate the sustainability of this observational system. The course has two main components: the first focusing on the installation and operation of the stations and the second on the quality control, archival and analysis of the sea level data. It is expected that all participants will also present a written and oral report on the status of sea level operations of their institution.

The Puerto Rico Seismic Network has limited funding available to support the participation of some technicians/operators. Priority for sponsorship will be given to participants from Member States which have not attended any of the three previous courses. Self-funded participants are also welcome. All candidates should complete and submit the application form attached to the Puerto Rico Seismic Network (attention: yamy@prsn.uprm.edu and victor@prsn.uprm.edu with copy to: b.aliaga@unesco.org and christa.vonh@noaa.gov) by 6 October 2014. The Hotel for the participants will be the Holiday Inn where special rates have been secured, while the venue of the course itself is the University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez Campus (UPRM). Transportation between these two locations as well as coffee breaks and lunch will be provided to all participants.

With the assurances of my highest consideration, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Wendy Watson-Wright
Executive Secretary, IOC

Enclosure: (1)

Application Form
PUERTO RICO SEISMIC NETWORK
UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO
FOUR TRAINING COURSE FOR OPERATORS OF SEA LEVEL STATIONS
IN THE CARIBBEAN AND ADJACENT REGIONS
November 3-7, 2014
Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

APPLICATION FORM

Application Due Date: Fax:
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cc: b.aliaga@unesco.org and christa.vonh@noaa.gov

Please type or write in block letters in English:

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2. PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

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### 5. FUNDING

- Do you require travel funding?
  - Yes, Full Funding (Hotel and Air Transportation)
  - Yes, Partial Funding _______________________
  - No, Self-funded

### 6. OTHERS

- English Language Proficiency
  - [ ] Excellent
  - [ ] Fair
  - [ ] Good
  - [ ] Poor

- Meal Restriction

Date: _____________________  
Signature: ____________________________