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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: Thirty-second session of the Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (DBCP-32),
La Jolla, USA, 17-21 October 2016

Actions required: (i) To notify WMO and/or IOC Secretariats, by **31 August 2016**, the name and contact details of the representatives attending the meeting
(ii) To provide national reports on current and planned buoy programmes to the WMO Secretariat by **31 July 2016**
(iii) To check the list of national focal points for buoy programmes and notify required changes to the Secretariat

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the World Meteorological Organization and the IOC (of UNESCO), I am pleased to announce that at the kind invitation of the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, USA, the thirty-second session of the Joint WMO-IOC Data Buoy Co-operation Panel (DBCP) will be held in La Jolla, USA, from 17 to 21 October 2016. This session will precede the thirty-sixth meeting on the Argos Joint Tariff Agreement that will take place at the same venue, from 24 to 26 October 2016. As decided by the Panel, the session will be conducted in English only.

I would like to recall that membership to the Panel is open to all Member States of IOC and Members of WMO. Interested organizations and programmes are also welcome to participate in the sessions. We should be grateful if you would inform the WMO Secretariat by **31 August 2016**, whether your country will be represented at DBCP-32. Upon confirmation, please provide us with the name and contact details of the representative(s).

Participants are responsible for obtaining their own visas, if necessary. A copy of the participants' passport is requested by the local hosts in advance to facilitate registration. If any local assistance is required with entry formalities, please contact the local organizer for the meetings, Dr Sidney Thurston (Sydney.Thurston@noaa.gov) and Mr Shannon McArthur (Shannon.McArthur@noaa.gov). In addition to this, it is to be noted that, according to established procedures, financial assistance by IOC and WMO will not be available for the participation of delegates at the session.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of WMO, participating in JCOMM (limited distribution)

cc: JCOMM co-presidents)
JCOMM OPA Coordinator) (for information)
Chairpersons, GOOS and GCOS Steering Committees)

As was the case in previous sessions, all participants are requested to provide input on national implementation status, in the form of a brief report in accordance with the guidance provided in the Annex, and send it to the Secretariat by **31 July 2016**.

I would also like to invite you to check the list of National Focal Points for Buoy Programmes, available from the web at: <http://www.jcomm.info/dbcp-nfp> and report any discrepancies, or nominate a National Focal Point in case your country does not yet have one.

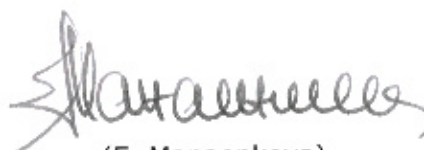
Finally, it should be noted that the first day of the session will be devoted to a scientific and technical workshop. An information document and Call-for-papers for the workshop has been issued and is available on the web through the link indicated below.

All documents or information pertinent to the session, that is: Provisional Agenda, venue, local arrangements, etc., are posted, or will be posted in due course, on the JCOMM website at: <http://www.jcomm.info/dbcp-32>.

I would appreciate if notifications concerning participation at DBCP-32, updates to the list of National Focal Points, as well as electronic copies of the brief reports mentioned above, are sent to Mr Etienne Charpentier (via e-mail to: acatchside@wmo.int).

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support to marine activities.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Manaenkova', with a stylized flourish at the end.

(E. Manaenkova)
for the Secretary-General

DATA BUOY COOPERATION PANEL (DBCP)
FORMAT FOR NATIONAL REPORTS ON CURRENT AND
PLANNED BUOY PROGRAMMES

A template of the form can be downloaded from the following ftp site:

<ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/amp/mmop/documents/dbcp/templates/Format-DBCP-National-Reports.doc>

It is recommended that this form is filled in electronically and returned to the Secretariat to the following e-mail address in electronic format: echarpentier@wmo.int.
