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Subj: Official inauguration of the 50th Anniversary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO — Launch of the official website

Sir, Madam,

2010 is a very special year for the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC). It is the year of the 50th Anniversary of the Commission which will be widely celebrated by the IOC Member States and Partners! Since 1960 the IOC has worked tirelessly for fifty years to promote international cooperation in researching, managing and protecting the Ocean.

I am pleased to inform you that in response to the recommendations of the IOC Governing Bodies the IOC 50th Anniversary web page has been developed and now posted. Visit the Web Page to know more about Fifty Years of IOC History and the many activities and events dedicated to the Anniversary which will be held around the World!

Go to the IOC web site http://ioc-unesco.org. Click on the 50th Anniversary logo or the links in the main banner item or the menu link under "The Commission".

We continue updating and improving the page based on your inputs and proposals for modifications. We look for your information on celebration activities and events or historical points which you think will be necessary to add to the web page. We look for the demonstration materials related to the commemorative events such as posters and photos of the Conferences and RV, covers of publications dedicated to the anniversary and any other material you think can make the page not only informative but also attractive.

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While preparing inputs do not forget the recommendation of the IOC Assembly made at its 25th Session regarding “the importance of having the 50th anniversary IOC logo displayed at all commemorative activities and events and on all promotional materials and publications”.

Please send all information and products related to the anniversary and its web page to the IOC Secretariat attention of Dr Iouri Oliounine (i.oliounine@unesco.org), who is the Coordinator of the IOC 50th Anniversary.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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