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Tsunami Warning System in the Pacific

cc.: ITSU National Contacts
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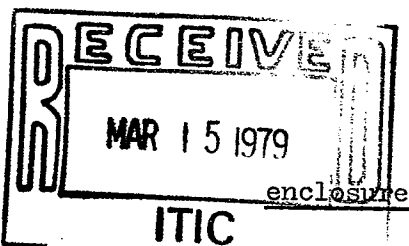
Subject: Nomination of candidates for Associate Directorship of
the International Tsunami Information Center (ITIC),
Honolulu.

I have the honour to inform you that the post of Associate Director
of the International Tsunami Information Center (ITIC), in Honolulu,
will fall vacant on 30 June 1979.

Attached hereto please find a copy of IOC resolution EC-IV.6 on the
Tsunami Warning System in the Pacific; your attention is drawn to the
6th, 7th and 8th operative paragraphs thereof which refer to nominations
for the post of Associate Director of ITIC.

Bearing in mind that the salary and cost of living allowances for
the incumbent of post of Associate Director of the International Tsunami
Information Center will have to be paid for by the government of his
mother country, addressees are hereby invited to nominate candidates
to me by 30 April 1979.

In accordance with the penultimate paragraph of the attached resolu-
tion, the Director of ITIC will then select, with the assistance of the
Chairman of ITSU and myself, a suitable incumbent for the post.



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INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION

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RESOLUTION EC-IV.6

Tsunami Warning System in the Pacific

The Executive Council,

Having reviewed the report and recommendations of the fourth session of the International Co-ordination Group for the Tsunami Warning System in the Pacific (ITSU) (document IOC/ITSU-IV/3),

Noting that the International Co-ordination Group prepared a statement of functions of the International Tsunami Information Center (ITIC) (Annex to recommendation 1), and recommended that an Associate Director be appointed for ITIC (recommendation 2) and that standard international wave reporting procedures for the tide observers be adopted (recommendation 3),

Desiring to continue its support for the expansion and improvement in the Tsunami Warning System (TWS) and the operation of ITIC, particularly for its role in assisting developing countries wishing to take part in and benefit from TWS,

Invites Member States to continue to use existing radio and other telecommunications including high frequency radio, in the Tsunami Warning System;

Recognizing that ITIC and the International Council of Scientific Unions' (ICSU) World Data Centres (Tsunami) provide complementary tsunami information and data services,

Requests the Director of ITIC to inform ICSU of the data archival and exchange requirements of TWS as expressed by the International Co-ordination Group;

Requests ICSU to revise its procedures for archival and exchange of tsunami-related data as suggested by the International Co-ordination Group;

Approves the Summary Report of the above session (document IOC/ITSU-IV/3) and the recommendations contained therein with the exception of the statement of functions of ITIC (Annex to recommendation ITSU-IV.1), a modified version of which is attached hereto;

Supports fully the expression of appreciation (contained in recommendation ITSU-IV.1) to the Government of the United States of America for the continued support provided to ITIC;

Endorses the designation of an Associate Director of ITIC;

Instructs the Secretary to invite Member States of ICG for ITSU to nominate candidates to him for the Associate Directorship of ITIC;

Requests the Director of ITIC to select, with the assistance of the Chairman of ITSU and the Secretary, an Associate Director for ITIC;

Instructs the Secretary to arrange for a fifth session of ICG for ITSU to be held in a Latin American Member State.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

INTERNATIONAL TSUNAMI INFORMATION CENTER (ITIC)

GENERAL INFORMATION ON ITIC

ITIC is an agency within the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, and is charged with the mission of mitigating the effects of tsunamis throughout the Pacific. In its Resolution IV-6 of 1965, the IOC accepted the offer of the United States to undertake the expansion of its existing tsunami center in Honolulu to become the International Tsunami Information Center of IOC. It also established, by the same resolution, the International Co-ordination Group for the Tsunami Warning System in the Pacific (ITSU) composed of interested Member States, to provide, as one of its functions, advice on the operation of ITIC.

The Mandate and Functions of ITIC, attached, setting forth the agency's responsibilities in detail, have been prepared by the Director of ITIC in consultation with the Secretary of IOC and the Chairman of ITSU, and are scheduled for submission to the IOC Assembly in late 1977 for approval. They reflect the resolutions approved by ITSU in 1976, and are a comprehensive statement of the work in progress or in planning at ITIC.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORSHIP

The position of Associate Director of ITIC was established by IOC upon recommendation of ITSU in 1974, to be filled from a Member State of ITSU other than the United States.

MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The Associate Director is responsible, under UNESCO Consultant Contract, to the Director General of UNESCO. By assignment under this contract he shall work under the overall supervision of the Director of ITIC, and shall assist the Director in the running of the Center. Under the General Conditions of the Contract, the Associate Director's responsibilities are exclusively international, and he shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any government.

Being free of national commitment, he endeavors to foster co-operation and liaison between national and international agencies, groups, and individuals in any matters relating to an understanding of tsunamis, and to the mitigation of their effects.

Under the general direction of the Director, he is responsible for supervising secretarial and technical staff at the Center, extending co-operation and support to visiting scientists, and assisting in the administration of the Center. He acts for the Director in his absence, and is at those times responsible for the operation of the Center.

DUTIES OF ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Maintain and extend ITIC's communication with tidal and seismic agencies, and develop a systematic record of gauging stations throughout the Pacific. Through these agencies, solicit reports and records of tsunamis, supervise the systematic processing of this information at the Center, and forward records to the World Data Centers-Tsunami for cataloguing and storage.

Assist in compiling, editing, publishing, and disseminating the Center's publications, including the ITIC Newsletter, Tsunami Reports, papers, films, and other informational and educational materials. Co-operate with individuals and agencies everywhere in the preparation and use of these materials.

Organize seminars and technical sessions for the exchange of information on all aspects of tsunamis.

Assist national agencies in the planning, development, and co-ordination of regional warning systems throughout the Pacific.

Participate after major tsunamis in damage and runup surveys in disaster areas, and also advise others in the systematic measurement and reporting of tsunami effects.

Encourage the development, use, and standardization of automated instrumentation and technology for rapid detection and measurement of tsunamis, and for improved communication for receipt of information at Warning Centers, and dissemination of warnings. Foster this program through liaison with Honolulu Observatory and with regional Warning Centers, consultation with manufacturers and technical experts, and contact and co-operation with national authorities in participating countries.

Assist the Director in reviewing from time to time the progress of ITIC in mitigating the effects of tsunamis, and in endeavoring to identify changing needs within the Pacific community. Prepare reports of ITIC's work, and recommend changes, if necessary in the statement of ITIC's mandate and functions.

QUALIFICATIONS

A candidate for Associate Director should be a University graduate, or equivalent, and have a working background in earth sciences, preferably including tsunamis, tides, or seismology. Administrative experience in research or technical programs, and experience in international organizations is desirable.

Competence in spoken and written English is essential. Experience in one or more additional languages of the Pacific is desirable.