REPORT

ON

THE BULGARIAN NATIONAL ACTIVITIES DEDICATED TO THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF IOC

THE FOLLOWING PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED IN 2010–2011 AS BULGARIAN CONTRIBUTION TO CELEBRATION OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF IOC

1. May 25-28, 2010, RV "AKADEMIK" - International research cruise dedicated to the 50th anniversary of IOC





On 25.05.2010r. RV "Akademik" launches an international cruise in the Bulgarian exclusive economic zone in the Black Sea. An international team of scientists from 5 states completed research of the biodiversity of the Black Sea as part of the initiative for preservation of this biodiversity. The jubilee flag of IOC was raised on board RV "Akademik" during the whole expedition.

 Varna, June 17 – A National Applied Science Conference (BulMET 2010) took place in the city, dedicated on the Bulgarian marine education and professional qualification of marine staff. The main focus of the conference was on the challenges before the marine education, training and science in supporting the marine industry and realizing the marine policy of the Republic of Bulgaria.



The event was under the auspices of the National Institute of Oceanology of Bulgaria.

3. August 2010 – An exhibition was held at the Head office of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in Sofia dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission. The event was widely presented by the media.



Chairman of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences academician Nikola Sabotinov gave speech at the opening of the exhibition. The event was widely presented by the media.

4. A special issue of the bulletin of the National Oceanographic Commission was published for the IOC 50th Anniversary (September 2010)



The present issue № 7 of the Bulgarian National Oceanographic Commission is dedicated to the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission - UNESCO. It contains IOC timeline, milestones, major achievements and future challenges. A message from the Assistant Director- General and Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO and A Message to the Peoples and Nations of the World On Behalf of the Ocean are published in Bulgarian

5. 10th International Conference on Marine Sciences and Technologies – Black Sea '2010 was held in Varna between 7th and 9th of October.







More than 100 reports ware presented during the conference, all dedicated to the sea science and technologies.

6. Round table – "50 years IOC". The event was held on the 8th of October 2010.

The participants discussed the role and the importance of IOC as well as issues of the future research of the Black Sea.

7. June 2011 – An exhibition will be organized at the Head office of UNESCO in Paris.

The event is titled "Living Black Sea" and brings together photographic pictures from the life in the Black Sea taken by the underwater photographer Ljubomir Klisurov (Bulgaria).