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To: IODE National Coordinators for Data Management
    IODE National Coordinators for Marine Information Management

cc: Action Addresses of IOC Member States with an IODE National Coordinator for Data or
    Information Management
    Directors of WDCs (Oceanography, Marine Geology & Geophysics), NODCs & DNAs
    Chairman of the Committee on IODE
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Subject: CANDIDATURES FOR CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF IODE

As you know Dr. Lesley Rickards (United Kingdom) and Mr. Ricardo Rojas (Chile) were selected during IODE-XVII (Paris, France, 3-7 March 2003)) as Chair and Vice-Chair of IODE respectively. They were both re-elected for a second term at IODE-XVIII (Ostend, Belgium, 26-30 April 2005). As Dr. Rickards and Mr. Rojas have now completed two terms they will, in accordance with the IOC Manual, step down at the end of the 19th Session of the IODE Committee (12-16 March 2007). It is therefore the responsibility of the Committee to elect both a new IODE Chair and IODE Vice-Chair.

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We would appreciate receiving candidatures for both Chair and Vice-Chair from experts of the IODE data and information community. In order to enable the Committee to select the best experts for these important positions, we would like to invite candidates to submit their names as well as a curriculum vitae and short paper outlining their views on the future of IODE. In order to enable us to distribute the candidatures well ahead of the Session, we would appreciate receiving candidatures **not later than 1 January 2007**. Please provide also an e-mail address through which we can contact the candidate. We remind candidates that as Chair or Vice-Chair you will be expected to assist the Secretariat in implementing the work plan adopted by the Committee. This may consist of participating in relevant meetings, in online discussions, in drafting of documents or other activities in support of IODE.

Looking forward to receiving candidates and to welcoming the new Chairs,

Yours sincerely,

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