Obituary

Necrology: Commodore Folke Hallbjörner

The Bureau regrets to announce the death of Commodore Folke Hallbjörner on 10 October 2000 at the age of 72 years. After a career in the Swedish Navy, he joined the Hydrographic Office as the Swedish Hydrographer in 1973. He had stayed for a long period in that position when he retired in 1993. Commodore Hallbjörner was a very energetic person, well known and with many friends in Sweden and abroad.

During his period as Hydrographer, there was a high technical evolution in the field of hydrography in which he always took great interest. He pushed forward several projects and events:

- Thanks to his assiduous work, it was possible to form the Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission, which held its first Conference in Helsinki in 1983. Commodore Hallbjörner was the first Chairman
- During the XIVth International Hydrographic Conference in 1992, he was elected President and carried out the Conference in a brilliant way
- After his retirement, he was elected President of the Hydrographic Society, a task he also fulfilled in a very appreciated way

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