



## OBITUARY NOTICE

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It is with deep regret that the International Hydrographic Bureau announces the death of Rear-Admiral Don Wenceslao Benitez Inglott, Director of the Naval Institute and Observatory and Head of the Hydrographic Office of the Spanish Navy until 1944, at San Fernando (Cadiz) on 22nd December, 1954, at the age of 75.

Born in 1879 at Las Palmas (Grand Canary), he entered the Naval Academy in 1893 as a midshipman and qualified five years later as an Officer of the Line. Subsequently, he did a tour of duty as Professor at the Academy.

In 1919, he began special hydrographic studies following which he undertook work in this field, the hydrographic surveys of the north-west coast of Spain deserving special mention.

Having obtained the rank of Engineer in his particular field, he was appointed Professor of the College of Hydrographic Engineers attached to the Naval Observatory at San Fernando.

Appointed Assistant-Director of the Observatory and Assistant-Director of the Hydrographic Service in 1931, he finally became Director of the two Services in 1940.

Author of various scientific works and universally recognized as an authority on scientific matters, he was elected member of the Academy of Sciences in 1942.

Admiral Inglott was a member of the International Astronomical Union and — in his capacity as President of the Oceanographical Section of the Spanish National Committee of Geodesy and Geophysics — also of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics. He belonged to various world-renowned associations of astronomy, and foreign as well as national Orders and Distinctions had been conferred on him.

The death of Admiral Inglott is a loss not only of a distinguished colleague but also of a friend of exceptional human qualities. He will always be remembered with deep affection.