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In accordance with ACCOBAMS Resolution 8.3 “Scientific Committee”, adopted during the Eighth Meeting of the Parties in December 2022, three members of the Scientific Committee should be experts proposed by CIESM, as stated in Article 2, paragraph 1 of the annexed Rules of Procedure.

In this context, and ahead of the Sixth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Extended Bureau (23 - 24 April 2025, hybrid - Nice), the ACCOBAMS Secretariat invited CIESM to designate three experts for the Scientific Committee for the 2026–2028 period and to submit their *curricula vitae*.

The letter from Dr Laura Giuliano, Director General of CIESM, was received on 5 March 2025. It includes the proposed nominations and expresses concerns regarding Articles 2.3, 3.2, and 3.3 of the amended Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Committee, annexed to Resolution 8.3 (2022).

This letter was presented during the Sixth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Extended Bureau. The Bureau Members considered the experts’ proposals and recommended approving the nominations of the experts from CIESM for the Scientific Committee for the 2026–2028 period. The Extended Bureau also took note of the concerns expressed by CIESM regarding Articles 2.3, 3.2, and 3.3 of the amended Rules of Procedure.

*Le Directeur Général
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Monaco, le 05 March 2025

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Subject: ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee – CIESM Experts (2026-2028)

Dear Executive Secretary,

In response to your request, I am pleased to share that all three qualified experts identified by CIESM who currently serve as members of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee for the 2023-2025 period, namely, Dr Simone Panigada (Tethys, Milano), Dr Ayaka Amaha Ozturk (Fac. of Aquatic Sciences, Univ. Istanbul, Turkey) and Dr Loriane Mendez (CIESM), have confirmed their availability to serve in the same role for another term. I have attached their CVs for evaluation.

The CIESM contribution to ACCOBAMS, since the first session of the ACCOBAMS Meeting of the Parties, in 2002 (MOP1/13, Annex I), has been consistently premised on the scientific competence and expertise of our nominees as well as the principles of scientific independence and impartiality which are the cornerstone of our Commission's technical credibility. Herein, let me express our major concerns about Article 2.3, Article 3.2, and Article 3.3 of the amended Scientific Committee rules of procedure annexed to Resolution 8.3 (2022) and adopted by the Meeting of the Parties, which were recently brought to my attention.

I therefore take the opportunity of this letter to strongly advocate for reconsidering the selection procedures for the members of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee, and kindly ask you to forward our concerns on the implications of the articles mentioned above to the ACCOBAMS Bureau, the Extended Bureau and the Meeting of the Parties.

We look forward to hearing from you on upcoming developments.

Your sincerely,


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