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**Subject: Publication of *Ocean Science and International Cooperation – Historical and Personal Recollections* by Gunnar Kullenberg**

It is with great pleasure that I announce the release of *Ocean Science and International Cooperation – Historical and Personal Recollections*, authored by Gunnar Kullenberg, oceanographer and Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO from 1989 to 1998.

Through the stories and memories of a scientist at sea and a privileged actor of ocean governance, the author revisits about 250 years of international cooperation in ocean science and technology. The book helps to deepen understanding of the importance of ocean science and exploration and the value of providing a common platform and framework for cooperation between the marine research community, social sciences and developers of ocean economies. This is truly the story of an adventure, in which the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030) is a natural development.

This history book and personal memoir gives particular prominence to the role of the IOC in promoting international cooperation, training, and mutual assistance. Hence, this publication can be considered as a *crescendo* finale to the commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Commission established on 14 December 1960.

The book is intended for a broad range of readers and ocean stakeholders, friends of the ocean and the IOC, young scientists and students. I trust it will engage and inspire them.

IOC is pleased to offer one complimentary copy to all UNESCO Member States through the Permanent Delegations and Observer Missions to UNESCO and IOC Coordinating Bodies, as appropriate. The monograph *Ocean Science and International Cooperation – Historical and Personal Recollections* will be soon available for purchase at the UNESCO Publishing House [web store](#). The publication is also freely available online according to the UNESCO open access policy.

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With the assurances of my highest consideration, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*[signed]*

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