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## Preface

The year 2013, declared International Year of Water Cooperation by the United Nations, was the occasion for HSH Prince Albert II to honour of His presence multiple initiatives across the world.

As Head of State and President of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, the Sovereign continued throughout the year His steadfast commitment to the environment and sustainable development.

Whether in Marseille for the 40<sup>th</sup> edition of the CIESM Congress, at the University of Louvain in Belgium, or in Tangier at the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties at ACCOBAMS, HSH Prince Albert II continued to spread the "message of Monaco", initiated in 2012, in favour of a sustainable management of the oceans and the seas.

In 2013, the Sovereign was keen to travel to the Republic of Palau, with HSH Princess Charlene, and meet the highest state officials to discuss important issues such as the preservation of biodiversity, the protection awareness of endangered animal species, or the conservation of protected areas such as marine areas and coral reefs.

The Sovereign also addressed topics related to environmental protection during His trips to Israel and Brazil.

Finally, during the official visit of the French President in the Principality, agreements on environmental issues have been signed between these two countries, in presence of François Hollande and HSH Prince Albert II.



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### 2013 ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR OF HSH PRINCE ALBERT II

#### Belgium - 30 and 31 January 2013 Conference in Louvain la Neuve and Congress in Namur

HSH Prince Albert II attended the conference entitled "Oceans, climate, food: transition paths to a sustainable world" at the Catholic University of Louvain organised in partnership with Triodos Bank, the "Earth and Life Institute" (ELI) and under the chairmanship of the Professor Philippe Maystadt, the new President of the Federal Council for Sustainable Development and outgoing President of the European Investment Bank.

After listening to the speeches of Professor Olivier de Schutter, Professor in the Faculty of Law (UCL) and special rapporteur to the United Nations for the right to food and Mr. Jean-Pascal Van Ypersele, Vice-President of the IPCC, HSH Prince Albert delivered a speech entitled "The threats to life in the oceans have become clearer. Can we hope to overcome them?".

At the dinner organised at the "Cercle de Wallonia", in Namur, by Mr. Jean-Marc Nollet, Vice-president and Minister of Sustainable Development, Civil Service, Energy, Housing and Research for Wallonia, the four nominees for the award for the best "sustainable development" thesis by the Fondation pour les Générations Futures (Foundation for Future Generations), were presented to His Serene Highness.

On 31 January, the Sovereign Prince attended the "1st Interdisciplinary Congress on Sustainable Development - What transition for our companies?" In the presence of HRH Prince Philippe of Belgium, at the Palais des Congress of Namur.



## Monaco - 26 February 2013 Scientific and Technical Committee of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation

The Scientific and Technical Committee of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation held its first meeting of 2013 on 26 February, under the chairmanship of HSH the Sovereign Prince in order to analyse and assess funding applications for various new projects.

This meeting was mainly devoted to evaluating 19 new projects which qualify for the Foundation's three priority action areas. The projects accepted by the Committee will be submitted for the approval of the Board of Directors on 5 April.

Since its inception 8 years ago, the Foundation has received more than 1800 applications for project funding via its internet site, www.fpa2.com.

The event ended with the presentation of a cheque for €85,100 to HSH the Sovereign Prince for proceeds from sales for the "Save the Mediterranean Sea" campaign. At the initiative of artist Marcello Lo Giudice, famous artists contributed to this campaign by agreeing to donate their works for sale as part of the "Frieze Art Fair" organised by Christie's auction house in London on October 12 last year. This sum will contribute to financing the programmes of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation to help protect the Mediterranean sea.

#### Palau – 12 March 2013 Official visit to Palau

On the occasion of a visit to the Far East, Their Supreme Highnesses the Sovereign Prince and Princess Charlene made an official visit to the Republic of Palau on 11 March. This island state of Micronesia, which gained independence in 1981, became a member of the United Nations in 1994. Its economic development is based on sustainable tourism, that respects both marine and terrestrial ecosystems. During this visit, the Sovereign Prince and Princess Charlene had an official audience with the President of the Republic, Mr. Tommy Esang Remengesau. HSH Princess Charlene also met with the First Lady.

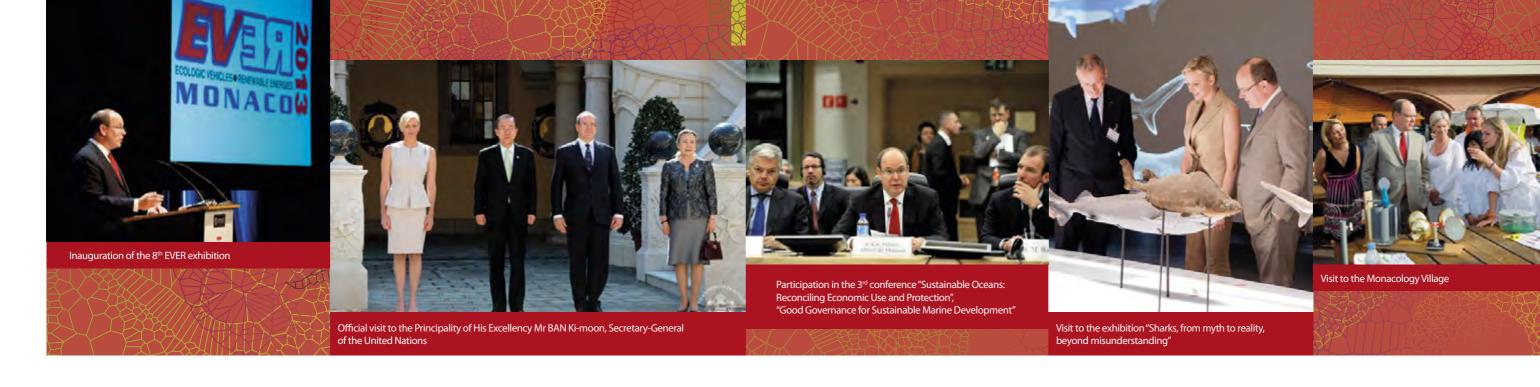
HSH The Sovereign Prince gave a speech before both Houses of Parliament. He stressed that the Principality and Palau had identical positions on the world's major environmental problems, in particular the consequences of global warming and protection of biodiversity.

The Princely couple then met with the young people at the school of Melekeok who were taking part in an awareness campaign to protection the Dugong, an endangered marine mammal. This project is the result of a partnership between the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the Principality of Monaco.

Finally, Their Highnesses visited the "Palau International Coral Reef Centre" which carries out scientific research on the impact of climate change on coral.

A working session followed with the minister responsible for Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism, Mr. Harry R. Fritz, Secretary of State HE Mr. Bernard Fautrier, Minister Plenipotentiary, vice-president, Assistant Director of the Prince Albert II Foundation and Mr. Robert Calcagno, Managing Director of the Oceanographic Museum, as well as the managers of the network of marine protected areas of Palau at the International Coral Reef Centre. This meeting focussed on the cooperation with Palau on environmental issues and a partnership agreement to support the conservation of "Helen Reef", a protected area was signed.

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During this official dinner, the President announced his intention to ban commercial fishing from the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of Palau.

#### Monaco – 27 March 2013 Inauguration of the 8th EVER exhibition

HSH the Sovereign Prince inaugurated the 8<sup>th</sup> EVER exhibition held at the Grimaldi Forum from 27 to 30 March 2013.

Now an unmissable event, this international exhibition of ecological vehicles and renewable energies brings together the clean mobility and renewable energies sectors as well as scientists and specialists in these two areas. This 8<sup>th</sup> event gave the general public the chance to take stock of the considerable progress made in just a few years by the manufacturers in the field of ecological vehicles as well as the developments in renewable energy.

Organised by the associations MC2D and MITI, each year this event receives the support of the Government of Monaco, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Société Monégasque de l'Electricité et du Gaz.

#### Monaco – 03 April 2013 Official visit to the Principality of His Excellency Mr BAN Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations

To mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Monaco joining the United Nations, HE Mr. BAN Ki-moon made the official visit to the Principality at the invitation of the Sovereign Prince, on 3 and 4 April.

HE Mr. BAN Ki-moon and his wife, Mrs. BAN Soontaek, were received at the Prince's Palace. After the military honours and the reciprocal presentation

of delegations in the Palace's Court of Honour, the Sovereign Prince met with the Secretary-General, in the Pageantry office. At the same time, HSH Princess Charlene had a working meeting with Mrs. BAN Soontaek, in an adjoining room.

HSH Prince Albert II and HE Mr. BAN Ki-moon then went to the Oceanographic Museum to deliver speeches before the Constitutional Bodies. In his speech, the Secretary-General of the United Nations paid tribute to the Prince, to his foundation and to the Principality: "For centuries, you have been an example of peaceful coexistence. You have grown in prosperity, and you use this prosperity to promote ecological growth and protect the land and marine environment. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation is respected around the world for the work it does in the fields of biodiversity, water and fighting climate change".

This official visit was also an opportunity for the Secretary-General to meet with the Secretary of State and visit the Grimaldi Forum and the laboratories of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

## Belgium – 21 May 2013 Participation in the consultative meeting of the parties to the Antarctic Treaty

HSH Prince Albert II participated in the 36<sup>th</sup> consultative meeting of the parties to the Antarctic Treaty (ACTM) in Brussels, on 21 and 22 May, 2013.

On this occasion, the Sovereign Prince met with Mr. Didier Reynders, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, External Trade and European Affairs of the Kingdom of Belgium.

The ATCM is the annual discussion forum which brings together representatives of the parties signatory to

the Washington Treaty of 1959. Its goal is to exchange information, but also to draw up rules, decisions and resolutions in order to preserve this unique sanctuary status, conferred on Antarctica by this Treaty.

## Portugal – 4 June 2013 Participation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> conference "Sustainable Oceans: Reconciling Economic Use and Protection", "Good Governance for Sustainable Marine Development"

In Portugal, HSH The Prince participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> conference on the protection of the oceans, where he delivered a speech.

During the visit, HSH Prince Albert II received the title of honorary citizen and the keys to the spa town of Cascais (30 kilometres from Lisbon) from the mayor, Mr. Carlos Carreiras.

This international conference also gave the Sovereign Prince the opportunity to meet separately with the President of Portugal, Mr. Anibal Cavaco Silva.

#### Monaco – 10 June 2013 Visit to the exhibition "Sharks, from myth to reality, beyond misunderstanding"

On 10 June, Their Serene Highnesses the Sovereign Prince and Princess visited "Sharks" the exhibition sensation, inaugurated at the Oceanographic Museum on June 8, 2013 and which will run for 2 years.

The Oceanographic Museum of Monaco is staging a sensory exhibition for visitors to meet the sharks. Through a new visiting experience, the public has been invited on a true adventure to go beyond their prejudices and discover the true nature of these lords of the seas.

Essential to the health of marine ecosystems, these large predators are now threatened. Each year, more than 100 million sharks are killed by man. To increase public awareness about their protection, the Oceanographic Museum has chosen to appeal to our emotions with a visit where we come face-to-face with them in the aquariums, a gigantic digital fresco revealing the biological and behavioural characteristics of around ten species and an unprecedented opportunity to stroke sharks at the edge of the pool.

#### Monaco – 10 June 2013 Visit to the Monacology Village

HSH the Prince visited the 9<sup>th</sup> Monacology Village where children and teachers meet each year for a fun, educational week, when they explore various topics about the environment and sustainable development.

In 2013, the programme covered both aspects of sustainable development (energy, waste, mobility, water, telecommunications), and the more environmental topics such as the preservation of marine spaces, protection of cetaceans and awareness building about recovering waste from the sea, marine pollutants, etc.

The children were also able to discover how to preserve the forests, learn to how to repot succulent plants, how to be a more responsible consumer (with a new workshop from the Environment Agency), and understand why bees are important to the environmental balance. They also heard stories about media personalities who are working to help the environment and children around the world, and learned how to become eco-tourists!

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Signing a framework agreement and a partnership agreement

Signature of a partnership agreement between the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco and Le Parc Alpha, Les Loups du Mercantour

In 2013 for the first time, the International Hydrographic Bureau, organised workshops for children both in the Monacology village and in their offices (located behind the village). The children were given the opportunity to try and solve a jigsaw puzzle of hydrographic charts...

At Monacology, adults and older children came to teach the younger children about the environment, including high school students, who for the second consecutive year, hosted a workshop on the theme: "Water, source of life and energy".

#### Montenegro - 19 to 21 June, 2013 Signing a framework agreement and a partnership agreement

As part of his official visit to Montenegro from 19 to 21 June 2013, HSH Prince Albert II visited the Maritime Museum, with Ms. Mileva Vujosevic, Director of the Museum, where he witnessed the signing of a framework agreement and a partnership agreement between the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Foundation of Prince Petrovic Njegos Nicola.

During this visit, the Sovereign Prince met with HE. Mr. Filip Vujanovic, President of Montenegro at the Presidential Palace, in Cetinje.

The Prince also met with HE. Mr. Ranko Krivokapic, President of the Parliament, and HE Mr. Milo Dukanovic, Prime Minister of Montenegro.

A protocol of cooperation on sustainable development and tourism was signed during this visit by HE. Mr. Branimir Gvozdenovic, Minister of Sustainable Development of Montenegro and HE.Mr. José Badia, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.

#### Monaco - 24 June 2013 Participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> Monaco Blue Initiative

HSH Prince Albert II gave the closing speech at the 4th Monaco Blue Initiative which was held in Monaco on 23 and 24 June 2013.

The Monaco Blue Initiative was launched in 2010 at the initiative of HRH Prince Albert II of Monaco and is co-organised by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, the Oceanographic Institute and the Albert 1er, Prince of Monaco Foundation.

Each year, its members meet to discuss the global challenges of protecting the oceans. The Monaco Blue Initiative is an effective platform for communication and exchange among the various business sectors. It seeks to evaluate and promote possible synergies between protecting marine ecosystems and socioeconomic development.

The initial discussions at the Monaco Blue Initiative concentrated on large predators and highlighted the effectiveness of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) to protect them. Over the past three events, major players and stakeholders from different professional spheres (economic, political, scientific and environmental) have discussed both the economic and environmental potential of the MPAs.

Following on from the previous events, MBI 2013 reviewed the situation of large predators, including Bluefin tuna and sharks, and discussed the role of MPAs in protecting them through the sustainable management of marine resources. This issue was then discussed in the broader context of the fisheries and sustainable aquaculture, as well as that of including marine ecosystems and MPAs in "Blue Growth" campaigns.

#### Monaco – 30 August 2013 Signature of a partnership agreement between the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco and Le Parc Alpha, Les Loups du Mercantour

On 30 August, in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, Eric Ciotti, Hon, Chairman of the Conseil Général of Alpes Maritimes, Vice-president of the board of directors of the Alpha Parc (wolf park), and Robert Calcagno, Managing Director of the Oceanographic Institute, signed a partnership agreement bringing together the two establishments.

Aside from promoting the economic development of the region, this agreement's purpose is to get the two organisations to work closely together in order to increase public awareness about the richness of the natural heritage and environmental protection.

By building a bridge between sea and mountain, the Oceanographic Museum and the Alpha wolf park have begun a new chapter, the meeting of two worlds, where visitors can respectfully venture in the footsteps of two mythical species.

#### New York - September 25, 2013 Meeting with the Presidents of the Island States

On the sidelines of the General Assembly of the United Nations, a dinner was organised between the princely Couple and the Chairmen of the Island States by HE Mrs. Isabelle Picco, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Principality to the United Nations.

The consequences of climate change were discussed in great detail through the testimony of these Heads of State whose citizens are confronted on a daily basis with these major upheavals.

#### Russia - 3 to 7 October 2013 Russia becomes a member of CIESM

The Sovereign Prince made his first official visit to the Russian Federation from 3 to 7 October 2013. He was accompanied by his wife, HSH Princess Charlene. On 4 October, this diplomatic, economic, sporting and cultural visit, was also the chance for HSH the Prince to attend the ceremonial exchange of documents for Russia to join the International Commission for the Scientific Exploration of the Mediterranean Sea (CIESM), for which He is the President, between Professor Briand, Director General of CIESM, and Mr. Dmitry Livanov, Minister of Education and Science.

During this visit, the Sovereign Prince had a private meeting with the President of the Russian Federation, Mr. Vladimir Putin, during an audience at the Kremlin, before an official lunch put on for the delegation from Monaco in the presence of the two Heads of State.

#### Bonifacio - 08 October 2013 **Participation in the RAMOGEPOL exercise**

In this, the twentieth anniversary year of the entry into force of the French-Italian-Monaco plan for preventing and the controlling marine pollution (the "RAMOGEPOL" plan), France was responsible for organising a major navy exercise for safety and pollution control.

HSH the Prince attended the "RAMOGEPOL 2013" exercise which took place from 8 to 10 October 2013, organised by the navy prefecture of the Mediterranean off the west coast of Bonifacio. This area was chosen in consultation with the States who are parties to the RAMOGE agreement in view the uniqueness of



CHAPTER 1 | HSH PRINCE ALBERT II. A COMMITTED HEAD OF STAT THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO | 11 the location: an international strait (close proximity of sovereign States), significant volume of maritime traffic, in an environment of exceptional ecological richness.

The theme for "RAMOGEPOL 2013" was the collision between two ships to the west of the Straits of Bonifacio. One of the ships, having suffered a major impact, requested assistance before a significant amount of oil escaped from its bunkers, threatening the Corsican and Sardinian coasts.

This exercise mobilised significant Italian, French and Spanish marine, air and land resources.

Activating the different (French and Italian) crisis centres during the exercise contributed both to training the crisis teams to implement national and international procedures while at the same time testing their effectiveness and training and coordinating stakeholders (both state and non-state) in the field.

## Monaco – 17 October 2013 Participation in the Symposium of the Institut du Droit Economique de la Mer

On 17 and 18 October, in Monaco, the Institut du Droit Economique de la Mer (INDEMER) organised an international symposium entitled "International Maritime Law and the Law of the European Union, cohabitation, confrontation, cooperation?".

This meeting was held at the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco under the High Patronage and in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II, HE Mr. Michel Roger, Minister of State and HE Mr. José Badia, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. It brought together eminent experts in the field of the Marine Law and in areas as varied as: fishing, maritime safety, anti piracy measures, protection of the marine environment, the exploitation and conservation

of biodiversity as well as dispute settlement and the various and international jurisdictions.

The participants studied how to avoid the contradictions that exist between the rules laid down by the European Union and International Law, as set by the United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea, by finding solutions to ensure a harmonious cohabitation.

Following this conference, INDEMER will publish a book for people in charge of Maritime Affairs at the European level, governments, the UN, European and academic institutions and the maritime sector.

## Monaco – 21 October 2013 The Principality at the Third World Congress of Marine Protected Areas

The Principality took part in the 3rd World Congress of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), IMPAC III, which was held from 21 to 28 October, over two stages, first in Marseilles and then in Ajaccio.

In Marseille, HSH the Sovereign Prince took part in the opening ceremonies, accompanied by HE Mr. José Badia, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, HE Mr. Bernard Fautrier, Minister Plenipotentiary, Liaison Officer to the Minister of State and HE Mr. Patrick Van Klaveren, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to International Organisations with a scientific, environmental and humanitarian remit.

A part of the delegation took part in the technical section of the congress, which ended on 26 October, devoted to topics such as the role of science and knowledge in effective management, management tools and scope of action for MPAs, governance, partnership and industry involvement.





Participation in the Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS in Tangier (Morocco)



On 27 October, a second delegation, composed of HEMr. Bernard Fautrier and Ms. Chloe Petruccelli, Secretary of External Relations to the Agency for International Affairs, visited Ajaccio to take part in the ministerial segment of IMPAC.

The aim of IMPAC was to promote the creation and development of marine protected areas that align social and economic considerations and environmental requirements within the same area.

This high-level political meeting took place in the presence of many Environment Ministers, including the French Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, and representatives of international organisations such as the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Global Fund for the Environment.

This 3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress, co-organised by the Agency of Marine Protected Areas and the International Union for Conservation of Nature, brought together all the maritime stakeholders (scientists, managers of marine protected areas, elected representatives, non-governmental organisations).

### Marseille – 27 and 28 October 2013 Participation in the CIESM Congress in Marseille

HSH Prince Albert II participated in the annual meeting of the Council of the International Commission for the Scientific Exploration of the Mediterranean Sea (CIESM), for which He is the President and which has 24 member countries.

On 28 October, he inaugurated the 40<sup>th</sup> CIESM Congress. More than 1,000 researchers presented approximately eight hundred scientific papers throughout the week at the Palais du Pharo, in Marseille. The discussions between scientists focussed on the following six subjects: marine geosciences, ocean physics and climate, marine bio-

geochemistry, microbiology and marine biotechnology, living resources & marine ecosystems and coastal systems.

The Sovereign Prince also attended presentations by scientific experts.

## Morocco - 4 November 2013 Participation in the Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS in Tangier (Morocco)

HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco participated in the inaugural session of the Fifth Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS, which was held in November in Tangier.

The governments of the 23 countries that are Parties to the Agreement debated, on this occasion, crucial issues for the conservation of cetaceans in the Mediterranean, the Black Sea and contiguous Atlantic Area.

Signed in 1996, which then came into force in 2001, the ACCOBAMS (Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area) has the goal of reducing the threats to cetaceans, particularly by improving our level of understanding of these animals. The Permanent Secretariat of the Agreement, hosted in the Principality of Monaco, is the liaison body that facilitates cooperation between the different States of the ACCOBAMS area.

#### Monaco - 14 November 2013 Signature of agreements between the Principality of Monaco and the French Republic

As part of the official visit of the President of the French Republic, agreements were signed between the two countries, in the presence of HSH the Sovereign Prince and Mr. François Hollande.

In the conference room of the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco, HE Mr. Michel Roger, and Mr. Bernard Bigot, Director General of the Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique et aux Energies Alternatives (CEA), signed a Memorandum of Understanding formalising the general

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principles for strategic cooperation on renewable energy between the CEA and the Government of the Principality.

The Minister of State then signed with Mr. Jean-Pierre Fremont, EDF's Local Authorities Director, an agreement between the Principality of Monaco and the SODETREL, a subsidiary of EDF, to create MOBEE, an innovative car pooling service using electric vehicles that will be available in 2014.

Mr. Robert Calcagno, Director General of the Oceanographic Institute, the Albert I, Prince of Monaco Foundation and Mr. François Jacq, Chief Executive Officer of the Institut Français de Recherche pour l'Exploitation de la Mer (IFREMER), signed a framework agreement for cooperation between the Oceanographic Institute and the IFREMER, to promote scientific and industrial culture of the maritime world, the preservation of biodiversity and marine ecosystems and the sustainable management of the oceans, among political actors, scientists and civil society.

Professor Patrick Rampal (CSM) signed the CompAgeMed agreement with Mr. Thierry Damerval, Director General Delegate of INSERM, Professor Sylvie Mellet, Vice-president of the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis, Mrs. Sophie Deschaintres, Head of the Partnership and Valorisation Department of the CNRS Cote d'Azur Regional Delegation, to initiate a Collaboration with UMR IRCAN aimed at stimulating integrated and interdisciplinary approaches to improve our understanding of the mechanisms associated with ageing by using coral as a study model.

#### Monaco - 02 December 2013 Speech at Monaco ITER \* International Fusion Energy Days

From 2 to 4 December 2013, the Principality hosted the Monaco ITER International Fusion Energy Days, which was honoured by the presence of HSH the Sovereign Prince, who delivered a speech during the plenary session.

In 2008, Monaco and the ITER Organisation signed a partnership agreement providing for a financial commitment of €5.5 million over 10 years. This sum will be used:

- to organise a international conference on a regular basis in Monaco on topics relating to ITER;
- To fund post-doctoral fellowships offering young scientists from seven members countries of the ITER programme (European Union, China, Japan, India, Korea, Russia and the United States ) or from Monaco, the opportunity to pursue a two-year course in research areas related to the ITER programme.

This event presented the current progress in constructing the buildings of the ITER facilities in Saint-Paul-lez-



Durance (Bouches-du-Rhone) as well as in manufacturing machine components by industrial partners of ITER member countries. The event also helped to address the socio-economic context of fusion energy and outline its development prospects.

\* ITER is an international research program whose goal is to demonstrate the scientific and technological feasibility of producing fusion energy. Fusion is the process that powers the sun and the stars. When two light atomic nuclei fuse, they create a heavier nucleus and release a large amount of energy. The fusion research intends to pave the way for a new way of generating safe, reliable, economically viable energy with a reduced environmental impact.

#### **AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS**

## 18 February 2013 The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation has been certified ISO 9001 and 14001

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation has been certified that it meets the international standards ISO 9001 and 14001, which are respectively, the standards for quality and environment.

On March 27, Ms. Lise-Marie Biez, Managing Director for France of the company Det Norske Veritas (DNV) Business Assurance presented HSH the Sovereign Prince with the double certificate for His Foundation.

The ISO 9001 certificate attests that the quality management system implemented internally has been certified according to a benchmark of "Best Practices" in order to improve quality and satisfy its "customers".

The 14001 standard attests that the organisation's environmental management system complies with the

current best practices to minimise its environmental impacts. For the record, in 2011, the Villa Girasole, the Foundation's head office, was fitted with a solar photovoltaic installation of 36 panels covering a surface area of 60 m² and therefore contributes to the energy efficiency efforts already implemented, which have increased energy efficiency by 50% compared to 2005, with 20% of annual demand now being provided by photovoltaic power.

The certificates provide guarantees to people outside the Foundation that its internal processes meet the requirements of the standards and that it continues to adhere to this compliance.

#### 16 June 2013 Humanitarian Taormina Award - Sicily (Italy)

HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco received the Special "Humanitarian Taormina Award" at the "Teatro Antico" in Taormina, as part of of the 2013 Film Festival.

This award, which was bestowed last year on Sean Penn and Father Rick Frechete for their commitment to the reconstruction of Haiti, was created to highlight the valuable work of associations, institutions, foundations and the media personalities in helping victims of environmental disasters.

The award ceremony was followed by a Gala dinner in honour of the Foundation Prince Albert II of Monaco.

During His visit to Sicily, the Sovereign Prince also went to Noto, a city declared a UNESCO world heritage site and met with the managers of the Ente Fauna Siciliana whose work receives funding from the Prince Albert II Foundation.

#### 23 September 2013 World Ecology Award - Saint Louis (Missouri)

As part of his visit to the United States in September 2013, the Sovereign Prince received the "World Ecology Award" for his commitment to environmental protection at a dinner attended by over a hundred scientists, teachers and politicians from Missouri.

HSH The Sovereign Prince is the twentieth person to receive this award founded by the Whitney R. Harris World Ecology Center in partnership with the botanical garden of the Missouri and the Saint Louis Zoo, both of which the Prince visited before this evening's event.

Jane Goodall, Harrison Ford, Jacques Cousteau and Teresa Heinz are some of the personalities to have been honoured by this award.

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