



EDGARD CABRERA

Mr. Edgard Cabrera (Colombia) was appointed as Chief Ocean Affairs Division (P5), by the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization, in the Applications Programme Department WMO Secretariat. He begins his duties the 1st February 2005.

Mr. Cabrera graduated from the Colombian Naval Academy in 1977, and has won accolades for his performance in a broad range of operational, oceanographic research and staff positions both ashore and at sea. He retired from active duty with the Colombian Navy in 2004, as senior officer with the rank of Captain (O6). His last assignment was as Naval Attaché with the Colombian Embassy in Washington, D.C., United States of America.

During his career as commissioned officer and oceanographer, he developed expertise in physical and operational oceanography, marine meteorology, hydrographic and oceanographic surveys, maritime safety, marine pollution control, coastal zone management in natural risk areas, and other marine environmental issues. He had extensive experience cooperating with the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard and various Latin American and European Navies, Oceanographic and Hydrographic Services, Research Centers, and Intergovernmental Organizations.

His oceanographic-related experience includes tours as Research project officer, Head scientist of oceanographic cruises, Research Department Head, Deputy Director and Director at the Research Oceanographic and Hydrographic Centers at the Colombian Navy in the Caribbean (Cartagena) and in the Pacific coast (Tumaco). He has also served as Dean of the Colombian Naval Academy's Physical Oceanography Faculty; Director for the Marine Research and the National Hydrographic Service; Secretary General for the Maritime Authority and Executive Secretary of the Colombian Commission for the Oceans.

He had participated in numerous delegations and international meetings and conferences, with Organizations such as: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the UNESCO; United Nations Law of the Sea Office; International Hydrographic Organization; International Maritime Organization; Permanent Commission for the South Pacific and the Andean Community.

Mr. Cabrera is a Physical Oceanographer with graduate degrees from the Colombian Naval Academy (Cartagena) and holds a Master's Degree in International Affairs from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana (Bogotá-Colombia).
