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GEBCO SUB-COMMITTEE ON UNDERSEA FEATURE NAMES (SCUFN)
XVIIth Meeting, St Petersburg, Russian Federation, 8-11 June 2004

SUMMARY REPORT

- References: 1) IHB Circular Letter 66/2003, dated 7 November 2003
2) IHB Circular Letter 27/2004, dated 23 April 2004

Dear Hydrographer,

The [Summary Report of the XVIIth meeting of the GEBCO-SCUFN](#) (Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names) is available on the IHO website. SCUFN-XVII was held on 8-11 June 2004 at the Head Department of Navigation and Oceanography (HDNO), St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Hans Werner Schenke, Alfred Wegener Institute (AWI), Germany. This report is also being made available on the GEBCO website (www.ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/gebco/). Paper copies can be provided upon request to the IHB.

About a hundred names were examined during this meeting. Many of the newly submitted proposals originated from Russia, e.g. HDNO. SCUFN eventually selected 38 new names for inclusion in the GEBCO Gazetteer. The Gazetteer database, which is maintained at the IHB, has been updated accordingly. As a result, a revised Gazetteer is being made available on the GEBCO website as an Excel file. A new edition of IHO-IOC Publication B-8 on CD-ROM is also under preparation.

Actions arising from this meeting are summarized in Annex 3 of the Report. They are currently being attended to and any assistance from Member States in completing these actions will be much appreciated.

An updated SCUFN Membership List is provided in **Annex A**. The nominations of the new SCUFN members, Dr. Yasuhiko Ohara, Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD) [in replacement of Mr. Kunikazu Nishizawa], and Lic. José Luis Frias Salazar, Instituto Nacional de Estadística Geografía e Informática (INEGI), Mexico, have now been approved by the GEBCO Guiding Committee. Circular Letter 27/2004 reported that Colombia had to withdraw their representative and sought the nomination of experts to fill the vacant position at SCUFN. Regretfully, no proposal has been received at the IHB. Moreover the Indonesian representative, 1st Admiral T.H. SOESETYO, Dinas Hidro-Oseanografi (DISHIDROS) has recently retired and is no longer available for SCUFN. This is

why any nomination from Member States would be most appreciated, by completing the form in **Annex B** and returning it to the IHB **by 31 March 2005**. The IHB is grateful to Japan for their continuous support of SCUFN work.

The XVIIIth SCUFN meeting has been planned in the second half of September 2005 at the IHB.

Any comments on this report will be most welcome.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'H. Gorziglia', written over a faint yellow rectangular stamp.

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA
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Encls.: 1) Annex A - SCUFN Membership List
2) Annex B - Nomination Form

Copy to: IOC Secretariat, Paris, France.

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NOMINATION FORM

(to be returned to the IHB info@ihb.mc by 31 March 2005)

Member State:

Would you like to nominate¹ a person to be a member of SCUFN?

YES

NO

Name:

E-mail:

Credentials / Experience:

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Comments :

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Signature Date:

¹ Candidates should ideally be conversant with bathymetry, geomorphology and/or marine geology.