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NIPPON FOUNDATION - GEBCO TRAINING PROJECT YEAR 3

- References:
- a) CL 10/2004 dated 6th February 2004
 - b) CL 54/2004 dated 2nd August 2004
 - c) CL 07/2005 dated 14th January 2005

Dear Hydrographer,

The establishment of the GEBCO Nippon Foundation Training Program leading to the Graduate Certificate in Ocean Bathymetry at the University of New Hampshire, USA, is ready to start the recruitment process for the third year of students (2006).

The students for 2004, included members of the Hydrographic Offices' of Argentina, Japan, Nigeria and Peru, as well as three students from oceanographic organizations in Fiji, India and Kenya. Students for 2005 included members of the Hydrographic Offices' of Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Pakistan, and the Philippines. Since GEBCO is affiliated to both the IHO and the IOC, candidates from both contributing disciplines are considered equally on their merits.

This Circular Letter is to advise Hydrographers that nominations are being sought for the third course, which will begin on **22nd August 2006**.

Students undertake an intensive 12-month training period comprising lectures, practical laboratory work and waterborne projects, secondments to relevant laboratories and cruises on research or survey ships. In addition to the institution's teaching staff, other experts are recruited to give specialist lectures. The course content includes acoustics, basin tectonics, bottom composition and acoustic backscatter, data analysis and integration, margin and abyssal sediments, physical oceanography, positioning, satellite altimetry, structure of ocean basins, sonar performance, surface interpolation, survey design, and uncertainty management. Students can also select additional courses from a range of electives.

The language of instruction is English, and candidates must demonstrate capability to undertake graduate level instruction in English to the satisfaction of the University of New Hampshire. Candidates must be aware that this is an intensive course, even for students whose first language is English. The minimum standard for admission is a four year Bachelor degree in a related field.

Member States are requested to consider nominating suitable candidates for the Post-graduate Diploma in Ocean Bathymetry course from among their nationals. Nomination decisions should

include consideration of the following, which will be used by the selection committee: Level of and subject of degree(s) held by nominee, experience in ocean bathymetry, future opportunities to work on bathymetric projects, likelihood of candidate continuing to work in the field and personal motivation.

Applicants are reminded that the program has been structured for candidates without dependents.

The course will be generally advertised in late January 2006, with a **closing date of February 25th**. Application forms are available for download from <http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/gebco/gebco.html> under Postgraduate Certificate in Ocean Bathymetry.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Gorziglia', written in a cursive style.

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA
Director