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**GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE AND ITS SUB COMMITTEES
CONFIRMATION OF IHO NOMINATED EXPERTS
Membership and Vacancies**

- References: a) CL 24/2008 dated 05 March
b) CL 59/2008 dated 09 July

Dear Hydrographer,

1 At reference a) IHO Member States were informed on the approval of the new Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for the GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC) and its two Sub-Committees: Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN); and Technical Sub-Committee on Ocean Mapping (TSCOM). Reference b) announced that the IOC Executive Council, at its 41st meeting (Paris, France, 24 June - 01 July 2008), had also approved the above-mentioned texts.

2 Subsequently, the IHB requested those IHO Member States represented in the GEBCO Guiding Committee and its two Sub-Committees, to confirm the continued participation of their nominated experts.

In the case of the **GGC** the responses were as follow:

- a) Mr David MONAHAN (Canada): support confirmed until the next meeting in 2009 and offered to nominate a new candidate.
- b) Ingénieur général Etienne CAILLIAU (France): support confirmed.
- c) Commander Paulo LUSIANI (Italy): support confirmed.
- d) Dr Kunio YASHIMA (Japan): support confirmed.
- e) Dr Christopher FOX (USA): support confirmed.

In the case of **SCUFN** the responses were as follows:

- a) Lic. Walter REYNOSO Peralta (Argentina): support confirmed.
- b) LCdr. Harvinder AVTAR (India): support confirmed.
- c) Dr. Yasuhiko OHARA (Japan): support confirmed.
- d) Capt. Vadim SOBOLEV (Russian Federation): nomination withdrawn and offered to nominate a new candidate.
- e) Mrs. Lisa A. TAYLOR (USA): support confirmed.
- f) Capt. Albert E. THEBERGE (USA): nomination withdrawn and offered to nominate a new candidate.

In the case of **TSCOM**, the responses were as follow:

- a) Mr. Shin TANI (Japan): support confirmed.
- b) Dr. Walter SMITH (USA): support confirmed.

3 Member States are therefore requested to consider nominating suitable experts to fill the following vacancies: one in the GGC and two in the SCUFN. Member States are also invited to identify suitable experts to be considered for membership of TSCOM. Please note that nominated experts are

expected to attend the next GEBCO meetings in Brest, France, - 22/26 September SCUFN; 28/30 September TSCOM; and 1/2 October Guiding Committee - in 2009. Member States are invited to complete the application form in **Annex A** and returning it to the IHB **by 1 March 2009**.

4 An appropriate CV outlining the credentials and experience of the nominee should be provided in support of any proposed candidature. The IHB will then examine the proposals and select one member for the GGC and two new SCUFN members, in this case in liaison with the SCUFN Chairman, Dr. Hans-Werner Schenke (Germany). Nominations for TSCOM will be examined by the GGC.

5 The Bureau takes this opportunity to thank Capt. THEBERGE and Capt. SOBOLEV, as well as their respective sponsoring HOs, for their valuable contributions to SCUFN activities. We are also grateful to the Hydrographic Offices that have confirmed the participation of their experts and for their continued support of GEBCO work.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA
Director

Annex A: Nomination Form

GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE AND ITS SUB COMMITTEES

NOMINATION FORM

(to be returned to the IHB info@ihb.mc by 1 March 2009)

Note: The boxes will expand as you type your answers

Member State

YES or NO?

Would you like to nominate an expert to be a member of GGC?

IF YES:

Name :

E-mail :

YES or NO?

Would you like to nominate an expert to be a member of SCUFN?

IF YES:

Name :

E-mail :

YES or NO?

Would you like to nominate an expert to be a member of TSCOM?

IF YES:

Name :

E-mail :

Comments :

Signature :

Date :

Attachment: CV of nominated applicant.