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GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE AND ITS SUB-COMMITTEES
Membership and Vacancies

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Dear Hydrographer,

1 The IHB would like to thank the following 21 Member States who replied to the above-referenced CL: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Korea Rep of, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the USA.

2 With regard to the forthcoming vacancy for the GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC) the Republic of Korea has proposed Ms Hyo Hyun SUNG. Ms SUNG is very well qualified for this position and has already participated actively in the work of the GEBCO Sub-Committee of Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN). The IHB would therefore like to congratulate Ms SUNG on her membership of the GGC and invites her to attend the next GGC meeting, which will take place in Brest, France from 1 - 2 October 2009.

3 With regard to the forthcoming two vacancies in SCUFN the IHB received four nominations from Brazil, Pakistan, Russian Federation and the USA. The IHB, noting that the USA and the Russian Federation already have IHO/IOC representatives on SCUFN, and taking into account the desire for a wide geographical distribution of membership and noting the qualifications of the candidates, proposes that, providing no objections are received by 15 April 2009, the nominees from Brazil (Ms Ana Angelica ALBERONI) and Pakistan (Cdr Muhammad BASHIR) be appointed. Australia indicated that they would like to participate in the work of SCUFN but could not do so due to the cost of attending meetings, as required under item 2.5 of the Rules of Procedure. Australia has, however, indicated a willingness to participate through telephone / video conferencing and to host meetings in Australia. This information will be passed to the Chairman of SCUFN.

4 The IHB received two nominations for TSCOM from Ecuador (Lt Marco Antonio SANTOS CASTAÑEDA) and Pakistan (Lt Cdr Muhammad KHALID). These names have been forwarded to the GGC for favourable consideration in accordance with the TSCOM Terms of Reference.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA
Director