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GEBCO SUB-COMMITTEE ON UNDERSEA FEATURE NAMES (SCUFN)
22nd Meeting, Brest, France, 22-25 September 2009

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The 22nd meeting of the IHO-IOC GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN) was hosted by the French Hydrographic Office (SHOM) in Brest from 22-25 September 2009. The meeting was chaired by Dr Hans Werner Schenke from the Alfred-Wegener-Institut für Polar und Meeresforschung (AWI – Germany, IOC representative). There were 25 participants, including 9 of the 12 SCUFN members. The meeting welcomed Cdr Ana Angelica Alberoni (Brazil, IHO representative) and Dr Vaughan Stagpoole (New Zealand, IOC representative), as new members. Ms. Lisa Taylor (USA, IHO representative) was unanimously elected Vice-Chair of SCUFN. The current list of SCUFN members and observers is provided in Annex A.
2. The final minutes of SCUFN22 are available on the IHO website (www.iho-ohi.net/mtg_docs/com_wg/SCUFN/SCUFN22/SCUFN22_Report.pdf), together with all documents referred to at the meeting. The main points discussed at the meeting are summarized below.
3. Following the publication in 2008 of IHO-IOC Publication B-6 “Standardization of Undersea Feature Names” in the English/French version, the following language versions were completed and published: English/Korean, English/Japanese and English/Russian. These can be accessed from the download section of the IHO website. An English/Spanish version is under preparation by Argentina.
4. A number of naming proposals were considered, in particular:
 - o 10 proposals from the Brazilian Navy Hydrographic Centre in the SW Atlantic;
 - o 13 proposals from the Instituto Oceanográfico de la Armada, Ecuador, in the SE Pacific;
 - o 8 proposals from the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department of Japan in the NW Pacific;
 - o 6 proposals from the Korean Committee on Marine Geographical Names in the NW Pacific; and
 - o 2 proposals from the State Scientific Centre “Yuzhmorgeologiya” of Russia in the NW Pacific.
5. In total, the Sub-Committee selected 28 new undersea feature names for inclusion in the GEBCO Gazetteer, which were approved by the GEBCO Guiding Committee during the week following the meeting of SCUFN. All new names and other agreed changes have now been included in the January 2010 release of IHO-IOC Publication B-8 - the GEBCO Gazetteer of Geographical Names of Undersea Features, which can be accessed from the download section of the IHO website. Member States are invited to review and make use of the GEBCO Gazetteer when producing new charts.
6. Ms. Lisa Taylor demonstrated a geospatially enabled database and Web-based interface for the GEBCO Gazetteer of undersea feature names. This application has been developed at the NGDC – also the IHO Data Centre for Digital Bathymetry (DCDB) – in collaboration with the British

Oceanographic Data Centre (BODC). It is planned that the "Web Gazetteer" will become operational in 2010.

7. The Sub-Committee agreed that any future SCUFN meetings will take place as far as possible in conjunction with the other GEBCO meetings, i.e. GGC and TSCOM, in order to minimize travel costs for those SCUFN members also involved in GGC and/or TSCOM. Accordingly, the 23rd SCUFN meeting will take place in Callao, Peru, from 11 to 14 September 2010, immediately preceding the other GEBCO meetings. All these events will be hosted by the Peruvian Hydrographic Office (DHN). Those Member States that have nominated experts to represent the IHO at SCUFN, i.e. Argentina, Brazil, India, Japan, Pakistan and USA, are encouraged to ensure that these experts are able to attend SCUFN23.

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
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Encl: Annex A: SCUFN Membership

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