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GEBCO SUB-COMMITTEE ON UNDERSEA FEATURE NAMES (SCUFN)

Membership and Vacancy

REQUEST FOR IHO NOMINATED EXPERTS

- References:
- a) Circular Letter 59/2008 dated 9 July
 - b) SCUFN Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures

Dear Hydrographer,

1 Reference a) reported on the final approval by IHO and IOC of new Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures for the GEBCO Guiding Committee and its Sub-Committees, including the Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN). SCUFN Rule of Procedure 2.1.1 stipulates that *"The Sub-Committee shall normally consist of 12 members, preferably 6 members being appointed by IHO and 6 by IOC acting in close consultation"*. The current SCUFN membership list is provided at Annex A.

2 SCUFN Rule of Procedure 2.5 states that *"Members are expected to attend every meeting of the Sub-Committee. Sub-Committee Members who are absent from meetings over two consecutive years will normally be considered to have resigned and new nominations shall be sought from the relevant parent organization"*. Cdr. Harvinder AVTAR (India), representing the IHO, did not attend the last two meetings of SCUFN, i.e. the 23rd meeting, Lima, Peru, September 2010 and the 24th meeting, Beijing, China, September 2011, and is therefore considered as having resigned from the Sub-Committee. This was acknowledged by the GEBCO Guiding Committee at its 28th meeting (La Jolla, CA, USA, October 2011).

3 Member States are therefore requested to consider nominating suitable experts to fill the resulting vacancy, by completing the application form in **Annex B** and returning it to the IHB **by 15 July 2012**. Please note that the selected expert is expected to be supported and funded by his/her organization and to attend the next SCUFN meeting in Wellington, New Zealand, from 23-27 October 2012. Criteria for the selection of SCUFN Members include:

- Profound knowledge in bathymetry, especially in the state of the art of ocean surveying and mapping;
- Experience in topographic terrain analysis;
- Familiarity in the compound field of international marine history;
- Basic cognizance in the marine Earth science disciplines.

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 the new SCUFN member, in liaison with the SCUFN Chairman, Dr. Hans-Werner Schenke (Germany).

5 The Bureau takes this opportunity to thank Cdr. AVTAR for his valuable contributions to SCUFN activities, as well as the National Hydrographic Office of India for sponsoring him. We are also grateful to the Hydrographic Offices of Argentina, Brazil, Japan and USA, that have already nominated experts to SCUFN, for their continued support of SCUFN work.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA
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Annex A: Nomination Form

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Membership (May 2012)

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NOMINATION FORM

(to be returned to the IHB info@ihb.mc by 15 July 2012)

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 SCUFN?

IF YES:

Name :

E-mail :

Comments :

Signature :

Date :

Attachment: CV of nominated applicant.