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**GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE (GGC) –
MEMBERSHIP AND VACANCY REQUEST FOR IHO NOMINATED EXPERTS**

References: A. Circular Letter 103/2008 dated 12 December 2008
B. Circular Letter 17/2009 dated 9 March 2009
C. GGC Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The joint IOC-IHO GEBCO Project (General Bathymetric Charts of the Ocean) is led by a Guiding Committee (GGC) which includes five members appointed by IHO and five members appointed by IOC. The current membership of GGC, as reported in references A and B, is indicated in Annex A.

2. The IHB has been advised that both Ingénieur général Etienne Cailliau (France) and Dr Kunio Yashima (Japan) have decided to retire from the GGC after many years of valuable service as IHO representatives.

3. Member States are therefore requested to consider nominating suitable experts to fill the resulting vacancies, by completing the application form in **Annex B** and returning it to the IHB by **15 March 2013**. Please note that the selected expert is expected to be supported and funded by his/her organization and to attend the next GGC meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in October 2013.

4. Criteria for the selection of GGC Members include:

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

An appropriate CV outlining the credentials and experience of the nominee should be provided in support of any proposed candidature.

5. The Directing Committee will examine the nominations and either select the new GGC members, in liaison with the GGC Chairman, Dr. Robin Falconer (New Zealand) or, should there be more than 2 nominations, put forward the candidates for a vote by Member States.

6. The Directing Committee takes this opportunity to thank Ingénieur général Etienne Cailliau and Dr Kunio Yashima, as well as their respective sponsoring HOs, for their valuable contributions to GGC activities.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mustafa IPTES', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mustafa IPTES
Director

Annex A: Current list of GGC members

Annex B: Nomination Form

GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE

List of current GGC members:

- 1. IHO Members:**
Commander Paolo Lusiani (Italy)
Dr. Hyo Hyun Sung (Republic of Korea)
Dr. Christopher Fox (USA) – Vice Chair
(2 vacancies)
- 2. IOC Members:**
Dr. Hans-Werner Schenke (Germany and Chair - SCUFN)
Dr. Robin Falconer (New Zealand) – Chair
Dr. Nataliya Turko (Russia)
Dr. Martin Jakobsson (Sweden and Chair - SCRUM)
(1 vacancy)
- 3. Ex officio Members:**
Chair – TSCOM: Dr. Walter Smith (USA)
Director – IHO DCDB: Ms Lisa Taylor (USA)

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NOMINATION FORM

(to be returned to the IHB info@iho.int by 15 March 2013)

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 :

Comments :

Signature :

Date :

Attachment: CV of nominated applicant.