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NIPPON FOUNDATION - GEBCO TRAINING PROJECT -10th YEAR

Dear Hydrographer,

1. This letter is to advise Member States that nominations are open for the tenth class of the GEBCO Nippon Foundation training program leading to the Post-graduate Certificate in Ocean Bathymetry at the University of New Hampshire, USA, to begin late August 2013.
2. Students will undertake an intensive 12-month training of lectures, practical laboratory and on-the-water projects, secondments to relevant laboratories and cruises on research or survey ships. In addition to the teaching staff from the University of New Hampshire, other experts from elsewhere provide specialist lectures. The syllabus includes courses in acoustics, geology, bottom composition and acoustic backscatter, data analysis and integration, margin and abyssal sediments, physical oceanography, positioning, satellite altimetry, structure of ocean basins, sonar performance, surface interpolation, survey design, and uncertainty management. Students can also select additional courses from a range of electives.
3. The language of instruction is English, and candidates must demonstrate capability to undertake graduate level studies in English to the satisfaction of the University of New Hampshire. Candidates must be aware that this is an intensive course, even for students whose first language is English.
4. The minimum standard for admission is a four-year Bachelor degree in a related field.
5. Since GEBCO is governed by both the IHO and the IOC, candidates nominated under the auspices of either organisation are considered equally on their merits.
6. **Member States are requested to consider nominating suitable candidates for the Post-graduate Certificate in Ocean Bathymetry course. Nomination submissions should include consideration of the following:**
 - a. Level of and subject of degree(s) held by the nominee,
 - b. Experience in ocean bathymetry,
 - c. Ability in English,
 - d. The level of future support that the nominating HO will give to bathymetric projects, including the likelihood of the candidate continuing to work in the field,
 - e. Personal motivation.
7. Application forms are available for download from:
http://www.gebco.net/training/training_project/
8. Applications **MUST be received by the end of March 2013.**

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mustafa IPTES', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Mustafa IPTES
Director