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**IHO-IOC GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE  
REQUEST FOR NOMINATION OF EXPERTS TO FILL A VACANCY**

- References:
- A. IHO Circular Letter 06/2013 dated 18 January
  - B. IHO Circular Letter 26/2013 dated 27 March
  - C. GGC Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The joint IOC-IHO GEBCO (General Bathymetric Charts of the Ocean) Project is led by a Guiding Committee (GGC) which includes five members appointed by IHO and five members appointed by IOC. The current membership of the GGC, as reported in references A and B, is indicated in Annex A.
2. The IHB has been advised that Dr Chris Fox (USA – vice-chair) has retired and is unable to maintain his position on the GGC after many years of valuable service as an IHO representative.
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 **no later than 13 September 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 Venice, Italy, 7-11 October 2013.
4. Criteria for the selection of GGC Members include:
  - Significant knowledge in bathymetry, especially in state of the art 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.
5. A Curriculum Vitae (CV) outlining the credentials and experience of the nominee should be provided in support of any proposed candidature.
6. The Directing Committee will examine the nominations in liaison with the GGC Chairman, Dr. Robin Falconer (New Zealand). Should there be more than one suitable candidate, the selected candidates will be presented for a vote by Member States.
7. The Directing Committee takes this opportunity to thank Dr Chris Fox, as well as his sponsoring HO, for his valuable contribution to GGC activities.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,



Mustafa IPTES  
Director

**GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE**

List of current GGC members:

India - IHO	Commander Peush Pawsey
Italy - IHO	Commander Paolo Lusiani
Japan - IHO	Mr Shin Tani
Korea (Rep of) - IHO	Dr Hyo Hyun Sung
USA - IHO	Vacant – Vice-Chair
Germany - IOC	Dr.-Ing. Hans-Werner Schenke
New Zealand - IOC	Dr Robin Falconer – Chair
Russian Federation - IOC	Dr Nataliya Turko
Sweden - IOC	Dr Martin Jakobsson
IOC	Vacant
<i>Ex officio members</i>	
IHB	Mr David Wyatt
Chairman - TSCOM	Dr Walter Smith
Director - IHO DCDB	Ms. Lisa Taylor
Secretary	Mr David Clark

**GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE**

**NOMINATION FORM**

*(to be returned to the IHB [info@iho.int](mailto:info@iho.int) by 13 September 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 :**

It is confirmed that the above candidate will be supported and funded by his/her organization and, if selected, will be able to attend the next GGC meeting in Venice, Italy, 7-11 October 2013

**Signature :**

**Date :**

**Attachment:** CV of nominated applicant.