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**GEBCO SUB-COMMITTEE ON UNDERSEA FEATURE NAMES (SCUFN)
Membership and Vacancy
REQUEST FOR IHO NOMINATED EXPERTS**

References:

- A. IHO CL 59/2008 dated 9 July - *GEBCO Guiding Committee and its Sub-Committees - Final Approval of New Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure*
- 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 Procedure for the GEBCO Guiding Committee and its Sub-Committees, including the Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN). Those for SCUFN are available from the IHO website at http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/TOR/SCUFN_TOR.pdf. 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 in Annex A.

2 SCUFN Rule of Procedure (Reference B) 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. Muhammad BASHIR (Pakistan), representing the IHO, did not attend the last two SCUFN meetings, the 25th meeting in Wellington, New Zealand in October 2012 and the 26th meeting in Tokyo, Japan in September 2013, and is therefore considered as having resigned from the Sub-Committee. This situation was acknowledged by the GEBCO Guiding Committee at its 30th meeting (Venice, Italy, October 2013).

3 Member States are therefore requested to consider nominating suitable experts to fill the resulting vacancy, by completing the nomination form provided in **Annex B** and returning it to the IHB **no later than 15 April 2014**. Please note that the selected expert is expected to be supported and funded by the parent organization. It is hoped that he/she can attend the next SCUFN meeting that will take place at the IHB, Monaco, from 16-20 June 2014. Criteria for the selection of SCUFN Members include:

- A sound knowledge in bathymetry, especially in the state of the art of ocean surveying and mapping and in topographic terrain analysis;
- Familiarity in the compound field of international marine history;
- Basic knowledge in the marine earth science disciplines.
- Good proficiency in English, which is the working language of the sub-committee.

4 A Curriculum Vitae 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 Chairman of SCUFN, Dr. Hans-Werner SCHENKE (Germany).

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

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,



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Annex A: SCUFN Membership List
Annex B: Nomination Form

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NOMINATION FORM

(to be returned to the IHB info@iho.int no later than 15 April 2014)

Note: The boxes will expand as you type your answers

Member State :

Contact :

E-mail :

YES or NO?

Would you like to nominate an expert to be a member of SCUFN?

IF YES:

Name :

E-mail :

Comments :

Date :

Attachment: CV of Nominated Expert.