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GEBCO SUB-COMMITTEE ON UNDERSEA FEATURE NAMES (SCUFN)
- APPOINTMENT OF A NEW MEMBER

References:

- A. IHO Circular Letter 59/2015 dated 19 August - *GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN) - Vacancy for an IHO Representative*
- B. IHO Circular Letter 80/2015 dated 25 December - *GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN) - Vacancy for an IHO Representative - Extension of the Deadline*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In response to the references A and B, the Directing Committee received six nominations to fill the vacant IHO position on the GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN). The six nominations were:

- Mr Jorge ALAVERA (Ecuador)
- Dr Roberta IVALDI (Italy)
- Mr Rabli BIN MOHD (Malaysia)
- Mr Abubakar ABDULLA MUSTAPHA (Nigeria)
- Mr Jimmy NERANTZIS (USA)
- Mr Leonid SHALNOV (Russian Federation)

2. The Directing Committee is pleased to see such a significant interest in the SCUFN and expresses its gratitude to the Member States who all nominated well-qualified candidates.

3. Following previous practice, the Curricula Vitae of the candidates were reviewed carefully by the Directing Committee and the Chair of the SCUFN Dr Hans Werner SCHENKE. Taking into account the selection criteria, background, expertise, academic achievements, current roles and potential contribution to the SCUFN activities, the Directing Committee, with the agreement of the Chair of the SCUFN, unanimously agreed on the selection of Dr Roberta IVALDI to fill the vacant IHO position.

4. Dr IVALDI is an expert in Marine Geology and currently Associate Professor at the Italian Hydrographic Institute (IIM). She is also member of the Board of Marine Geomatics Master Course at the University of Genoa and author or co-author of more than 50 papers in Marine Geology and related topics. Since 1993, Dr IVALDI has participated in scientific activities related to several research projects related in particular to Marine Geology. She has also participated in many oceanographic cruises in the Mediterranean Sea, in the Atlantic and around Antarctica.

5. Subject to no objection being raised by a Member State, the appointment of Dr Roberta IVALDI will be effective **1 March 2016**. The new updated membership list of SCUFN that is anticipated to be effective from 1 March 2016 is provided at Annex for information.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

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Copy to: Chair, SCUFN

Annex A: List of SCUFN Members as of 1 March 2016.

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Intended list of SCUFN Members as of 1 March 2016**

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