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**GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE (GGC) MEMBERSHIP–
REQUEST FOR NOMINATION OF EXPERTS TO FILL VACANCIES**

References:

- A. IHO CL 70/2015/Rev.1 dated 21 September - *GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC) - New IHO Representative and Approval of Revised Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure*
- B. GGC Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures

Dear Hydrographer,

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

2. The IHO Secretariat has been informed that Captain Norhizam Hassan (Malaysia) has indicated his intention to step down with immediate effect from the GGC after two 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 nomination form at Annex B and returning it to the IHO Secretariat **no later than 12 January 2018**.

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.

An appropriate CV outlining the credentials and experience of the nominee should be provided in support of any proposed candidature. Please also note that the selected experts are expected to be supported and funded by their organization and to attend the next GGC meeting in Canberra, Australia, in November 2018.

5. The Secretary-General, in consultation with the Directors at the IHO Secretariat, will examine the nominations received and, in liaison with the GGC Chairman, confirm the new member of the GGC, or, if required, consult the Member States to assist in the selection.

6. The IHO Secretariat takes this opportunity to thank Captain Norhizam Hassan, as well as the Hydrographic Office of Malaysia, for their valuable contribution and support of GEBCO and GGC activities.

On behalf of the Secretary-General

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mustafa IPTES'.

Mustafa IPTES
Director

Annex A: Current list of GGC members

Annex B: Nomination Form

IHO-IOC GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE

List of current GGC members:

1. IHO Appointed Members:	Term Period:
Mr Shin Tani (Japan) (<i>Chair</i>)	(2013-2018)
Rear Admiral Patricio Carrasco (Chile)	(2013-2018)
Dr Hyo Hyun Sung* (Republic of Korea)	(2014-2019)
Dr Graham Allen (United Kingdom)	(2015-2020)
One vacancy	
2. IOC Appointed Members:	
Dr Martin Jakobsson (Sweden)* (<i>Vice-chair</i>)	(2013-2018)
Dr Robin Falconer* (New Zealand)	(2013-2018)
Dr Marzia Rovere (Italy)	(2014-2019)
Dr Johnathan Kool (Australia)	(2016-2021)
Captain Leonid Shalnov (Russian Federation)	(2016-2021)
3. Ex-officio Members:	
Dr Vicki Ferrini (USA) (<i>Chair of SCRUM</i>)	
Dr Karen Marks (USA) (<i>Chair of TSCOM</i>)	
Dr Hans-Werner Schenke (Germany) (<i>Chair of SCUFN</i>)	
Ms Jennifer Jencks (USA) (<i>Director of IHO-DCDB</i>)	
4. Secretary:	
Mr David Wyatt (IHO)	(2015)

* Members serving a second 5-year term.

GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE

NOMINATION FORM

(to be returned to the IHO cl-lc@iho.int by 12 January 2018)

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 of Expert:

E-mail :

Comments :

Name of Hydrographer:

Signature :

Date :

Attachment: CV of nominated applicant.