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INVITATION TO ATTEND THE XXXVI GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE (GGC),
JOINT SUB-COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL UNDERSEA MAPPING (SCRUM),
TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE ON OCEAN MAPPING (TSCOM) AND SUB-COMMITTEE
ON COMMUNICATIONS, OUTREACH AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT (SCOPE) MEETINGS,
AND THE GEBCO SYMPOSIUM

SHERATON PORTSMOUTH HARBORSIDE HOTEL PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE, USA 4 - 8 November 2019

26 April 2019

Dear Colleagues,

- 1. The GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC), Technical Sub-Committee on Ocean Mapping (TSCOM), Sub-Committee on Regional Undersea Mapping (SCRUM), and Sub-Committee on Communications, Outreach and Public Engagement (SCOPE) will meet in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, USA, from 4 to 8 November 2019. The GEBCO Symposium will also take place during this time. The meetings will be supported and hosted by Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping (CCOM) and the Joint Hydrographic Center (JHC) at the University of New Hampshire (UNH).
- 2. Please let the Point of Contact (POC) designated by UNH Renee Blinn (rblinn@ccom.unh.edu) know as soon as possible and not later than 2 August 2019, if you plan to attend so that some idea of numbers can be ascertained for logistic purposes. All attending the meeting must complete the online registration via the Map The Gaps website (https://www.mapthegaps.org) no later than 27 September 2019, this will generate notifications for UNH contact and me. It is most unfair and very unhelpful to delay both your initial indication of participation and final registration until the last minute; it also threatens the viability of the events and certainly impacts on all aspects of the planning for our hosts.
- 3. Details of the hotel options are available in the Logistics Information document available on the IHO-GEBCO web page and at Annex A. All meetings and the symposium are taking place in the hotel and therefore all participants are encouraged to take advantage of the special negotiated rate of \$145 plus tax. Note that it is still during the popular period and therefore normal rates for all local hotels are considerably higher. Members attending must make their reservations directly with the hotel using the link provided to avail discounted rate.

4. Programme

The programme planned is for five days, 4-8 November 2019 and is listed below; the Joint TSCOM-SCRUM-SCOPE meetings are open to all who are interested in ocean mapping. If you plan on attending, please inform the Chairs of your interest (TSCOM – Thierry Schmitt, email: thierry.schmitt@shom.fr, SCRUM - Dr. Vicki Ferrini, email: ferrini@ldeo.columbia.edu and Prof Hyo Sung, email: hhsung@ewha.ac.kr). Please signify your intention to attend to any of these meetings when you register via Map The Gaps website. The GEBCO Guiding Committee is open to all appointed members, ex-officio members, official observers and nominated representatives of IHO and IOC Member States as observers. Expert contributors may attend as observers at the invitation of the committee, through the Secretary, with the approval of the Chair.

The GEBCO Symposium will be open to all, supporting a maximum of 100 seated guests. A call for presentations and posters will be issued shortly.

The program details are as follows:

4 November 2019	Joint meetings of the Technical Sub-	Amphitheater
(Monday)	Committee on Ocean Mapping	
	(TSCOM), the Sub-Committee on	
	Regional Undersea Mapping (SCRUM)	
	and Sub-Committee on	
	Communications, Outreach and Public	
	Engagement (SCOPE).	
5 November 2019	CCOM/JHC Tour of facilities	University of New Hampshire
(Tuesday)		
	Joint meetings TSCOM, SCRUM and	Amphitheater
	SCOPE.	
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6 November 2019	Opening Ceremony and GEBCO	Ballroom
(Wednesday)	Symposium 2019	
7 November 2019	1 st Day 36 th Meeting of the GEBCO	Amphitheater
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(Thursday)	Guiding Committee (GGC)	
8 November 2019	2 nd Day 36 th Meeting of the GEBCO	Amphitheater
(Friday)	Guiding Committee (GGC)	1 2 mp minoutes

- 5. As I anticipate a full GGC agenda with discussions requiring the entire two days, I encourage those attending the GGC meeting to make their travel arrangements to depart on Saturday 9 November 2019 or later and stay at the same hotel for convenience.
- 6. Finally, anyone requiring a letter of invitation from the USA for the purposes of obtaining a Visa is requested to inform the POC at the earliest opportunity.

On behalf of the Chairs Yours sincerely,

David Wyatt GEBCO Secretary

Annex:

A. Logistics information