

## GEBCO Meetings 2010

The GEBCO meetings in 2010 were all held at the Centro Naval de Peru (Navy Club) in Lima Peru between 11 and 18 September 2010: Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN) 11 – 14; Technical Sub-Committee on Ocean Mapping (TSCOM) 13 – 17; interim Sub-Committee on Regional Undersea Mapping (ISCRUM) 13 – 17; and the GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC) 18. A Bathymetric Science Day was held on Wednesday 13 September at the offices of the Directorate of Hydrography and Navigation of the Peruvian Navy.

### SCUFN



The 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the SCUFN was held under the chairmanship of Dr Hans Werner SCHENKE from the Alfred-Wegener-Institut für Polar und Meeresforschung (AWI – Germany). There were 28 participants, including 9 of the 12 SCUFN members, i.e. from Argentina, Brazil, Germany, Japan, Rep of Korea, New Zealand, Pakistan, Russia, and USA. The meeting took note of the absence of Lic. José Luis FRIAS Salazar (Mexico – IOC side) at two consecutive meetings and who, according to the SCUFN terms of reference, is regrettably considered to have resigned from the sub-committee. The main issues discussed at the meeting are summarized below.

- The meeting took note that the following language versions of IHO-IOC B-6 “Standardization of Undersea Feature Names” (2008 edition) have been completed and published, and are available from the IHO and GEBCO websites: English/French, English/Spanish, English/Russian, English/Korean and English/Japanese. The Chinese observers at the meeting offered to prepare an English/Chinese version, to be presented at the next meeting.
- A number of undersea feature name proposals were considered, including:
  - 13 proposals from AWI, Germany, in the north-eastern Pacific, the Arctic and the Scotia Sea;
  - 2 proposals from the Peruvian HO (DHN), in the south-eastern Pacific;
  - 2 proposals from the Scott Polar Research Institute (SPRI), UK, in the Southern Ocean;
  - 9 proposals from the Korean Committee on Marine Geographical Names (KCMGN), mainly in the central western Pacific;
  - 11 proposals from the Brazilian HO (DHN) in the south-western Atlantic;
  - 11 proposals from the Japan HO (JHOD) in the north-western Pacific;
  - 3 proposals from the Russian HO (DNO) in the Arctic.

In total, the Sub-Committee recommended the acceptance of 41 new undersea feature names for inclusion in the GEBCO Gazetteer.

- Discussion was held on the appropriateness of including generic terms of genetic origin as part of the terminology section of B-6. The sub-committee eventually recommended the adoption of the following two new generic terms, with their respective definitions: Mud Volcano and Rift.
- A detailed review of the Gazetteer “Reserve Section”, containing all pending names, was conducted on the basis of new information received at the IHB, as SCUFN Secretariat. As a result, the sub-committee recommended the transfer of a number of those names to the official GEBCO Gazetteer and the deletion from the Reserve Section of several other names.