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Dear Dr. Schenke,

This letter intends to inform you of our decision on the appointment of new IOC appointed members of the GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN).

At the 30th SCUFN meeting (Genoa, Italy, 2 – 6 October 2017), the SCUFN decided that four seats on the sub-committee representing IOC and four seats representing the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) will be vacant after the next SCUFN meeting in October 2018 according to SCUFN's Terms of Reference and Rules or Procedure. Having been informed of the SCUFN's future vacancies, I have invited IOC Member States to nominate candidates to fill these vacancies for the IOC membership of SCUFN, according to commonly agreed criteria.

After reviewing the candidates nominated by IOC Member States in terms of qualifications and experiences relevant to GEBCO, and following consultation with yourself and the IHO Secretariat, I am pleased to inform you that I have decided to appoint the experts named below, to serve as the new members of the SCUFN for a period of five years:

- (1) **Mr Kevin Mackay**, National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research, New Zealand
- (2) **Mr Amon Kimeli**, Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute, Kenya
- (3) **Dr. Hyun-Chul Han**, Korea Institute of Geoscience and Mineral Resources, Republic of Korea
- (4) **Dr. Li Sihai**, National Marine Data and Information Service, China

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I am convinced that the high level of expertise of these experts will make a meaningful contribution to the work of SCUFN and overall to GEBCO objectives.

Finally, we wish to point out that, because of its financial situation, IOC is not in a position to cover relevant expenses incurred by IOC-appointed members in the relevant meetings of GEBCO. Therefore, the IOC-appointed SCUFN members are expected to be supported and funded by their respective organizations to attend SCUFN meetings. All newly appointed experts are expected to attend the 31st SCUFN meeting (SCUFN-31) as observers in Wellington, New Zealand (23-27 October 2018) and thereafter as full-fledged members of the Sub-Committee.

Yours sincerely,



 Vladimir Ryabinin
Executive Secretary, IOC