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**CIRCULAR LETTER 13/2022**  
**22 March 2022**

**GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE (GGC) MEMBERSHIP–  
REQUEST FOR NOMINATION OF AN EXPERT TO FILL VACANCY**

References:

- A. GGC Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures
- B. IHO CL 03/2020 dated 10 January - *The IHO Online Form System for Responses to Circular Letters and Input to IHO Publications (P-5 and C-55)*

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 (Reference A). The current membership of the GGC is provided in Annex A.

2. Following the resignation of Captain Rodrigo de Souza Obino (Brazil) ahead of the first GGC Intersessional Meeting of 2022 in February, there is a vacancy for an IHO appointed member of the GGC.

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 by e mail (cl-lc@iho.int) **no later than 10 June 2022** but preferably using the IHO Online Form System (see Reference B) by accessing the following: [https://IHO.formstack.com/forms/cl\\_13\\_2022](https://IHO.formstack.com/forms/cl_13_2022).

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.

5. 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 expert is expected to be supported and funded by their organization, including in person attendance at annual GGC meetings.

6. 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.

7. The IHO Secretariat takes this opportunity to thank Captain Rodrigo de Souza Obino for his contribution and support to GEBCO and GGC activities.

On behalf of the Secretary-General  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luigi Sinapi', written in a cursive style.

Luigi SINAPI  
Director

Annex A: Current list of GGC members  
Annex B: Nomination Form

**IHO-IOC GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE  
(GGC)**

**List of GGC members – 20 March 2022**

- | <b>1. IHO Appointed Members:</b>                               | <b>Term Period:</b> |
|--|---------------------|
| Mr Shin Tani (Japan)   | (2018-2023)         |
| Mr David Millar (USA)  | (2018-2023)         |
| Mr Evert Flier (Norway) ( <i>Chair</i> )                       | (2019-2024)         |
| Captain Rodrigo de Souza Obino (Brazil)                        | (2019-2024)         |
| Dr Geoffroy Lamarche (NZ)                                      | (2021-2026)         |
| <br><b>2. IOC Appointed Members:</b>                           |                     |
| Dr Marzia Rovere (Italy)* ( <i>Vice-chair</i> )                | (2019-2024)         |
| Dr Karolina Zwolak (Poland)                                    | (2018-2023)         |
| Ms Kim Picard (Australia)                                      | (2021-2026)         |
| Commander Prashant Srivastava (India)                          | (2021-2026)         |
| Mr Paul Brett (Canada)   | (2022-2027)         |
| <br><b>3. Ex-officio Members:</b>                              |                     |
| Dr Vicki Ferrini (USA) ( <i>Chair of SCRUM</i> )               |                     |
| Mr Thierry Schmitt (France) ( <i>Chair of TSCOM</i> )          |                     |
| Mr Hyun-Chul Han (Republic of Korea) ( <i>Chair of SCUFN</i> ) |                     |
| Dr Hyo Hyun Sung (Republic of Korea) ( <i>Chair of SCOPE</i> ) |                     |
| Ms Jennifer Jencks (USA) ( <i>Director of IHO-DCDB</i> )       |                     |
| <br>* Members serving a second 5-year term.                    |                     |
| <br><b>4. Secretary:</b>                                       |                     |
| Mr Sam Harper (IHO)  |                     |

**NOTE:** Members of the Secretariats of the IHO and IOC are permanent non-voting Members in the Committee.



## GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE

### NOMINATION FORM

(to be returned to the IHO [cl-lc@iho.int](mailto:cl-lc@iho.int) by 10 June 2022)

Note: The boxes will expand as you type your answers

**Member State**

**Would you like to nominate an expert to be a member of GGC?**

**YES or NO?**

IF YES:

**Name of Expert:**

**E-mail :**

  

**Comments :**

**Name of Hydrographer:**

**Signature :**

**Date :**

  
  

**Attachment:** CV of nominated expert.