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**CIRCULAR LETTER 45/2023**  
**20 December 2023**

**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. The current membership of the GGC, as reported in reference A, is provided in Annex A.

2. Following the completion of the second term of Mr Shin Tani, 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 1 March 2024** but preferably using the IHO Online Form System (see Reference B) by accessing the following link:

[https://IHO.formstack.com/forms/cl\\_45\\_2023](https://IHO.formstack.com/forms/cl_45_2023)

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 Mr Shin Tani 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', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Luigi SINAPI  
Director

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

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

**List of GGC members – 19 December 2023**

- |  | <b>Term Period:</b> |
|--|---------------------|
| <b>1. IHO Appointed Members:</b>                   |                     |
| Vacancy  | (2024-2029)         |
| Mr David Millar*                                   | (2023-2028)         |
| Mr Evert Flier ( <i>Chair</i> )                    | (2019-2024)         |
| Ms Yerinelys Santos Barrera                        | (2022-2027)         |
| Dr Geoffroy Lamarche                               | (2021-2026)         |
| <b>2. IOC Appointed Members:</b>                   |                     |
| Dr Marzia Rovere* ( <i>Vice-chair</i> )            | (2019-2024)         |
| Dr Karolina Zwolak*                                | (2023-2028)         |
| Ms Kim Picard (Australia)                          | (2021-2026)         |
| Commander Prashant Srivastava (India)              | (2021-2026)         |
| Mr Paul Brett (Canada)                             | (2022-2027)         |
| <b>3. Ex-officio Members:</b>                      |                     |
| Ms Aileen Bohan ( <i>Chair of SCRUM</i> )          |                     |
| Mr Georg Spoelstra ( <i>Chair of TSCOM</i> )       |                     |
| Dr Yas Ohara ( <i>Chair of SCUFN</i> )             |                     |
| Mr Tim Kearns ( <i>Chair of SCOPE</i> )            |                     |
| Ms Jennifer Jencks ( <i>Director of IHO-DCDB</i> ) |                     |
| * Members serving a second 5-year term.            |                     |
| <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 01 March 2024)

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?**

IF YES:

**Name of Expert:**   
**E-mail :**

**Comments :**

**Name of Hydrographer:**   
**Signature :**   
**Date :**

**Attachment:** CV of nominated expert.