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**GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE (GGC) MEMBERSHIP–
REQUEST FOR NOMINATION OF EXPERTS TO FILL VACANCIES**

References:

- A. IHO CL 28/2018 dated 18 April - *GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC) - New IHO Representative*
- B. GGC Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures

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. The IHO Secretariat has been informed that Rear Admiral Patricio Carrasco (Chile) indicated his intention to step down from the GGC at its 35th meeting in Canberra, Australia, after five years of valuable service as an IHO representative.
3. The IHO Secretariat has noted that Professor Hyo Hyun Sung (Republic of Korea) will complete her second five-year term on the GGC at the 36th meeting in November 2019 and therefore there will be a second vacancy to be filled.
4. Member States are therefore requested to consider nominating suitable experts to fill the resulting vacancies, by completing the nomination form at Annex B and returning it to the IHO Secretariat **no later than 15 February 2019**.
5. 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.
6. 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 experts are expected to be supported and funded by their organization and to attend the next GGC meeting in November 2019.
7. 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 members of the GGC, or, if required, consult the Member States to assist in the selection.

8. The IHO Secretariat takes this opportunity to thank Rear Admiral Patricio Carrasco and the Hydrographic Office of Chile and Professor Hyo Hyun Sung and the Korea Hydrographic and Oceanographic Agency, for their valuable contribution and support of GEBCO and GGC activities.

On behalf of the Secretary-General

Yours sincerely,



Mustafa IPTES
Director

Annex A: Current list of GGC members

Annex B: Nomination Form

IHO-IOC GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE

List of current GGC members:

- | 1. IHO Appointed Members: | Term Period: |
|--|---------------------|
| Dr Hyo Hyun Sung* (Republic of Korea) | (2014-2019) |
| Dr Graham Allen (United Kingdom) | (2015-2020) |
| Mr Shin Tani* (Japan) (Chair) | (2018-2023) |
| Mr David Millar (USA) | (2018-2023) |
| Vacant | (2019-2024) |
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| 2. IOC Appointed Members: | |
| Dr Marzia Rovere (Italy) | (2014-2019) |
| Dr Johnathan Kool (Australia) | (2016-2021) |
| Captain Leonid Shalnov (Russian Federation) | (2016-2021) |
| Dr Martin Jakobsson (Sweden) (Vice-chair) | (2018-2023) |
| Lieutenant Dr Karolina Zwolak (Poland) | (2018-2023) |
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| 3. Ex-officio Members: | |
| Dr Vicki Ferrini (USA) (<i>Chair of SCRUM</i>) | |
| Mr Thierry Schmitt (France) (<i>Chair of TSCOM</i>) | |
| Mr Han Hyun-Chul (Republic of Korea) (<i>Chair of SCUFN</i>) | |
| Ms Jennifer Jencks (USA) (<i>Director of IHO-DCDB</i>) | |
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| * Members serving a second 5-year term. | |
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| 4. Secretary: | |
| Mr David Wyatt (IHO) | (2015-2019) |

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 by 15 February 2019)

Note: The boxes will expand as you type your answers

Member State

YES or NO?

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 applicant.