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**INVITATION TO ATTEND THE XXXV GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE (GGC),
JOINT SUB-COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL UNDERSEA MAPPING (SCRUM),
TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE ON OCEAN MAPPING (TSCOM) MEETINGS AND
THE GEBCO SYMPOSIUM**

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA, 12 - 16 November 2018

08 May 2018

Dear Colleagues,

1. The GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC), Technical Sub-Committee on Ocean Mapping (TSCOM), and Sub-Committee on Regional Undersea Mapping (SCRUM) will meet in Canberra, Australia, from 12 to 16 November 2018. The GEBCO Symposium will also take place during this time. The meetings will be supported and hosted by Geoscience Australia.
2. Please let the Point of Contact (POC) designated by Geoscience Australia - Dr Johnathan Kool (johnathan.kool@ga.gov.au) - know as soon as possible and not later than **3 August 2018**, if you plan to attend so that some idea of numbers can be ascertained for logistic purposes. All attending the meeting must complete the registration form at Annex A and return it to the above mentioned e-mail, copied to David Wyatt (adso@iho.int), **no later than 28 September 2018**. The form is also available on the IHO-GEBCO web page (https://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/GEBCO/GGC/XXXV_GGC/GGC35.htm). It is most unfair and very unhelpful to delay both your initial indication of participation and final registration until the last minute; it also threatens the viability of the events and certainly impacts on all aspects of the planning for our hosts.
3. Details of the hotel options are available in the Logistics Information document available on the IHO-GEBCO web page and at Annex B. Members attending must make their reservations directly with the hotel.
4. Programme

The programme planned is for five days, 12-16 November 2018 and is listed below; the Joint TSCOM-SCRUM meeting is open to all who are interested in ocean mapping. If you plan on attending, please inform the Chairs of your interest (TSCOM - Dr. Karen Marks, email: Karen.Marks@noaa.gov and SCRUM - Dr. Vicki Ferrini, email: ferrini@ldeo.columbia.edu). Also please inform the GEBCO Secretary, David Wyatt (adso@iho.int), of your interest in attending. The GEBCO Guiding Committee is open to all appointed members, ex-officio members, official observers and nominated representatives of IHO and IOC Member States as observers. Expert

contributors may attend as observers at the invitation of the committee, through the Secretary, with the approval of the Chair.

The GEBCO Symposium will be open to all, supporting a maximum of 267 seated guests. A call for papers will be issued shortly.

The program details are as follows:

12 November 2018: (Monday)	Joint meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee on Ocean Mapping (TSCOM) and the Sub-Committee on Regional Undersea Mapping (SCRUM).	Hotel Kurrajong
13 November 2018: (Tuesday)	Joint meeting TSCOM and SCRUM.	Hotel Kurrajong
14 November 2018: (Wednesday)	Opening Ceremony and GEBCO Bathymetric Symposium 2018	James O Fairfax Theatre, Australian National Gallery
15 November 2018: (Thursday)	1 st Day 35 th Meeting of the GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC)	Hotel Kurrajong
16 November 2018: (Friday)	2 nd Day 35 th Meeting of the GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC)	Hotel Kurrajong

5. As I anticipate a full GGC agenda with discussions requiring the entire two days, I encourage those attending the GGC meeting to make their travel arrangements to depart on Saturday 17 November 2018 or later.
6. Finally, anyone requiring a letter of invitation from Australia for the purposes of obtaining a Visa is requested to inform the POC at the earliest opportunity.

On behalf of the Chairs
Yours sincerely,



David Wyatt
GEBCO Secretary

Annexes:

- A. Meetings registration form
- B. Meetings logistics information.