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**CIRCULAR LETTER 14/2020**  
**13 March 2020**

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

References:

- A. IHO CL 21/2019 dated 24 April - *GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC) - New IHO Representative*
- B. GGC Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures
- C. IHO CL 20/2019 dated 28 March - *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. The IHO Secretariat has been informed that Doctor Graham Allen (UK) having been one of the members appointed by IHO has indicated his intention to step down from the GGC with immediate effect, after five most valuable years of service.
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](mailto:cl-lc@iho.int)) **no later than 15 May 2020** or by preferably using the IHO Online Form System (see Reference C) by accessing the following link:  
[https://IHO.formstack.com/forms/cl\\_14\\_2020](https://IHO.formstack.com/forms/cl_14_2020)
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 and to attend the next GGC meeting in January 2021.

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 Dr Graham Allen for his most valuable contribution and support to 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  
(GGC)**

**List of GGC members – 10 March 2020**

- |  | <b>Term Period:</b> |
|--|---------------------|
| <b>1. IHO Appointed Members:</b>                               |                     |
| Mr Shin Tani (Japan) ( <i>Chair</i> )                          | (2018-2023)         |
| Mr David Millar (USA)  | (2018-2023)         |
| Mr Evert Flier (Norway)  | (2019-2024)         |
| Captain Rodrigo de Souza Obino (Brazil)                        | (2019-2024)         |
| Vacant   |                     |
| <b>2. IOC Appointed Members:</b>                               |                     |
| Dr Marzia Rovere (Italy)*                                      | (2019-2024)         |
| Dr Johnathan Kool (Australia)                                  | (2016-2021)         |
| Captain Leonid Shalnov (Russian Federation)                    | (2016-2021)         |
| Dr Martin Jakobsson (Sweden) ( <i>Vice-chair</i> )             | (2018-2023)         |
| Lieutenant Dr Karolina Zwolak (Poland)                         | (2018-2023)         |
| <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> )       |                     |
| * Members serving a second 5-year term.                        |                     |
| <b>4. Secretary:</b>   |                     |
| Mr David Wyatt (IHO)   | (2015-2020)         |

**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 15 May 2020)*

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 expert.