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

References:

- A. IHO CL 24/2020 dated 25 June - *GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC) - New IHO Representative*
- B. GGC Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures
- C. 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 selection of Mr Samuel Harper (UK) as the Assistant Director Survey and Operations at the IHO Secretariat, he will cease to be an appointed member of the GGC on 1 September 2021.

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-ic@iho.int) **no later than 5 July 2021** but preferably using the IHO Online Form System (see Reference C) by accessing the following:

https://iho.formstack.com/forms/cl_17_2021

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/February 2022, which will be held at the IHO Secretariat in Monaco.

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 Samuel Harper 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 – 1 February 2021

- | 1. IHO Appointed Members: | Term Period: |
|--|---------------------|
| 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) |
| Mr Samuel Harper (UK) | (2020-2025) |
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| 2. IOC Appointed Members: | |
| Dr Marzia Rovere (Italy)* (<i>Vice-chair</i>) | (2019-2024) |
| Dr Martin Jakobsson (Sweden) | (2018-2023) |
| Dr Karolina Zwolak (Poland) | (2018-2023) |
| Ms Kim Picard (Australia) | (2021-2026) |
| Commander Prashant Srivastava (India) | (2021-2026) |
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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 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>) | |
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| * Members serving a second 5-year term. | |
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| 4. Secretary: | |
| 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 by 5 July 2021)

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.