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

References:

- A. IHO CL 17/2021 dated 20 April - *GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC) Membership-Request for Nomination of an Expert to Fill Vacancy*
- B. GGC Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Reference A informed Member States about the vacancy on the IHO-IOC GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC) and requested nominations of experts to fill the IHO position. In response the IHO Secretariat received five nominations to fill the vacant IHO position on the GEBCO Guiding Committee. The five nominations were:

- Captain Nattuva DHEERAJ (India)
- Dr Eunmi CHANG (Republic of Korea)
- Mr George SPOELSTRA (Netherlands)
- Dr Geoffroy LAMARCHE (New Zealand)
- Mr Ian DAVIES (United Kingdom)

2. The IHO Secretariat is pleased to see the significant interest in the GEBCO Guiding Committee and expresses its gratitude to the Member States who all nominated suitably-qualified candidates.

3. Following previous practice, the candidates' curricula vitae were reviewed thoroughly by the IHO Secretariat. In accordance with Reference B, relevant consultation has been undertaken with the GGC Chair. Taking into account the criteria for selection and relevant expertise, past and current contribution to ocean mapping activities, current roles and responsibilities in their national institutions and potential impact and input to the GEBCO project and geographical distribution of the current GGC members, the IHO Secretariat (Secretary-General and Directors) agreed on the selection of Dr Geoffroy LAMARCHE to fill the vacant IHO position on the GGC for the period 2021-2026.

4. Unless an objection is raised by a Member State, the selection of Dr Geoffroy Lamarche will be effective from 30 September 2021. The new updated membership list of the GGC, which is expected to be effective from 30 September 2021, is provided at the Annex.

On behalf of the Secretary-General
Yours sincerely,



Luigi SINAPI
IHO Director

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Chair, GEBCO Guiding Committee

Annex: List of GEBCO Guiding Committee Members as of 30 September 2021.

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

Intended list of GGC Members as of 30 September 2021

- | | Term Period: |
|---|---------------------|
| 1. IHO Appointed Members: | |
| 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) |
| Dr Geoffroy Lamarche (New Zealand) | (2021-2026) |
| 2. IOC Appointed Members: | |
| Dr Marzia Rovere (Italy) * (<i>Vice-chair</i>) | (2019-2024) |
| Dr Martin Jakobsson (Sweden) | (2018-2023) |
| Lieutenant Dr Karolina Zwolak (Poland) | (2018-2023) |
| Ms Kim Picard (Australia) | (2021-2026) |
| Commander Prashant Srivastava (India) | (2021-2026) |
| 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 Eunmi Chang (Republic of Korea) (<i>Acting Chair of SCOPE</i>) | |
| Ms Jennifer Jencks (USA) (<i>Director of IHO-DCDB</i>) | |
| * Members serving a second 5-year term. | |
| 4. Secretary: | |
| Mr Samuel Harper (IHO) | (2021-2026) |

NOTE: *Members of the Secretariats of the IHO and IOC are permanent non-voting Members in the Committee.*