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**GEBCO SUB-COMMITTEE ON UNDERSEA FEATURE NAMES (SCUFN)
REQUEST FOR NOMINATION OF AN EXPERT TO FILL A VACANCY**

References:

- A. SCUFN Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure.
- B. IOC CL No 2883 dated 24 March 2022 - *Call for nominations of two IOC-affiliated members to the GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN).*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Secretariat of the GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN) has been recently informed that Dr. Marie-Françoise LEQUENTREC-LALANCETTE (Shom, France) will step down from her position as SCUFN Member (IHO parent organization) at the end of the next SCUFN meeting (SCUFN-35.2) planned in Monaco, from 28 November to 2 December 2022.
2. Article 2.1.1 of the SCUFN Rules of Procedure (see Reference A) states that “*The Sub-Committee shall normally consist of 12 members, preferably 6 members being appointed by IHO and 6 by IOC acting in close consultation*”. Art. 2.1.3 also stipulates that “*Members of the Sub-Committee shall be appointed for a five-year period, renewable for one additional five-year term by the corresponding parent organization...*”.
3. The current SCUFN Membership List is provided in Annex A. The IOC is also calling for nominations for two positions, one to be filled as soon as the selection process is complete, the other one to fill the vacant seat occupied by Dr Hyun-Chul HAN (Republic of Korea), current Chair, who will step down from his position at the end of SCUFN-35.2.
4. Member States willing to consider the nomination of suitable experts to fill the above mentioned IHO vacancy, are requested to complete the nomination form provided in Annex B and returning it to the IHO Secretariat (info@iho.int) **by 15 July 2022**.
4. Criteria for the selection of SCUFN Members include:
 - Profound knowledge in bathymetry, marine geomorphology, especially in the state of the art of ocean surveying and seabed mapping;
 - Experience in topographic terrain analysis;
 - Familiarity in the compound field of international marine history and GEBCO;
 - Basic cognizance in marine Earth sciences;
 - Experience in international meetings in English language.
 - Balanced geographical distribution of experts.

5. A Curriculum Vitae (CV) outlining the credentials and experience of the nominee should be provided in support of any proposed candidate. The IHO Secretariat will examine the nominations received, in liaison with the SCUFN Chair, Dr. Hyun-Chul HAN (Republic of Korea) and in consultation with the IOC Secretariat, will confirm the new member of the SCUFN. The decision on the appointment of the new Member is planned to be made **no later than 15 September 2022**.

6. It should be noted that the selected expert is expected to be supported and funded by his/her organization to participate in SCUFN Meetings (one meeting for a week, once per year in general and a couple of short virtual meetings throughout the year), while some significant work by correspondence is needed between plenary sessions. Whilst the appointment for this seat would only become effective at the end of the next SCUFN meeting in November 2022, **the appointed member will be invited to prepare and attend the next SCUFN meeting as an Observer**.

7. The IHO Secretariat takes this opportunity to thank Dr Marie-Françoise LEQUENTREC-LALANCETTE for her participation in SCUFN activities, as well as Shom, France, for having sponsored her during her mandate.

On behalf of the Secretary-General
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luigi Sinapi', written in a cursive style.

Luigi SINAPI
Director

Annex A: SCUFN Membership List
Annex B: Nomination Form

Copy: SCUFN Chair, SCUFN Vice-Chair, IOC Secretariat.

SCUFN Membership List
(as of 24 March 2022)

<i>IOC Parent Organization</i>	<i>IHO Parent Organization</i>
Dr Hyun-Chul HAN (Chair, Republic of Korea)	Dr Yasuhiko OHARA (Vice-Chair, Japan)
Mr Félix FRÍAS IBARRA (Mexico)	Prof. Roberta IVALDI (Italy)
Mr Kevin MACKAY (New Zealand)	First Admiral Dr. Najhan MD SAID (Malaysia)
Dr Sihai LI (China)	Mr Trent PALMER (USA)
Dr Amon KIMELI (Kenya)	Prof. Millard F COFFIN (Australia)
<i>Vacant</i>	Dr Marie-Françoise LEQUENTREC-LALANCETTE (France)

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NOMINATION FORM

(to be returned to the IHO Secretariat info@iho.int by 15 July 2022)

Note: The boxes will expand as you type your answers

Member State

Would you like to nominate an expert to be a member of SCUFN?

YES or NO?

IF YES:

Name :

E-mail :

Comments :

Signature :

Date :

Attachment: CV of nominated expert. Application Letter if possible.