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GEBCO SUB-COMMITTEE ON UNDERSEA FEATURE NAMES (SCUFN)
VACANCY FOR AN IHO REPRESENTATIVE

Reference: SCUFN Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Secretariat of the GEBCO Sub-Committee of Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN) has been recently informed that Ms. Lisa TAYLOR, Director of the IHO Data Centre for Digital Bathymetry operated by the NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information (formerly the National Geophysical Data Center) (USA), will no longer be able to participate in SCUFN activities as a Member and Vice-Chair. She will, however, remain the principal point of contact for the maintenance of the GEBCO Gazetteer of Undersea Feature Names.

2. Article 2.1.1 of the SCUFN Rules of Procedure (see Reference) 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...*”. The current SCUFN Membership List is provided in Annex A.

3. Member States are therefore requested to consider nominating suitable experts to fill the resulting vacancy, by completing the application form in **Annex B** and returning it to the IHB **by 30 October 2015**. Please note that the 28th SCUFN Meeting will be hosted by the *Diretoria de Hidrografia e Navegação* (DHN) in Niterói, Brazil, from 12 to 16 October 2015. It could be a good opportunity for possible candidates to attend this meeting, keeping in mind that the selected expert is expected to be supported and funded by his/her organization to attend SCUFN Meetings.

4. Criteria for the selection of SCUFN Members include:

- Profound knowledge in bathymetry, especially in the state of the art of ocean surveying and mapping;
- Experience in topographic terrain analysis;
- Familiarity in the compound field of international marine history;
- Basic cognizance in the marine Earth science disciplines.

5. A Curriculum Vitae outlining the credentials and experience of the nominee should be provided in support of any proposed candidate. The Directing Committee will then examine the nominations received and, in liaison with the SCUFN Chairman, Dr. Hans-Werner SCHENKE (Germany), will confirm the new member of the SCUFN or, if required, consult the Member States to assist in the selection.

6. The Directing Committee takes this opportunity to thank Ms. TAYLOR for her active and very practical engagement in SCUFN activities in general, and in the development of the GEBCO Gazetteer of Undersea Feature Names in particular, as well as the National Hydrographic Office of the USA (NOAA) for sponsoring her.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mustafa IPTES', is centered on the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent 'M' and 'I'.

Mustafa IPTES
Director

Annex A: SCUFN Membership List
Annex B: Nomination Form

GEBCO SUB-COMMITTEE ON UNDERSEA FEATURE NAMES (SCUFN)**Membership** (*August 2015*)

IHO	IOC
Dr. Yasuhiko OHARA (Japan)	Dr. Hans Werner SCHENKE (Chair) (Germany)
Lic. Walter REYNOSO-PERALTA (Argentina)	Mr. Norman Z. CHERKIS (USA)
Cdr. Ana Angélica ALBERONI (Brazil)	Dr. Ksenia DOBROLYUBOVA (Russian Federation)
LCdr. Felipe BARRIOS (Chile)	Dr. Vaughan STAGPOOLE (New Zealand)
Dr. Kian FADAIE (Canada)	Dr. Hyun-Chul HAN (Republic of Korea)
--	Prof. LIN Shaohua (China)

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NOMINATION FORM

(to be returned to the IHB info@iho.int by 30 October 2015)

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 applicant.