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To GEBCO Guiding Committee, Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names,
Technical Sub-Committee on Ocean Mapping, interim Sub-Committee on Regional
Undersea Mapping and Nippon Foundation/GEBCO Project Management Committee
and others

25 March 2010

Dear Colleague,

Meeting in Callao, Peru (11-18 September 2010)

First Circular

The GEBCO Guiding Committee, Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN), Technical Sub-Committee on Ocean Mapping (TSCOM), Interim Sub-Committee on Regional Undersea Mapping (iSCRUM) and Nippon Foundation/GEBCO Training Project Management Committee will meet at the offices of the Directorate of Hydrography and Navigation in Callao, Peru from 11 – 18 September 2010.

The address of the meeting is Directorate of Hydrography and Navigation (DHN), Gamarra 500, Chucuito, Callao, Peru. Our host is Rear Admiral Javier GAVIOLA Tejada and the Local Organiser is Second Lieutenant Luz CANO Zapata, Chief of the Institutional Affairs Office of the DHN (Email: lcano@dhn.mil.pe; Tel. (+51) 1 - 6136767; Fax (+51) 1 - 4658312).

1. Programme

The formal meeting Programme is planned as listed below, in chronological order, However not all participants will need, or will be encouraged, to attend for the whole of that period and most activities will take place between Monday 13 September and Saturday 18 September. Please note that this year the Guiding Committee will not meet in open session although some key non-GC members and official observers will be invited to attend.

SCUFN	Saturday 11 September – Tuesday 14 September
NF/GEBCO Project Management Committee	Monday 13 September (time tbc)
Working Groups	Monday 13 September
iSCRUM	Tuesday 14 September
Science Day	Wednesday 15 September
TSCOM WGs	Thursday 16 September
TSCOM	Friday 17 September
Guiding Committee	Saturday 18 September (location to be confirmed)

2. Passports and visas

A valid passport is required by all those entering Peru. All nationalities need a Tourist or Embarkation Card which is issued on entering Peru. Citizens of the European Union, USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand must hold a passport which is valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of entry.

All GEBCO participants should check, well before they travel, whether they will need a visa to enter Peru. I attach a full [list of the visa requirement](#) for citizens of each country. Any business-related unpaid work can be carried out on a tourist visa (see Turista column in the list). If in doubt please consult your local Peruvian consulate or the Peruvian embassy website in your country (www.rree.gob.pe). If you need a letter to support your visa application please contact the Local Organiser who will be pleased to help you.

In principle all visitors must be able to show that they hold a return ticket.

3. Travelling to Peru

Callao is part of Lima, the capital city of Peru, and lies on the coast just south of the Jorge Chavez International Airport and about 14 km from central Lima. However the hotels are all situated in the suburb of San Isidro east-southeast of the airport. If you tell the Local Organiser when your flight is scheduled to arrive she will arrange for you to be met at the airport and transported to your hotel. It would also greatly help with the local arrangements if you inform the Local Organiser by email, copied to me, of your participation in the meeting and where you are staying.

It is recommended that you seek medical advice on the precautions you should take against diseases that can be encountered in Peru.

4. Hotel accommodation

The following hotels have been recommended by our hosts. They are all in, or very close to, the San Isidro district about 3 km south of central Lima and roughly 14 km east of Callao. Hotels that do not offer transport to/from the meeting place should be asked to find you a reliable taxi for around US\$2-4 per taxi trip. It is not advisable to hail a taxi on the street because of the risk of crime.

A) Meliá Lima Hotel – 20 minutes by taxi from DHN
 Corporate Rates: Deluxe Individual US\$134, Deluxe Double US\$149
 Includes: breakfast, wireless and transportation to meeting place.

Avenida Salaverry 2599, San Isidro, Lima; www.melialima.solmelia.com; tel: (+51) 1 411 9000

B) San Isidro Inn – 25 minutes by taxi from DHN
Corporate Rates: Single Room US\$53, Double Room US\$64
Includes: breakfast

Avenida Juan Pezet 1765, San Isidro, Lima; www.sanisidroinn.com.pe; tel: (+51) 1 264 3370

C) Arenales Hotel (Hospedaje Arenales) – 30 minutes by taxi from DHN
Single Room US\$23, Double Room US\$30
Includes: breakfast

Avenida Arenales, Lince, Lima 14 (just north of San Isidro and close to the Natural History Museum); tel. (+51) 1 225 7267.

5. Local information

Lima lies only 12° of latitude south of the Equator. The coastal zone is temperate with a lot of humidity and scarce amounts of rain in the southern hemisphere wintertime (May to November). The Sierra zone in the surroundings of Lima is mild, cold or glacial according to the altitude. These characteristics are determined by the presence of the cold Humboldt Current, running along the Peruvian coast line. It is the reason for the almost absolute complete lack of rain, the high levels of humidity up to 98% (it is often cloudy and misty) and the mild temperatures that are typical of the central coast. The average daytime temperature ranges between 15° and 19°C, although there are winters in which the thermometer falls to 12°C. Temperatures are higher in the years in which El Niño is active.

You are strongly advised to drink only bottled water.

Please ask the Local Organiser, Second Lieutenant Luz CANO Zapata (lcano@dhn.mil.pe), if you need further information. I look forward to seeing you in Lima.

Best regards,



R.B. Whitmarsh

GEBCO Permanent Secretary