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- To : IOC Member States (Official Coordinating Bodies for liaison with the IOC),  
Permanent Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO, and  
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- cc. : IOC Officers  
Officers of Major IOC Subsidiary Bodies (Scientific, Technical and Regional), and IHO  
Secretariat (SCUFN Secretary)

**Subject: Appointment of new two IOC-affiliated members to the GEBCO  
Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN)**

With this letter, I wish to inform you of my decision to appoint two new members to the Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN) of the Joint IHO-IOC GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC) pursuant to [IOC Circular Letter 2883](#) dated 24 April 2022 by which I informed Member States of the vacant seats on the SCUFN and subsequently called for nominations. As a result of this call, the Secretariat received 11 candidatures from 9 Member States to which I would like to express my gratitude.

Following a thorough review of the technical skills and experience in the field of ocean mapping of the candidates and with due consideration given to gender and geographic balance across the whole SCUFN memberships, the following experts have respectively been appointed for a five-year term from the following dates:

**Ms Lorena da Fonseca Sampaio** has an effective appointment at the date of this letter.

Current position: Advisor on Continental Shelf Survey Project,  
Employer: Directorate of Hydrography and Navigation / Brazilian Navy  
Country: Brazil

**Dr Hyun Suk Lee** will have an effective appointment after the next SCUFN meeting in November 2022.

Current position: Visiting scientist: Geological Survey of Canada  
Employer: Natural Resource Canada, Korea Institute of Geoscience and  
Mineral Resources  
Country: Republic of Korea

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The new composition of the SCUFN is attached hereafter.

My appreciation goes to Ms Lorena de Fonseca Sampaio and Dr Hyun Suk Lee for their willingness to promote international cooperation in the field of ocean mapping in their personal capacities, their parent institutions and all nominating Member States.

Yours sincerely,

*[signed]*

Vladimir Ryabinin  
Executive Secretary

Enclosure: Composition of the GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names

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**Composition of GEBCO SCUFN Member (June 2022)**

1. IHO Appointed Members:		Term Period
Dr Yasuhiko OHARA (Vice-chair)	(Japan)	(2019–2023)
Prof. Roberta IVALDI	(Italy)	(2021–2025)
First Adm. Dr Najhan MD SAID	(Malaysia)	(2018–2022) <sup>1</sup>
Mr Trent PALMER	(USA)	(2018–2022) <sup>1</sup>
Prof. Millard F. COFFIN	(Australia)	(2020–2024)
<i>Vacant:</i>	<i>Call for nomination in progress</i>	<i>(IHO CL 17/2022)</i>

  

2. IOC Appointed Members:		Term Period
Dr Hyun-Chul HAN (Chair)	(Rep. of Korea)	(2019–2023) <sup>2</sup>
Mr Félix FRÍAS IBARRA	(Mexico)	(2022–2026)
Mr Kevin MACKAY	(New Zealand)	(2018–2022) <sup>1</sup>
Dr Sihai LI	(China)	(2018–2022) <sup>1</sup>
Mr Amon KIMELI	(Kenya)	(2019–2023) <sup>1</sup>
Ms Lorena da FONSECA SAMPAIO	(Brazil)	(2022–2026)
Dr Hyun SUK LEE	(Rep. of Korea)	(2022–2026) <sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Additional five-year period planned and agreed.

<sup>2</sup> Dr Han announced his intention to step down from his membership to SCUFN after the SCUFN 35.2 meeting scheduled in November 2022.

<sup>3</sup> Dr Hyun Suk Lee is requested to attend as an observer at the SCUFN 35.2 meeting, and he will be duly approved as the SCUFN member at the end of the meeting.