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

Subject: Nomination of IOC representatives to the GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC) and information on new Chair and Vice-Chair of GGC

This letter informs you of my decision to appoint two new IOC members to the Joint IHO-IOC GEBCO Guiding Committee pursuant to [IOC Circular Letter 2820](#) dated 8 December 2020 on the same subject. As a result of this call, the Secretariat received 15 candidatures from 10 Member States to which I would like to express my gratitude.

Following a thorough review of the candidates' technical skills and experience in the field of ocean mapping and with due consideration of gender and geographic balance across the whole GGC membership, the following experts were appointed for a five-year term as from 21 January 2021:

Ms Kim Picard, AusSeabed Program Director, Geoscience Australia (GA), National Earth and Marine Observation Group, Australia

Mr Prashant Kumar Srivastava, Cdr., Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), India

I thank the experts for their willingness to promote international cooperation in the field of ocean mapping in their personal capacity. I thank as well as their parent institutions and the nominating Member States.

At its 37th meeting on 18–20 January 2021, the GEBCO GGC elected a new chair and vice chair, respectively, Mr Evert Flier, Norwegian Mapping Authority, and Ms Marzia Rovere, National Research Council, Italy. I congratulate them on their successful election and express sincere gratitude of the IOC to Rear Admiral Shin Tani (outgoing chair) for his longstanding devoted

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contribution to GEBCO and his seminal role in promoting collaboration across the hydrographic and oceanographic communities.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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Enclosure: Composition of the Joint IHO-IOC GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC)
as from 21 January 2021

Annex

COMPOSITION OF THE JOINT IHO-IOC GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE (GGC)

1. IHO Appointed Members:		Term Period
Vice Adm. (ret) Shin Tani	(Japan)	(2018-2023) *
Mr David Millar	(USA)	(2018-2023)
Mr Evert Flier (Chair)	(Norway)	(2019-2024)
Cpt. Rodrigo de Souza Obino	(Brazil)	(2019-2024)
Mr Samuel Harper	(UK)	(2020-2025)
2. IOC Appointed Members:		Term Period
Dr Martin Jakobsson	(Sweden)	(2018-2023) *
Lt. Dr Karolina Zwolak	(Poland)	(2018-2023)
Dr Marzia Rovere (Vice-chair)	(Italy)	(2019-2024)
Dr Kim Picard	(Australia)	(2021-2026)
Cdr. Prashant Kumar Srivastava	(India)	(2021-2026)
3. Ex-officio Members:		
Dr Vicki Ferrini	(USA)	(Chair of SCRUM)
Mr Thierry Schmitt	(France)	(Chair of TSCOM)
Mr Hyun-Chul Han	(Republic of Korea)	(Chair of SCUFN)
Dr Hyo Hyun Sung	(Republic of Korea)	(Chair of SCOPE)
Ms Jennifer Jencks	(USA)	(Director of IHO-DCDB)
4. Secretary:		Term Period
Mr David Wyatt	(IHO)	(2021-2025)

Notes:

* Members serving a second 5-year term