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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: Appointment of new IOC-affiliated member to the Joint IHO-IOC Guiding Committee for the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO)**

With this letter, I wish to inform you of my decision to appoint a new member to the Joint IHO-IOC GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC) pursuant to [IOC Circular Letter 2867](#) dated 25 November 2021 by which I informed Member States of the vacant seat on the GEBCO GC and subsequently called for nominations. As a result of this call, the Secretariat received 14 candidatures from 13 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 GGC membership, **Mr Paul M. Brett, Associate Vice President, Marine Institute, Research and Strategic Partnerships (Canada)**, was appointed for an initial five-year term effective immediately.

The new composition of the GGC is attached hereafter.

I thank Mr Brett for his willingness to promote international cooperation in the field of ocean mapping in his personal capacity with the support of his parent institution and all nominating Member States.

Yours sincerely,

*[signed]*

Vladimir Ryabinin  
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Enclosure: Current Composition of the Joint IHO-IOC GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC)

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## 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)
Dr Geoffroy Lamarche	(New Zealand)	(2021-2026)
2. IOC Appointed Members:		Term Period
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)
<b>Mr Paul M. Brett</b>	<b>(Canada)</b>	<b>(2022-2027)</b>
3. Ex-officio Members:		
Ms Aileen Bohan	(Ireland)	(Chair of SCRUM) **
Mr George Spoelstra	(Netherlands)	(Chair of TSCOM) **
Dr Hyun-Chul Han	(Republic of Korea)	(Chair of SCUFN)
Mr Timothy Kearns	(USA)	(Chair of SCOPE) **
Ms Jennifer Jencks	(USA)	(Director of IHO-DCDB)
4. Secretary:		Term Period
Mr Samuel Harper	(IHO)	(2021-2026)

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*Notes:*

\* Members serving a second 5-year term

\*\* Members were appointed at the GGC Intersessional meeting in February 2022

*SCRUM: Sub-Committee on Regional Undersea Mapping*

*TSCOM: Technical Sub-Committee on Ocean Mapping*

*SCUFN: Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names*

*SCOPE: Sub-Committee on Communications, Outreach and Public Engagement*

*IHO-DCDB: IHO Data Centre for Digital Bathymetry*