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28 February 2013

To: Official National Coordinating Body for liaison with the IOC Member States of Group I

cc: Chair IOC
Vice chair IOC, Group I
Co-Chairs of the GOOS Steering Committee
Permanent Delegations/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States of Region I
National Commissions of IOC Member States of Group I

Subject: Nomination of expert to serve on GOOS Steering Committee required by 31 March 2013 for appointment by Member State Electoral Group

This circular letter invites Member States from the Electoral Group I, North America and Europe, to nominate scientific experts to be considered for appointment by the Electoral Group to serve on the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) Steering Committee as the single appointed representative of Group I.

The IOC Assembly at its Twenty-sixth Session (22 June – 6 July, 2011) established the governance structure of GOOS in Resolution XXVI-8. The GOOS Steering Committee (SC) exists to develop targets and work plans for GOOS, monitor its development and assess its performance, and advise on developing GOOS capacity in all Member States. The GOOS SC "will be comprised of up to 15 members. Five experts will be appointed by Member State "Electoral Groups" during the IOC Assembly, one from each group. These five experts will have, in addition to their technical expertise, the role of providing policy advice and guidance to the Steering Committee, consistent with that of the IOC Governing Bodies."

The IOC Officers have agreed upon a procedure to accomplish the nomination of candidates by Member States and the appointment of one expert from each Electoral Group, if possible by consensus (see Attachment I).

I therefore invite the Region I Member States to nominate experts in the field of observational oceanography and committed to working with the GOOS Steering Committee, for the term from 1 January 2014 – 31 December 2015.

.../...
The present appointed expert from your Electoral Group, Dr. Margarita Gregg, has served only one term and is therefore eligible for a second term if re-appointed.

Nominations with the candidate’s CV should be submitted to the Secretariat no later than 31 March 2013, by e-mail to Tom Gross (t.gross@unesco.org).

Looking forward to your earliest reply, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Wendy Watson-Wright
Assistant Director-General, UNESCO
Executive Secretary, IOC
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To: Official National Coordinating Body for liaison with the IOC Member States of Group II

cc.: Chair IOC
Vice chair IOC, Group II
Co-Chairs of the GOOS Steering Committee
Permanent Delegations/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States Region II
National Commissions of IOC Member States of Group II

Subject: Nomination of expert to serve on GOOS Steering Committee required by 31 March 2013 for appointment by Member State Electoral Group

This circular letter invites Member States from the Electoral Group II, Eastern Europe, to nominate scientific experts to be considered for appointment by the Electoral Group to serve on the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) Steering Committee as the single appointed representative of Group II.

The IOC Assembly at its Twenty-sixth Session (22 June – 6 July, 2011) established the governance structure of GOOS in Resolution XXVI-8. The GOOS Steering Committee (SC) exists to develop targets and work plans for GOOS, monitor its development and assess its performance, and advise on developing GOOS capacity in all Member States. The GOOS SC “will be comprised of up to 15 members. Five experts will be appointed by Member State “Electoral Groups” during the IOC Assembly, one from each group. These five experts will have, in addition to their technical expertise, the role of providing policy advice and guidance to the Steering Committee, consistent with that of the IOC Governing Bodies."

The IOC Officers have agreed upon a procedure to accomplish the nomination of candidates by Member States and the appointment of one expert from each Electoral Group, if possible by consensus (see Attachment I).

I therefore invite the Region II Member States to nominate experts in the field of observational oceanography and committed to working with the GOOS Steering Committee, for the term from 1 January 2014 – 31 December 2015.

.../...
The present appointed expert from your Electoral Group, Dr Alexander Postnov, has served only one term and is therefore eligible for a second term if re-appointed.

Nominations with the candidate’s CV should be submitted to the Secretariat no later than 31 March 2013, by e-mail to Tom Gross (t.gross@unesco.org).

Looking forward to your earliest reply, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Wendy Watson-Wright
Assistant Director-General, UNESCO
Executive Secretary, IOC
To: Official National Coordinating Body for liaison with the IOC Member States of Group III

cc.: Chair IOC
Vice chair IOC, Group III
Co-Chairs of the GOOS Steering Committee
Permanent Delegations/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States Region III
National Commissions of IOC Member States of Group III

Subject: Nomination of expert to serve on GOOS Steering Committee required by 31 March 2013 for appointment by Member State Electoral Group III

This circular letter invites Member States from the Electoral Group III, The Caribbean and Latin America, to nominate scientific experts to be considered for appointment by the Electoral Group to serve on the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) Steering Committee as the single appointed representative of Group III.

The IOC Assembly at its Twenty-sixth Session (22 June – 6 July, 2011) established the governance structure of GOOS in Resolution XXVI-8. The GOOS Steering Committee (SC) exists to develop targets and work plans for GOOS, monitor its development and assess its performance, and advise on developing GOOS capacity in all Member States. The GOOS SC “will be comprised of up to 15 members. Five experts will be appointed by Member State “Electoral Groups” during the IOC Assembly, one from each group. These five experts will have, in addition to their technical expertise, the role of providing policy advice and guidance to the Steering Committee, consistent with that of the IOC Governing Bodies.”

The IOC Officers have agreed upon a procedure to accomplish the nomination of candidates by Member States and the appointment of one expert from each Electoral Group, if possible by consensus (see Attachment I).

I therefore invite the Region III Member States to nominate experts in the field of observational oceanography and committed to working with the GOOS Steering Committee, for the term from 1 January 2014 – 31 December 2015.

.../...
The present appointed expert from your Electoral Group, Capt. (Ret) Frederico A. Saraiva Nogueira, has served only one term and is therefore eligible for a second term if re-appointed.

Nominations with the candidate’s CV should be submitted to the Secretariat no later than 31 March 2013, by e-mail to Tom Gross (t.gross@unesco.org).

Looking forward to your earliest reply, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Wendy Watson-Wright
Assistant Director-General, UNESCO
Executive Secretary, IOC
To: Official National Coordinating Body for liaison with the IOC Member States of Group IV

cc.: Chair IOC
Vice chair IOC, Group IV
Co-Chairs of the GOOS Steering Committee
Permanent Delegations/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States Region IV
National Commissions of IOC Member States of Group IV

Subject: Nomination of expert to serve on GOOS Steering Committee required by 31 March 2013 for appointment by Member State Electoral Group IV

This circular letter invites Member States from the Electoral Group IV, Asia and Pacific Islands, to nominate scientific experts to be considered for appointment by the Electoral Group to serve on the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) Steering Committee as the single appointed representative of Group IV.

The IOC Assembly at its Twenty-sixth Session (22 June – 6 July, 2011) established the governance structure of GOOS in Resolution XXVI-8. The GOOS Steering Committee (SC) exists to develop targets and work plans for GOOS, monitor its development and assess its performance, and advise on developing GOOS capacity in all Member States. The GOOS SC "will be comprised of up to 15 members. Five experts will be appointed by Member State “Electoral Groups” during the IOC Assembly, one from each group. These five experts will have, in addition to their technical expertise, the role of providing policy advice and guidance to the Steering Committee, consistent with that of the IOC Governing Bodies."

The IOC Officers have agreed upon a procedure to accomplish the nomination of candidates by Member States and the appointment of one expert from each Electoral Group, if possible by consensus (see Attachment I).

I therefore invite the Region IV Member States to nominate experts in the field of observational oceanography and committed to working with the GOOS Steering Committee, for the term from 1 January 2014 – 31 December 2015.

.../...
The present appointed expert from your Electoral Group, Prof Shao Hua Lin, has served only one term and is therefore eligible for a second term if re-appointed.

Nominations with the candidate’s CV should be submitted to the Secretariat no later than 31 March 2013, by e-mail to Tom Gross (t.gross@unesco.org).

Looking forward to your earliest reply, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Wendy Watson-Wright
Assistant Director-General, UNESCO
Executive Secretary, IOC
**IOC Circular Letter No.2476-(v)**

*(Available in English, French, Spanish and Russian)*

| Date: 28 February 2013 |

**To:** Official National Coordinating Body for liaison with the IOC Member States of Group V

**cc:** Chair IOC  
Vice-chair IOC, Group V  
Co-Chairs of the GOOS Steering Committee  
Permanent Delegations/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States Region V  
National Commissions of IOC Member States of Group V

**Subject:** Nomination of expert to serve on GOOS Steering Committee required by 31 March 2013 for appointment by Member State Electoral Group V

This circular letter invites Member States from the Electoral Group V, Africa, to nominate scientific experts to be considered for appointment by the Electoral Group to serve on the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) Steering Committee as the single appointed representative of Group V.

The IOC Assembly at its Twenty-sixth Session (22 June–6 July, 2011) established the governance structure of GOOS in Resolution XXVI-8. The GOOS Steering Committee (SC) exists to develop targets and work plans for GOOS, monitor its development and assess its performance, and advise on developing GOOS capacity in all Member States. The GOOS SC "will be comprised of up to 15 members. Five experts will be appointed by Member State “Electoral Groups” during the IOC Assembly, one from each group. These five experts will have, in addition to their technical expertise, the role of providing policy advice and guidance to the Steering Committee, consistent with that of the IOC Governing Bodies."

The IOC Officers have agreed upon a procedure to accomplish the nomination of candidates by Member States and the appointment of one expert from each Electoral Group, if possible by consensus (see Attachment I).

I therefore invite the Region V Member States to nominate experts in the field of observational oceanography and committed to working with the GOOS Steering Committee, for the term from 1 January 2014 – 31 December 2015.

.../...
The present appointed expert from your Electoral Group, Dr Ashley Johnson, has served only one term and is therefore eligible for a second term if re-appointed.

Nominations with the candidate’s CV should be submitted to the Secretariat **no later than 31 March 2013**, by e-mail to Tom Gross (t.gross@unesco.org).

Looking forward to your earliest reply, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Wendy Watson-Wright
Assistant Director-General, UNESCO
Executive Secretary, IOC
Annex I
Procedure for Appointment of Five Experts by Member State “Electoral Groups” to GOOS Steering Committee.

Agreed upon by IOC Chairs at IOC Officer’s Meeting, 14-15 Jan. 2013.

From IOC Resolution XXVI-8:

"the GOOS Steering Committee will be comprised of up to 15 members. Five experts will be appointed by Member State “Electoral Groups” during the IOC Assembly, one from each group. These five experts will have, in addition to their technical expertise, the role of providing policy advice and guidance to the Steering Committee, consistent with that of the IOC Governing Bodies." [2 Decides Further (i)]

Proposed procedure for appointments of GOOS SC experts appointed by IOC Groups:

1. IOC secretariat will write to each Group separately asking them for nominations (with CVs), and reminding them of the expert status / needed expertise for the position, the possibility of extending the incumbent one additional term, and showing the status of the 10 other members of the Committee (expertise, gender, country). Deadline for nominations will be 6 weeks after letter. The Secretariat will compile and provide the list of nominees to the officers of the IOC.

2. IOC officer for the region tries by e-mail/calls with the IOC National Focal Points to come to a consensus appointment of expert from the Group before the Assembly.

3. If no consensus is reached before the Assembly, the IOC Officer for the region convenes a Group meeting outside of plenary to discuss candidates and try to arrive at consensus.

4. If no consensus can be reached through Group meeting, the Secretariat will conduct a vote, within each Group (only of Group Member States) at a meeting outside of the plenary, in English only*, according to the voting procedures in the IOC Rules of Procedure (Section XIV).

* possibly adapted to dominant Group language(s) based on secretariat ability and availability
Annex II

Membership of GOOS Steering Committee, Feb. 2013

Name; gender; Nationality

Co-Chairs:

Dr John GUNN; m; Australia
Dr Eric LINDSTROM; m; USA

Regional Group Representatives

Dr. Margarita GREGG (Region I Representative); f; USA
Dr Alexander POSTNOV (Region II Representative); m; Russian Federation
Capt. (Ret) Frederico A. SARAIVA NOGUEIRA (Region III Representative); m; Brazil
Prof Shao Hua LIN (Region IV Representative); f; China
Dr Ashley JOHNSON (Region V Representative); m; South Africa

Scientific and Technical Experts:

Dr. Anthony KNAP; m; Bermuda, U.K.
Dr Pierre-Yves LE TRAON; m; France
Mr Ali MAFIMBO; m; Kenya
Doctor en Oceanografia Jose MUELBERT; m; Brazil
Dr Rosalia SANTOLERI; f; Italy
Dr Maria SNOUSSI; f; Morocco
Dr Song SUN; m; China
Dr Susan WIJFFELS; f; Australia

Sponsors Representatives:

ICSU, WMO, UNEP

Ex-Officio members:

Chairs of JCOMM, IODE, GOOS Regional Alliance Council