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- To :** IOC Member States (Official National Coordinating Bodies for liaison with the IOC)
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 National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States
- cc. :** The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission
 Officers of Major IOC Subsidiary Bodies (Scientific, Technical and Regional)
- Subject: Nippon Foundation / GEBCO (General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans)
 Training Project Year 15 (2018–2019)**

Please be advised that nominations are being sought for the fifteenth class of the IOC-IHO-Nippon Foundation / GEBCO Training Programme at the University of New Hampshire, USA, leading to the Postgraduate Certificate in Ocean Bathymetry from GEBCO. The 15th course will begin in late August 2018 (pending funding to be confirmed end of March by the Nippon Foundation.).

Students will undertake an intensive 12-month training comprised of lectures, practical laboratory and on-the-water projects, secondments to relevant laboratories and cruises on research or survey ships. In addition to teaching staff from the university, other experts will be brought in from elsewhere for limited periods to give specialist lectures.

The course syllabus includes acoustics, positioning, satellite altimetry, sonar performance, survey design, uncertainty management, geology, margin and abyssal sediments, bottom composition and acoustic backscatter, structure of ocean basins, physical oceanography, data analysis and integration and surface interpolation. Students can also select additional courses from a range of speciality electives.

The language of instruction is English: candidates must demonstrate capability to undertake graduate level instruction in English to the satisfaction of the University of New Hampshire. The minimum standard for admission is a four-year Bachelor's degree in a related field.

A description of the course, eligibility for entry, financial details, schedule, course content, contact information and a downloadable application form are available at:

http://www.gebco.net/training/training_project/

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Application forms should be sent by email as an *attached* file, to the Course Director, nfg_project_manager@ccom.unh.edu, as soon as possible and no later than 31st March 2018. Please note that applications sent directly to the IOC will not be considered. Looking forward to your earliest reply, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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