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To GEBCO Technical Sub-Committee on Ocean Mapping, GEBCO Sub-Committee on Regional Undersea Mapping, Representatives from the International Hydrographic Bureau, Representatives from the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, other participating GEBCO members and interested parties.

Dear Colleagues,

### **Meeting in the San Francisco Bay Area, USA, December 11-13, 2014**

#### **First Circular**

The GEBCO Technical Sub-Committee on Ocean Mapping (TSCOM) and GEBCO Sub-Committee on Regional Undersea Mapping (SCRUM) will meet at Google Headquarters in Mountain View, California, USA. The address of the meeting is Google Headquarters, GWC3 building, 1505 Salado Dr, Mountain View, CA. Our host is Jenifer Austin, Manager of the Google Ocean Program ([jenifer@google.com](mailto:jenifer@google.com)).

#### **1. Program**

The agenda for the TSCOM-SCRUM meeting is currently being developed. The TSCOM-SCRUM will meet December 11-13. The joint TSCOM - SCRUM meeting is open to all who are interested in ocean mapping. If you plan on attending the meeting, please inform the chairman of your interest (TSCOM - Dr. Karen Marks, email: [Karen.Marks@noaa.gov](mailto:Karen.Marks@noaa.gov) and SCRUM - Dr. Martin Jakobsson, email: [martin.jakobsson@geo.su.se](mailto:martin.jakobsson@geo.su.se)). Also please inform the GEBCO Secretary, David Clark ([David.M.Clark@noaa.gov](mailto:David.M.Clark@noaa.gov)) of your interest in attending.

The GEBCO Bathymetric Science Day may be held as a session at the Fall American Geophysical Union meeting (<http://fallmeeting.agu.org/2014>) during the week of December 15-19, 2014 in San Francisco, California, USA; or alternatively in

conjunction with the TSCOM-SCRUM meeting, venue to be determined. A call for papers will be issued in the near future.

Please note that the GEBCO Guiding Committee will be meeting separately this year from the TSCOM - SCRUM meeting. It will meet in Monaco, June 13-15, 2014.

## **2. Passports and visas**

A valid passport is required by all those entering the United States and should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of entry. Temporary visitors to the U.S. must comply with U.S. visa immigration law and specific procedures to apply for your visa. Attendees from many countries may not need a US visa if their country participates in the Visa Waiver Program. For information on this and other important visa information see: [http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa\\_1750.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html)

All GEBCO participants should check, well before they travel, whether they will need a visa to enter the United States. It is strongly recommended that you apply well in advance for your U.S. visa. In principle all visitors must be able to show that they hold a return ticket.

If you need a **letter of invitation** to support your visa application please contact David Clark, GEBCO Permanent Secretary, at the address above.

## **3. Hotel accommodation**

There are many hotels in the Mountain View area and are available through the various online hotel booking web sites. Some recommended hotels are:

Crowne Plaza Palo Alto  
4290 El Camino Real  
Palo Alto, CA 94306  
Approx \$236US per night  
Tel: +1 800 863 7818

<http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/palo-alto/sfoca/hoteldetail>

Hotel Avante  
860 E. El Camino Real  
Mountain View, CA 94040  
Approx \$206US per night  
Tel: +1 650.940.1000

<http://www.jdvhotels.com/hotels/california/silicon-valley-hotels/hotel-avante>

The Zen Hotel  
4164 El Camino Real  
Palo Alto, CA 94306  
Tel: +1 650 493 4492  
Approx \$143US per night  
<http://www.thezenhotel.com>

Hotel Parmani  
3200 El Camino Real  
Palo Alto, CA 94306

Tel: +1 650 493 9085  
Approx \$134US per night  
<http://www.hotelparmani.com>

Americas Best Value Inn - Sky Ranch  
4234 El Camino Real  
Palo Alto, CA 94306  
Approx \$114US per night  
Tel: +1 650 493 7221  
<http://www.americasbestvalueinn.com/bestv.cfm?idp=725>

If the GEBCO Science Day is held during the Fall AGU, there are many hotels available in conjunction with the conference. Housing for the 2014 Fall Meeting will be available in summer 2014.

#### **4. Local Travel Information**

Mountain View in California is located in the heart of the Silicon Valley

Mountain View is reachable from all three Bay Area airports:

San Francisco: Take a short ride on the BART train to Millbrae station, then take Caltrain southbound service.

San Jose: Take a free shuttle to Caltrain's Santa Clara station and then take the northbound train service. Also, you can take a free shuttle to the VTA Metro/Airport station and take the VTA light rail.

Oakland: Take a shuttle van service. This is the least desirable of the three airports in terms of distance. You can also take a shuttle to the Coliseum/Oakland Airport BART station, take BART to Millbrae station, then take Caltrain southbound.

##### By train

Caltrain service connects Mountain View to San Francisco and San Jose. There are two stops. Most trains stop at downtown (Castro St) stop.

It is possible to connect to Amtrak trains via San Jose Diridon station via Caltrain.

There is also a VTA light rail service that connects downtown to several suburb locations in the south bay. VTA light rail can also be used to connect to the Amtrak Capitol Corridor train (to Sacramento) in Santa Clara.

#### **5. Meeting Registration**

It is very important that you register your attendance to the meeting with the GEBCO Permanent Secretary, David Clark at the address above. Please send your name, institution, email address and the dates you will attend the TSCOM-SCRUM meeting. This information is necessary to plan the agenda and logistics for the meeting.

#### **5. Local information**

Mountain View is a city in Santa Clara County, in the San Francisco Bay Area of California. It is named for its views of the Santa Cruz Mountains. The city shares its borders with the cities of Palo Alto, Los Altos, and Sunnyvale, as well as Moffett

Federal Airfield and the San Francisco Bay. As of the 2010 census, the city had a population of 74,066.

Situated in Silicon Valley, Mountain View is home to many high technology companies. In 1956, Shockley Semiconductor Laboratory, the first company to develop silicon semiconductor devices in what came to be known as Silicon Valley, was established in the city by William Shockley. Today, many of the largest technology companies in the world are headquartered in the city.

Mountain View has a warm-summer Mediterranean climate. Summers are warm and dry, while winters are mild and wet.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

David Clark  
GEBCO Permanent Secretary