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Its true, it really is a month since the last edition. Here, in response to a moderate demand for more, is the second edition of the GEBCO Newsletter.

1. Bill Rankin is working on upgrading the grid, addressing Hudson Bay and at present. He denies that he is only interested in a subsidiary feature that leads into Hudson Bay, Rankin Inlet.
2. GEBCO website. George Newton and Walter Smith have added their biographical sketches and pictures. Andrew Goodwillie requests that ALL GEBCO people submit a short biographical sketch/picture to Bob Whitmarsh for inclusion.
3. Hans -Werner Schenke reports that a very good SCUFN Meeting was held in St. Petersburg, 8-11. June attended by H.W. Schenke, L. Taylor, N. Cherkis, G. Agapova, V. Sobolev, the new Member, appointed by the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department of Japan, Dr. Yasuhido Ohara), SCUFN Secretary M. Huet and the Secretary of ACUF, T. Palmer. Several Russian scientists and hydrographers also participated. Jose Luis Frias Salazar also attended the meeting, giving a lot of input for discussions about features, names, etc. Walter Reynoso Peralta from the Servicio Hidrografia Naval of Argentina could not participate due to Visa Problems.

Major topics of the Meeting included the in-depth

- a. discussion and acceptance of new proposed names,
- b. introductions of
 - the new PC-based Gazetteer -Software from the IHB
 - development for a new web-based UFN Proposal Form at NGDC
 - development for a web-based map interface to marine Gazetteers at NGDC,
- c. new regulation for the submittal of proposals via the IHB to SCUFN.

An extraordinarily large number of proposals was tabled, and for the first time presented to SCUFN, by the HDNO and the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS), which could not all be discussed and handled during the meeting. A large number of proposals had to be deferred to the next meeting in 2005.

4. Fiona Rachel Gluck Smith, a second daughter for Walter, was born June 25th Friday evening. Congratulations to all the Smiths!
5. You may recall that after the Centenary conference, there was discussion of having the papers presented at the conference appear in a journal. John Hall has volunteered to act as editor and is asking for papers for the special edition of MarGeophRes. Although the special edition should be primarily based on the Centenary conference papers, John is suggesting that authors may wish to update their papers. Please contact John directly on this.

6. Bob Fisher was honored at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution July 7th at a meeting of the Ocean Studies Board of the U.S. National Academies. Desmond Scott presented Bob with the Drake Medal for his lifetime achievements and contributions to deep-sea mapping. Tony Loughton presented the history of GEBCO and made a plea that all ships collect depth data and submit it to GEBCO. Andrew Goodwillie mounted a display of the Indian Ocean Bathymetry sheets that Bob had worked on for so long and gave "mini-poster sessions" to the fifty plus attendees. John Hall took many pictures while I attended as a pretty face.

7. Mr Unno of the Nippon Foundation visited UNH to advise on the final selection of students for the class that will begin in September. Larry Mayer gave him a tour and ppt presentation (animated and 3-D of course), the Dean of Grad Studies gave him lunch, and he gave me several hours grilling over the candidate selection process. With 57 applicants from 32 countries, it was not easy but we did get down to the final seven. They had then to be notified and asked to apply to the university. We had arranged that the university would accept them quickly, which they did. The next step is for the students to obtain visas to study in the United States, which requires that the university issue them a form to take to an American consulate. Before the form can be issued, the students have to file a financial statement with the university, which they all have done. At least five have received their forms from the university and are making travel plans. This is shaping up very well.

8 Martin Klenke [mklenke@awi-bremerhaven.de] informs us that the Executive Council of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) "... strongly supports the establishment of an International Bathymetric Chart of the Southern Ocean (IBCSO), for which a planning meeting will be organized by Alfred Wegener Institute ..." Friday, 30 July 2004 in the course of the XXVIII SCAR conference in Bremen/Germany. I don't know if any GEBCO people plan to attend, but if you do, please underline that GEBCO wants to cooperate and also send a sentence or two for the newsletter.

That's it, that's all. Sorry if I missed anything-please jog my memory and I will include it next week

Dave Monahan

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