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To GEBCO Sub-Committee on Digital Bathymetry and other attendees

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Dear Colleague,

**First Circular: Meeting of GEBCO Sub-Committee on Digital Bathymetry and
Science Day (11th – 13th September 2007)**

The GEBCO Sub-Committee on Digital Bathymetry (SCDB) will meet at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University in Palisades, NY, USA on 11th through 13th September 2007 starting at 09.00 hours. The 12th September will be GEBCO's Second Annual Bathymetric Science Day, with oral and poster presentations on all aspects of ocean bathymetry. These meetings are open to all interested parties. Proposed Agenda items and presentations for the Science Day may be submitted to Dr. Walter H. F. Smith, Chair of SCDB, by email to walter.hf.smith@noaa.gov. A Call for Papers accompanies this Circular.

The local hosts will be Dr. William B. F. Ryan, Doherty Senior Scholar at Lamont and Adjunct Professor at Columbia University, and Dr. Suzanne Carbotte, Bruce C. Heezen Senior Research Scientist at Lamont. They are supported by Ms. Regina Peragine of Lamont's Marine Geology and Geophysics Division administration. In the first instance, please contact Reg Peragine (tel. +1 (845) 365-8336, fax +1 (845) 365-8156, email peragine@ldeo.columbia.edu) if you have a query about the travel or hotel arrangements for the meeting. Information about Lamont can be found at www.ldeo.columbia.edu.

1. Registration

There will be no registration fee. Formal pre-registration is not required; however, attendees are asked to confirm their participation to Ms. Peragine after making their hotel reservations, and to indicate how much poster presentation space they desire.

2. Travel arrangements

2.1 By air. The closest international airports to Lamont are John F Kennedy (JFK) and Newark (EWR). La Guardia airport (LGA) mainly handles domestic flights. Other nearby regional airports are Westchester County NY (HPN) and Islip NY (ISP).

Newark Airport in New Jersey (EWR) is on the west side of the Hudson River and so Tenafly and Lamont can be reached without crossing the River or passing through New York City. This is the recommended international airport for accessing Lamont. For those who wish to rent a car but avoid the City and bridge traffic, Newark is a good choice but, before setting out, be sure to obtain clear instructions on how to reach Tenafly or Lamont by the Palisades Interstate Parkway and to avoid inadvertently crossing the George Washington Bridge into New York City.

New York's JFK, LGA and ISP airports are on Long Island, on the opposite side of the City and the Hudson River from Tenafly and Lamont. Limousine (taxi) service from JFK or LGA to Tenafly is about US\$140 plus tolls and tip, and people using these airports would do well to arrange to share cars or limousines with colleagues. Travellers are urged to use EWR instead.

2.2 By train. Inter-city rail travel (see www.amtrak.com) is good in the "Northeast Corridor" connecting the cities of Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Newark, New York, Providence and Boston. You may find a lower airfare by including one of these cities in your trip. The train station at "Metropark NJ", though farther south than Newark, may offer the most direct connection to major auto highways.

2.3 By car. See www.ideo.columbia.edu/ideo/contact/ for instructions on how to reach Lamont by road. If you wish to drive to Lamont be aware of the security arrangements for visitor entry and parking (www-admin.ideo.columbia.edu/cps/ParkingPolicy.htm).

3. Hotel accommodation

The local hosts recommend that all participants in the SCDB meetings stay at the Clinton Inn, 145 Dean Drive, Tenafly, New Jersey (www.clinton-inn.com/) Shuttle vans between the Clinton Inn and Lamont will be provided on the 11th through 13th.

The Clinton Inn is located in the centre of Tenafly, a small suburban town in New Jersey's business district, where you can readily find restaurants and shops within easy walking distance. The Inn serves breakfast and also evening meals. All guest rooms include: individual climate controls, data ports, voice mail, cable TV with remote control, High Speed Internet Access, in-room coffee/tea maker and complimentary coffee and tea, work desk with comfortable ergonomic chair, power outlets at the desk level and other facilities.

A block of rooms is available for a group rate of US\$125 per night, plus occupancy taxes. Reservations may be made by emailing Ms Linda Russo (email L.Russo@concordhotels.com). You must specify that you are with Reg Peragine's "Lamont" group to get the group rate. The hotel can be contacted directly by phone on +1 (201) 871-3200 or by Fax at +1 (201) 568-1758. Once you have made your

hotel reservation please inform Ms. Peragine at Lamont (email peragine@ldeo.columbia.edu) that you have done so.

Those who prefer to stay in New York City should make their own hotel and transportation arrangements and will be responsible for getting themselves to the meetings on time. A list of hotels with a special Columbia University rate may be found at www.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/admissions/visiting/accom.php. There is a shuttle bus between Lamont and Columbia University's Morningside Heights Campus on the upper west side of Manhattan in the City (118th Street and Amsterdam). Shuttle information is at <http://www-admin.ldeo.columbia.edu/acs/shuttle.htm>. Travellers choosing this option must be sure to arrive at the shuttle stop before 0800 hours each morning in order to arrive at the meetings on time.

4. Sightseeing around Lamont, the Hudson Valley and in New York City

A short guide is being prepared for those who may wish to explore the hiking trails and villages around Lamont or do some sightseeing in New York City and the region. Please let me know if you are interested in being sent a copy.

Regards,

Bob Whitmarsh
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