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To GEBCO Personalities and Colleagues

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Dear Colleague,

### **Second Circular: GEBCO Meetings in 2006**

As already mentioned in the First Circular (see [www.gebco.net](http://www.gebco.net)) the GEBCO Guiding Committee, the Sub-Committee on Digital Bathymetry (SCDB) and the Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature names (SCUFN) will meet in Bremerhaven, Germany from 14 -23 June 2006. In addition, the Consultative Group on Ocean Mapping (GCOM) of IOC will hold a meeting in connection with this event. You will find recent information about the meetings, including detailed schedules, on the webpage [www.gebco.de](http://www.gebco.de).

The current meeting schedule outline is as follows,

Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June:	SCDB - Meeting
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup> June:	Open Science Workshop
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> June:	CGOM-Meeting
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> June:	SCDB break-out sessions and WG
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> June:	Excursion to Helgoland
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> June a.m.:	Joint session GEBCO-GC and CGOM
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June:	GEBCO Guiding Committee
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> June – Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June:	SCUFN - Meeting

The meeting will be accompanied by two exhibitions which are closely related to ocean mapping: "The echo sounder" and "Otto Krümmel – German pioneer on oceanography and contributor to the first GEBCO-Edition".

This circular will provide you with further information about the registration procedure, handling of arrival and departure and the accompanying persons' program.

## **1. Registration Form**

There are two possibilities for registering. You can either fill out the online registration form on the webpage of the GEBCO meeting or download it as a PDF-file and fax it to the AWI in Bremerhaven.

Due to a large amount of logistical pre-arrangements, we kindly ask you to notify us of your participation before May 15<sup>th</sup> 2006. More detailed information such as arrival and departure times etc. can be forwarded to us later.

We advise you to book your flights as early as possible, since – due to the Soccer World Championship taking place in Germany this summer – many flights will be occupied during this time and/or prices will rise unreasonably high the closer to the travel date the booking takes place.

## **2. Travel arrangements**

There are several options for travelling to Bremerhaven. The nearest international airports are Bremen (65 km/ 41 miles) and Hamburg-Fuhlsbuettel (160 km/ 100 miles); Hannover (150 km/ 93 miles) is also a possibility. Detailed information about flights etc. can be found in the First Circular.

The journey from Bremen International Airport to Bremerhaven by tram and train via Bremen central station takes approx. 60-80 min. The tram to Bremen central station leaves from the airport every 20 minutes, the connecting train to Bremerhaven departs hourly. Depending on the kind of train one catches, the journey to Bremerhaven will take 35 minutes (Regional-Express) or 50 minutes (Regional-Bahn).

The airport in Hamburg-Fuhlsbuettel, which is located 8 km north-west of the city centre, is connected to Hamburg Hauptbahnhof (main station) via a shuttle bus departing every 15 min. The train ride from Hamburg main station to Bremerhaven takes approximately two hours, changing trains in Bremen is necessary.

Public bus transport from Hamburg or Bremen to Bremerhaven is not recommended.

Another alternative is to fly into Schiphol International Airport in Amsterdam and continue the journey by express train from the airport's own railway station to Bremen, which will take between four and six hours. The connecting trains from Bremen are again the Regional-Express (35 minutes) or the Regional-Bahn (50 minutes).

For guests arriving at Bremen main station or Bremen International Airport, the possibility of being picked up by one of our shuttle buses can be offered. In order to make the corresponding arrangements we would like you to fill in the Registration Form with all the information about the date and time of your arrival as soon as possible.

### 3. Hotel accommodation

The following hotels all lie within five minutes walking distance of the meeting location. Block bookings have been made. Please quote "GEBCO-2006" when making a reservation.

**Hotel Haverkamp**, Prager Straße 34, 27568 Bremerhaven, Germany

Tel.: +49 471/48330, fax: +49 471/4833281

[info@hotel-haverkamp.de](mailto:info@hotel-haverkamp.de), <http://www.hotel-haverkamp.de>

AWI rate: single, standard: €65.00, deluxe: €88.00; double, standard: €92.00, deluxe: €118.00

**Nordsee Hotel Bremerhaven**, Theodor-Heuss-Platz 14-18, 27568 Bremerhaven, Germany

Tel: +49 471/4877-0 fax: +49 471/4877-999

[info@nordsee-hotel-bremerhaven.de](mailto:info@nordsee-hotel-bremerhaven.de), <http://www.nordsee-hotel-bremerhaven.de>

AWI rate: single €66.00, double €96.00

The **Hotel am Theaterplatz** also mentioned in the first circular has notified us about the fact that the block-booked capacities in their house are already fully booked. If your budget should not allow for bookings in the hotels mentioned above, please notify us of this by sending an email to [gebco@awi-bremerhaven.de](mailto:gebco@awi-bremerhaven.de) and we will assist you in finding other possibilities.

Several rooms will also be available at the AWI guest house. These are especially suited to the needs of our younger participants and cost less than the hotel rooms stated above. A shuttle bus service will be available for the people staying in the guest house to be transported to the meeting location in the morning and back to the guesthouse in the evenings. Since the number of rooms in the guest house is limited, a request for this option should be sent to [gebco@awi-bremerhaven.de](mailto:gebco@awi-bremerhaven.de) as soon as possible.

### 4. Supporting Programme

As good practice from previous meetings, accompanying partners are very welcome to visit this part of our country. A special supporting program will be arranged by the local organisation team. You can already have a glimpse of a rough outline attached to this circular. As soon as the whole programme is set up a schedule, which will also include the corresponding expenses, will be available on the webpage [www.gebco.de](http://www.gebco.de).

There will also be evening programmes for the whole group which will give you the possibility to socialise. One example is a guided tour of the recently opened German Emigration Centre in Bremerhaven followed by a dinner in the New York Hall in the Centre.

For the 2-3 days without a common evening programme it is possible to plan your own programmes, such as concerts etc. Some interesting offers will be listed on [www.gebco.de](http://www.gebco.de) and we will be more than glad to book them for you.

A trip to the beautiful island of Helgoland will take place on Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup> 2006. Features will be a guided tour featuring historical sights and information about the island and a visit to the AWI subsidiary Helgoland laboratory.

As already mentioned above, the Soccer World Championship will be taking place in Germany in summer 2006. Therefore we will try to arrange for possibilities of watching selected matches on video walls either in the Schaufenster Fischereihafen, a beautifully situated former Fisherman's wharf which now features some of the best restaurants of Bremerhaven, or at the Alter/Neuer Hafen near our meeting venue for the interested parties.

We hope that the voluminous program of the GEBCO-Meeting itself, as well as the interesting supporting programme, will convince you to come to Bremerhaven in June. We will be more than glad to assist you with local arrangements and special requests. If problems or questions should arise please feel free to contact the organisation team at [gebco@awi-bremerhaven.de](mailto:gebco@awi-bremerhaven.de) at any time.

The agendas for the various meetings will be distributed via email and be made available for download on the homepage [www.gebco.de](http://www.gebco.de) in due course.