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Dear Colleagues,

This is a call for nominations for **FIVE** positions on the International Geographical Union Executive Committee, namely one President and four Vice Presidents. The need for nominations and for the election that will be held at the General Assembly in Istanbul (17-21<sup>st</sup> August 2020) is a result of the completion of terms of office by several current members at the conclusion of the Congress. The election status of the incumbent members of the Executive Committee whose terms of office will be complete is as follows: (with terms of office in parentheses).

**President:**

Professor Yukio Himiyama, (2016-2020). Not eligible for re-election but remains on the Executive committee as Past-President.

**Past –President:**

Professor Vladimir Kolosov, Russia (2016-2020). Not eligible for re-election.

**Vice Presidents:**

Professor Joos Droogleever-Fortuijn, The Netherlands (2012-2020). Not eligible for re-election.

Professor Dr Barbaros Gönençgil, Turkey (2016-2020). Eligible for re-election.

Professor Nathalie Lemarchand, France (2016-2020). Eligible for re-election.

Professor Rémy Tremblay, Canada (2016-2020). The position is currently vacant due to his premature resignation in 2018, and is open for election.

Nominations are sought to fill the positions indicated. Those elected will serve for four years (2020-2024). See extract from IGU Statutes attached below for further information regarding eligibility etc.

**Only IGU National Committees (i.e. the national body representing the discipline in the member country) may nominate candidates for election to the IGU Executive Committee.** National Committees may nominate more than one candidate. Nominations of candidates for these positions should be submitted by the respective chairperson of the National Committee, and must reach the Delhi IGU Secretariat **no later than 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020**.

Each nomination should be accompanied by i) a brief curriculum vitae (three pages maximum), ii) a photograph of the nominee, and iii) a statement of intent (no more than 500 words in length) written by the nominee, describing her or his priorities for the IGU if elected. I have also attached the documentation prepared by Professor R.B. Singh for his 2018 nomination as Secretary-General and Treasurer as an example of how to compile the relevant material.

The IGU is especially anxious to encourage nominations for these positions for individuals representing countries in the developing world as well as nominations that would provide a more even gender and regional balance within the Executive Committee.

**Please send your nominations for all or any of the positions not later than 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to:**

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Please address any questions regarding nominations to the Secretary-General. Only those member countries in good financial standing will be eligible to vote (through their national committee representative) at the 2020 General Assembly in Istanbul.

Thanks and best wishes.

R.B. Singh  
Secretary-General and Treasurer