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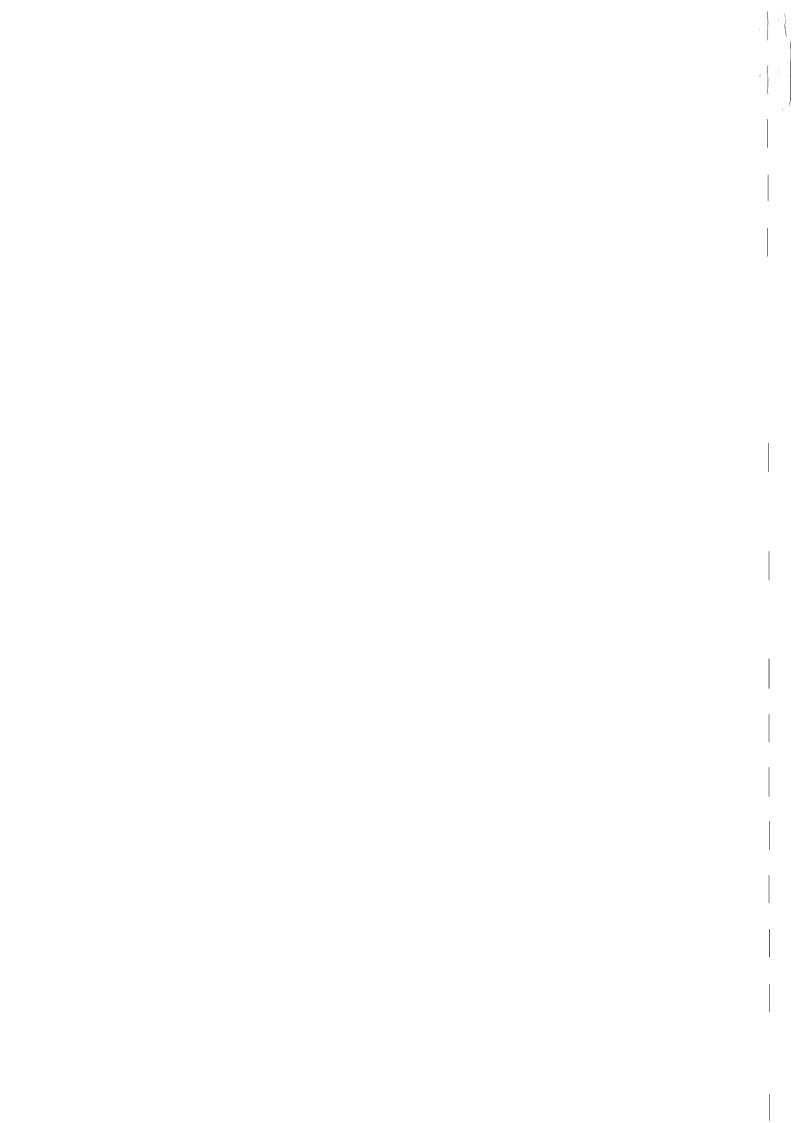




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SUMMARY REPORT



GEBCO SUB-COMMITTEE ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES AND NOMENCLATURE OF OCEAN BOTTOM FEATURES

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1. Opening of the Meeting

Dr. Robert L. Fisher, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, opened the meeting at 0900 on Saturday 25 April 1987 and welcomed the participants, noting that all the members of the Sub-Committee were present. Vice Admiral Orlando A.A. Affonso expressed the pleasure of the IHB Directing Committee at hosting the 7th meeting of the Sub-Committee.

- 1.2 A full list of participants is given in Annex I.
- 1.3 The Sub-Committee had before it a number of letters and documents listing various geographical names of undersea features for review.
- 1.4 Before giving consideration to these documents, Admiral Affonso proposed the further publication of a short article 'A Proposal for Modesty' in the next issue of the International Hydrographic Review. This article, recently prepared by Dr. Fisher for publication in the journal 'Geology', recommends practices for academic and agency specialists when intending to publish new names for undersea features in scientific or professional articles, or on charts and maps. He asked Dr. Fisher to obtain permission from Dr. Eldridge Moores, Editor of 'Geology', for such republication.
- 2. General questions supported by documentation on hand
- 2.1 The Sub-Committee recognized that scientists universally now use the term 'fan' rather than 'cone' which appears in many places in the GEBCO (5th Edition), e.g. Niger Cone, Congo Cone, Orange Cone and Amazonas Cone on sheet 5.12. It was agreed that the term should be changed when the sheets are next taken in hand for reprinting. The List of Terms and Definitions in the publication 'Standardization of Undersea Feature Names' should be amended accordingly (see section 6 below).
- 2.2 The name 'MacDonald Guyot' has been used for a feature in position 19°10'N, 173°15'E (see report of the 6th meeting of the Sub-Committee, item 5k). This peak, which has been named after the late eminent petrographer, Gordon MacDonald, is in a region containing names of other contemporary geoscientists. However, the name 'Macdonald Seamount' has also been given (see ACUF/BGN Gazetteer) to an

isolated elevation, in approximate position 29°S, 140°W., that appears (but is unnamed) on GEBCO sheet 5.11. Ingenieur General Andre Roubertou tabled documents detailing exploration, some very recent and precise, of this feature since reported in 1967 (USS Kawamee). The Sub-Committee requested Ing. Gen. Roubertou to propose another appropriate name for this significant feature that lies in French Oceania.

- 2.3 The Sub-Committee reviewed and accepted several proposed new names for features appearing on sheet 5.09, many of which had been discovered and/or examined by fishing vessels:
- 2.3.1 'Von Hochstetter Seamount', an extensive elevation near 34°57'.7S, 81°07'.5 E. Dr. Fisher (letter dated 20 January 1987) had proposed this name for the feature north-east of St. Paul Island which had been studied by Von Hochstetter, petrographer aboard the research vessel 'Novara', in 1857.
- 2.3.2 "Austral Fracture Zone". This large feature, extending at least from 33°S, 54°E to 39°S, 52°20'E, was so designated to commemorate the vessel "Austral" which has been active in exploration throughout the area whilst employed in fishing activities.
- 2.3.3 "Geroevka Bank" (formerly Seamount), in position 35°57'.5S, 53°14'.0E is a very shoal elevation on the eastern lip of a prominent Fracture Zone. Dr. Galina Agapova proposed the name after a Soviet fishing vessel. The Sub-Committee had previously accepted the name "Austral Bank" for this feature but agreed to accept this proposal in view of the decision in paragraph 2.3.2 above.
- 2.3.4 "Crozet Basin" nominal centre 40°S, 60°E.
- 2.4 The Sub-Committee reviewed a 1986 chart by Vanney et al of the area around the Crozet Plateau and recommended that when feasible sheets 5.09 and 5.13 be updated with the bathymetry from this chart; however it did not consider that the geographical names thereon should be inserted on the GEBCO sheets. A second Vanney et al chart of the East African coast and northern part of the Mozambique Channel was also studied; it was decided that two names from that chart should be inserted on sheet 5.09: "Joao da Nova Island" (not "Juan da Nova Is.") in position 17°S, 42°45'E and "Paisley Seamount" for the elevation in position 14°S, 41°30'E.
- 2.5 Correspondence between Dr. Fisher, the IHB and the U.S. Bureau on Geographic Names (BGN) concerning nomenclature in the north-east Indian Ocean and northern Arabian Sea was reviewed. The recommendations of the Sub-Committee are:
- 2.5.1 to replace the name "Java Trench" by "Sunda Trench" on sheets 5.09 and 5.10. This feature extends as an arc from at least 4°30'S, 100°E to 11°10°S, 119°E (letter dated 15 September 1986 from Dr. R.L. Fisher to Mrs. Holly Shue).
- 2.5.2 to delete the name "Central Indian Basin" which now appears on sheet 5.05 near position $2^{\circ}N$, $83^{\circ}E$.
- 2.5.3 to delete the name "Ganges Cone", in position 16°40'N, 87°30'E, from sheet 5.05 and replace it with the name "Bengal Fan" as an arc extending from 17°N, 89°E to 6°N, 85°E.

- 2.5.4 to delete the name "Indus Cone" in position 19°N, 65°E from sheet 5.05, and replace it by "Indus Fan" extending from 23'N, 66°E to 16°N, 64°E.
- 2.5.5 to delete the name "Cocos Basin", now near $0^{\circ}50$ 'N, $93^{\circ}E$ on sheet 5.05.
- 2.5.6 to insert the name "Nicobar Fan" extending (as appropriate) from $4^{\circ}N$, $92^{\circ}E$ to $5^{\circ}S$, $93^{\circ}E$ on sheets 5.05 and 5.09.
- 2.5.7 to delete the name "Ceylon Plain", now appearing in position 1°15'S, 81°E on sheet 5.09.
- 2.5.8 to adopt the official Indonesian spelling for "Mentawai Ridge" for the feature centred at 4°S, 101°E, on sheet 5.09.
- 2.5.9 to insert the name "Mentawai Basin" in position 1°45'S, 100°E. Also to delete the name "Mentawai Basin" now shown on sheet 5.09 in position 6°S, 104°E and to replace it by the name "Enggano Basin".
- 2.5.10 to insert the name "Nias Basin" on sheet 5.05 in position $1^{\circ}15'N$, $98^{\circ}E$.
- 2.5.11 to insert the name "Nicobar-Simeulue Basin" on sheet 5.05 near position $5^{\circ}N$, $94^{\circ}30'E$.
- 2.5.12 to insert the name "Wharton Basin" as an arc extending from position 23°S, 93°E to 14°S, 110°E.
- 2.6 Also, on sheet 5.10:
- 2.6.1 to replace "North Australia Basin" in position 15°S, 116°30'E by the name "Argo Plain".
- 2.7 Furthermore, in the South Pacific, on sheets 5.10 and 5.11:
- 2.7.1 to correct the spelling of the name "Kiribate", in position 2°30'S, 174°45'E, on sheet 5.10, to read "Kiribati".
- 2.7.2 to extend the designation of the "Cook Fracture Zone", on sheet 5.10, to be from 26°30'S, 169°00'E to 28°30'S, 179°E.
- 2.7.3 to extend the designation of "Lord Howe Rise", on sheet 5.10, to be from 24°S , $178^{\circ}30'\text{E}$ to 37°S , 174°E .
- 2.7.4 to shift westward the label "Lord Howe Seamount Chain", close to the seamounts on sheet 5.10, to a position extending from 31°15'S, 159°15'E to 21°30'S, 159°30'E.
- 2.7.5 to extend the designation of "Dampier Ridge" to a new position extending from 24°S, 157°E to 34°S, 158°30'E.
- 2.7.6 to insert the name "Louisville Ridge" extending (as appropriate on sheets 5.10 and 5.11) from position 28°S, 174°W to 46°S, 156°W.

Names submitted by Dr. Galina Agapova

A close study was made of names submitted by Dr. Galina Agapova, some in response to a request made by the Sub-Committee at its sixth meeting (doc. IOC-IHO/GEBCO-X/5, item 6) and also a few new proposals:

3.1 Atlantic Ocean

3.1.1 Names accepted

5°34'N - 26'55'W	5.12
9°53'.5S - 5°25'.4W	5.12
40°25'.4N - 26°55'.2W	5.08
59°43'.1s - 27°58'.3W	5.16
7°15'N 7°15'N (5.08
	9°53'.5S - 5°25'.4W 40°25'.4N - 26°55'.2W 59°43'.1S - 27°58'.3W

3.1.2 Names accepted in principle but further evidence required

Churov Seamount	17°29 ' S	-	9°53 ' W	5.12
Faleev Seamount	8°26 ' S	_	1°33 ' E	5.12

These two seamounts, together with Guinea Rise $(8^{\circ}S - 0^{\circ})$, are accepted subject to submission of a bathymetric plot of the area, by Dr. Agapova.

3.1.3 Names not accepted

Dolgaya Seamount - this seems to be an incidental elevation on the already recognized "Bruce Ridge", (regarding which see 'Other Decisions' below)

Vayda Seamount - similarly, incidental peaks on 5.08 Molodezhnaya Seamount Researcher Ridge

Bagration Seamount 15°29'S - 6°27'W 5.12 and Kutuzov Seamount 15°10'S - 8°19'W 5.12

These two names, although already appearing on some charts, were not considered acceptable since the persons cited have no clear maritime-related justification. The existing nearby feature previously named for Napoleon was approved due to his integral association with the adjacent island of St. Helena.

3.2 Pacific Ocean

3.2.1 Names accepted

Chirikov Knoll (formerly Seamount)	55~35'.8N - 15427'.5W	5.03
Dmitri Mendeleev Seamount	4°52'N - 154°58'W	5.06

Morozko Seamount (Knoll in ACUF/BGN Gazetteer)	45°10'N - 158°15'E	5.02
Obruchev Rise _{extent} nominal centre	{50°30IN	
Shuleykin Seamount	41°15'N - 163°15'E	5.06
Smetanin Seamount	40°35'N - 146°50'E	5.06
Zhemchug Canyon	57°15'N tot 58°45'N 175°45'W 175°15'	
Zhemchug Spur (not ridge)	57°10'N to 58	[°] 45'N .03
Zubov Seamount (this position replaces that giv meeting of the Sub-Committee)	15°42'N - 160°00'E en in the report of the	
Pribilov Canyon	56°15'N to 55°30':	N 5.03
Vitiaz Valley	171°00'	
3.2.2 <u>Names not</u>	^	
Derain Seamount (minor feature in Kuril region)	48°14'N - 153°29'E	5.02
Shelikhov Canyon (minor feature)	1 59°50'N to	60°45'N 5.02
Sarychev Plateau (minor feature - not obviously a plateau)	178 [°] 35 ' E 1	80°00 E
Sarychev Canyon adjacent to Sary (minor feature)	ychev Plateau	5.03
Fedynskiy Seamount (no feature shown on 5.07 - fur		
3.3 <u>South Pacific Ocean</u>		
3.3.1 Names accepted		
Titov Seamount	0°30's - 176°00'W	5.10
Petelin Seamount	22°49'S - 160°51'W	5.10
Drygalski Basin (incorrect position - on land -	69°30'S - 173'00'W in ACUF/BGN Gazetteer)	

3.3.2 Name accepted in principle but further evidence required

Boris Karasev Bank

46°07'.6S - 83°55'W

5.11

- subject to submission of a bathymetric plot of the feature, by Dr. Agapova.

3.3.3 Name not accepted

Shtokman Guyot

25°011.2S - 82°03¹.5W

5.11

(feature already listed as 'Merriam Spur' in ACUF/BGN Gazetteer)

3.4 Indian Ocean

3.4.1 Names accepted

Dubinin Trough

	67°45'S 78°00'E	to 67 [°] 00'S 82°00'E	5.13 & 5.18
Kanaev Seamount	33°07 ' S -	84°50 ' E	5.09
Lazarev Trough	I 65°10'S (129°00'E		5.14 & 5.18
(in Pacific List in report of	6th Meeting	of Sub-Commit	ttee)

3.4.2 Names accepted in principle but further evidence required

Variag Seamount 14°05'S - 106'08'E 5.09
Named for classic Russian ship. This is accepted as a significant peak on or near Horizon Ridge.

(position to be confirmed - more information to be provided by Dr. Agapova ie bathymetric plot)

Gololobov Bank 42°20'S - 42°45'E 5.09 (this is on the eastern lip of the Discovery II Fracture Zone) "French data to be checked - more information to be provided, ie bathymetric plot.

3.4.3 Names not accepted

Shokalski Ridgef 23°00'S to f 25°15'S 5.09 103°30'E 106°30'E

(shown on 5.09 as 'LostDutchman Ridge', which is to be retained in view of extensive early exploration in region by Dutch mariners)

Rykachev Seamount 33°02'S - 101°16'E 5.09 (minor feature on "L'Espoir Ridge" named after a ship of historical significance)

Bogojvlenskogo Seamount 20°30'S - 81°00'E 5.09 (not shown on 5.09 - existence doubtful)

3.5 Arctic Ocean

3.5.1 Names accepted

Gakkel Ridge 82°30'N to 80°00'N 5°00'W 125°00'E 5.17

(replaces Nansen Cordillera and Arctic Mid-Ocean Ridge)

Knipovich Ridge $\begin{cases} 74^{\circ}20 \text{'N} & \text{to } 79^{\circ}00 \text{'N} & 5.17 \\ 8 \ 00' \text{E} & 0^{\circ} \end{cases}$

Litke Trough $\begin{cases} 80^{\circ}30^{\text{I}}N & \text{to} & 82^{\circ}10^{\text{I}}N \\ 6^{\circ}00^{\text{I}}E & 18^{\circ}00^{\text{I}}E \end{cases}$ 5.17

Mendeleev Rise 176°00'N to f 86°00'N (not Ridge) 180° 170°00'W Name to be reorientated on sheet 5.17

Persej Bank 70°N - 35°E 5.17 (Perseus Rise in report of 6th meeting of Sub-Committee)

79 40'N to 82 N Sever Spur 5.17

(not Rise) 118°00'W 128°W

Svyataya Anna Trough 5.17 (formerly Sv. Anna) 77 20'N to 82°30'N 70°00'E 68°00'E

Yermak Plateau 81°15'N - 5°00'E 5.17 shown in ACUF/BGN Gazetteer

(given as Ermak in report of 6th meeting of Sub-Committee)

3.5.2 Names to be discussed further

Sotrudnichestva Gap 84°30'N - 165°00'W 5.17 (feature not shown on 5.17 - to be discussed with Canadians)

Stefansson Basin 82°30'N - 125°00'W 5.17 (to be discussed with Canadians)

4. Dr. Mark Maliavko presented a 'List of Geographical Names of Undersea Features shown on the International Bathymetric Chart of the Mediterranean and on the small-scale IHO International Charts', from which he had prepared a sub-list of major names for significant features that appear on the scale of the GEBCO (5th Edition).

4.1 Mediterranean and Black Seas (part of sheet 5.05)

4.1.1 Names accepted (from the sub-list)

Algerian Basin 40°N - 5°E (already in ACUF/BGN Gazetteer)

Sardino - Balearic Plain 39°30'N - 6°30'E

Valencia Trough 40°10'N - 2°E (in ACUF/BGN Gazetteer)

42°30'N - 5°E Rhone Fan

(in ACUF/BGN Gazetteer)

42°30'N - 8°E Corso-Liqurian Basin, to

replace Ligurian Sea

Tyrrhenian Basin, to replace 40°N - 13°E

Tyrrhenian Sea

(in ACUF/BGN Gazetteer)

35°45'N - 18°00'E Ionian Basin

(to replace Ionian Sea to north-west) (in ACUF/BGN Gazetteer)

Mediterranean Ridge 35 N to 5 N convex 20°E 30°E south

(adjust word Sea in Mediterranean Sea to allow space)

37 15'N to 34°45'N Hellenic Trench convex to 20°15'E 28°00'E south, south

of Crete

(in ACUF/BGN Gazetteer as Hellenic Trough)

32°20'N - 27 00'E Herodotus Basin

(in ACUF/BGN Gazetteer)

42°00'N - 17 30'E South Adriatic Basin

(in ACUF/BGN Gazetteer as Adriatic Basin) Nile Fan (to replace Nile Cone) 32 30'N - 31 E

44°N, 31°E Danube Fan

- 4.1.2 The Sub-Committee was informed that a proposal had been received from the Turkish authorities containing alternative names for a number of undersea features in the eastern Aegean Sea and the Black Sea. It was understood however that a similar proposal had been submitted to the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, together with appropriate completed Undersea Feature Name Proposal Forms (11th session, Geneva, 15-23 October 1984 and 12th session, Geneva, 29 September-7 October 1986). In view of this, it was decided that it would be inappropriate for the Sub-Committee to address the matter at the present time.
- 4.1.3 Full consideration of the entire list though within the Sub-Committee's charge - was not possible in the time available.
- 5. Other Decisions
- The following amendments should be made when sheets are next taken in 5.1 hand for reprinting,

Cook Islands

21°00's - 158°00'W 5.11

name to be placed in centre of group - delete 'Southern Cook Islands'.

Rarotonga - to be labelled 21°15'S - 159°45'W 5.11

Winslow Reef 1°36'S - 174°57'W name to be inserted	5,10
Heezen Ridge - to be designated as 'Agulhas Ridge' on sh 5.12 and name repositioned, (as on overlapping sheet 5.1	
Bruce Ridge - to be inserted 60°00'S to 61°15'S 34°45'W 37°30'W	5.16
Voronin Trough (amend spelling - Vozonin on sheet 5.17)	5.17
Del Cano Rise 45°15'S to 45°30'S 39°30E 47°00'E	5.09
Delete tilde ('%,) on Cano on sheet 5.09 (decision taken at 6th meeting of Sub-Committee - report, item 5 a - reversed).	
Muirfield Bank 13°10'S - 96°05'E - to be inserted (shown as Muirfield Seamount, depth 18 r on BA Chart 4714) Reference: I.H. Review, Vol.LXIII, No.1, p.136.	
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC BASIN	
To be standardized (as on sheet 5.10) on sheets 5.11, 5.10 On sheet 5.11 use larger typesize. On sheet 5.14 insert name in approx. position 56°S, 173°E	
Delete 'South Indian Abyssal Plain' and substitute 'Australian Antarctic Basin', with designation to extend from 58 S to 58 S 115 135 E.4	5.14
Add name 'Australian-Antarctic Basin' on sheet 5.18 where	appropriate.
Expand length of name 'Australian-Antarctic Basin' west to 85°E	5.13
Delete 'Valdivia Abyssal Plain' and substitute 'Valdivia Apron' 62°30'S, 70°E	5.13
Delete 'Tasman Sea' and insert name 'Tasman Basin' in position 40°S to 45°S	5.10
155 E 160°E Delete name 'One South Fracture Zone' and substitute name 'Romanche Fracture Zone' for this feature. (delete name 'Romanche Fracture Zone' where now placed)	5.12
Argentine Abyssal Plain - move complete name to south of 46°40'S on sheet 5.12	5.12
Insert under 'Falkland Escarpment' the name '(Malvinas Escarpment)'	5.12 & 5.16

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 Insert under 'Falkland Ridge' the name '(Malvinas 5.16 Ridge)'
 Insert under 'Falkland Plateau' the name '(Malvinas 5.16 Plateau)'
 - 5.2 Doldrums Trough in ACUF/BGN Gazetteer.
 Suggest this name be rejected unless updated information shows a definite and discrete topographic trend.
 - 5.3 As a general principle, it was agreed that the type size of subsidiary features should be smaller than those of associated main features, e.g. the names of "abyssal plains" within "basins".
- 5.4 The Sub-Committee appreciated the action of Mr. Richard R. Randall, as liaison of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) to the IHB, in providing updated input on several matters and principally those raised in correspondence with the Chairman of the Sub-Committee. No significant differences or discrepancies appeared with regard to names proposed by the two groups. Suggestions made by Mr. Randall regarding terminology and practices in the publication 'Standardization of Undersea Feature Names' (see also section 6 below) and the 'List of Geographical Names of Undersea Features shown on the GEBCO (5th Edition) and on the small-scale IHO International Chart Series' were accepted. These will be followed in the 'International Gazetteer of Undersea Feature Names' soon to be initiated.

The representative of the IHB stated that the Bureau would probably participate in the 13th UNGEGN session on 17 August 1987. He was asked also to represent the IOC at the session.

- 6. 'Standardization of Undersea Feature Names'
- 6.1 The following suggested amendments were made as guidelines for the improvement of the existing text of the section 'Terms and Definitions', for inclusion in the 'International Gazetteer of Undersea Feature Names', and subsequently in the comprehensive multi-lingual 'Standardization' volume when published.
- 6.1.1 Insert new separate entry for Apron:

<u>APRON</u>

A gently dipping featureless surface, underlain primarily by sediment, at the base of any steeper slope.

Add appropriate e.g. and reference.

Delete <u>APRON</u> and * against ARCHIPELAGIC APRON and underline; this then becomes a primary entry with existing definition, etc.

6.1.2 GUYOT, RIFT and FAN (see para. 2.1 above) should be primary entries

Ref. for <u>GUYOT</u>

Hess H.H. about 1947 (ref. in:)

Hamilton E.L. Sunken Islands of the MidPacific Mountains
GSA Memoir about 1956

Ref. for <u>RIFT</u> Heezen, Tharp and Ewing 1959 (as Continental Rise)

- 6.1.3 SUBMARINE VALLEY should be a primary entry followed by * VALLEY and * SEA VALLEY,
- 6.1.4 Major items (i.e. those underlined) should be entered in alphabetical order and cross-referenced, as follows:

BENCH see TERRACE
TABLEMOUNT see GUYOT
CHANNEL see SEACHANNEL
PLAIN see ABYSSAL PLAIN
CONTINENTAL SLOPE see SLOPE
SCARP see ESCARPMENT
VALLEY see SUBMARINE VALLEY
SEA VALLEY see SUBMARINE VALLEY
MEDIAN VALLEY see RIFT
CONE see FAN

- 7. Dr. Falconer described a gazetteer compiled by Rose-Marie Thompson of the New Zealand Oceanographic Institute. It includes names of all features in the south-west Pacific area covered by the CCOP/SOPAC regional bathymetric map. The gazetteer lists names, source maps, and where known the origin of the name. The gazetteer at present is on index cards and about half is on computer file. The Sub-Committee noted with pleasure the existence of the work and urged that publication should be encouraged. Similar initiatives for other areas of the world would be valuable and of considerable direct assistance to GEBCO's mission.
- 8. The Summary Report of the meeting was approved unanimously.
- 9. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at (12.00) on Monday 27 April 1987 and in so doing thanked the Directing Committee of the IHB for their hospitality.

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