



## Meeting of States Parties

Distr.: General  
5 November 2012

Original: English

---

**Meeting of States Parties**  
New York, 19 December 2012

### **Election of one member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf**

#### **Note by the Secretary-General**

#### **I. Introduction**

1. On 6 and 7 June 2012, the twenty-second Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea elected 20 members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf for a term of five years. At the request of the Group of Eastern European States, the election of one member of the Commission was postponed in order to allow for additional nominations from that Group in respect of a vacant seat allocated to it.
2. In view of the above, the Meeting of States Parties requested the Secretary-General to open a three-month period for nomination of candidates from the Eastern European States and to convene a Meeting of States Parties to elect one member of the Commission to serve from the date of election until 15 June 2017.
3. Pursuant to that request and to article 2, paragraph 2, of annex II to the Convention, the Secretary-General, by a note verbale dated 15 July 2012, invited States parties to the Convention from the Group of Eastern European States to submit nominations between 16 July and 15 October 2012.
4. At the end of the nomination period, the Secretary-General had received one nomination, submitted by the Government of Poland on 15 October 2012. Pursuant to article 2, paragraph 2, of annex II to the Convention, the name and curriculum vitae of the candidate thus nominated are set out in the annex to the present note.
5. Paragraph 3 of article 2 provides that elections of the members of the Commission shall be held at a meeting of States parties convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters. For this purpose a meeting of States parties will be convened on 19 December 2012. The provisional agenda of the meeting has been circulated as document SPLOS/L.71.



## **II. Procedure for the election**

6. Rule 71 of the rules of procedure for Meetings of States Parties (SPLOS/2/Rev.4) provides that the elections of the members of the Commission shall take place in accordance with article 76 and annex II to the Convention.

7. Article 2, paragraph 3, of annex II to the Convention provides that two thirds of the States parties shall constitute a quorum, and that the persons elected to the Commission shall be those nominees who obtain a two-thirds majority of the votes of the representatives of States parties present and voting.

8. Subject to agreement at the Meeting, in accordance with established practice, the election will be held by secret ballot. Balloting will continue until the candidate has obtained the required majority.

## **III. Credentials**

9. The Secretariat would appreciate it if the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers attending the Meeting could be transmitted to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs as far in advance as practicable, but no later than 17 December 2012. In this connection, it is recalled that pursuant to rule 13, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure, the credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or any person authorized by either of them.

## Annex

### Curriculum vitae of the candidate nominated by the Government of Poland\*

#### Szymon Uścińowicz (Poland)

##### Personal details

Born: 4 April 1953, Gdańsk, Poland

##### Education

- |      |                                                                                     |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2005 | Dr. hab. geology (Quaternary geology) — Polish Geological Institute, Warsaw, Poland |
| 1990 | Ph.D. natural sciences in geology — Polish Geological Institute, Warsaw, Poland     |
| 1977 | M.Sc. physical oceanography, Gdańsk University, Poland                              |

##### Languages

Polish, English and Russian

##### Employment record

Since 1977 in Polish Geological Institute, Branch of Marine Geology, Gdańsk, Poland

1994/95 and 2007-2010 employed simultaneously at Faculty of Oceanography and Geography at Gdańsk University

##### Positions

- |              |                                                                                                                        |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2010-present | Assoc. Prof. in Polish Geological Institute-National Research Institute                                                |
| 2005-2010    | Docent in Polish Geological Institute-National Research Institute                                                      |
| 2007-2010    | Professor at Faculty of Oceanography and Geography at Gdańsk University                                                |
| 2003-2011    | Head of Baltic Sea Geology Section in Marine Geology Branch of Polish Geological Institute-National Research Institute |
| 1996-2003    | Head of Geological Survey Department in Marine Geology Branch of Polish Geological Institute                           |

##### Professional experience

##### Membership in professional and scientific organizations

- |           |                                                                                         |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2012-2014 | Member of Polish Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research of Polish Academy of Sciences |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

---

\* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

2011-present	Member of Science Support and Advisory Committee of European Consortium for Ocean Research Drilling
2006-present	Member of Editorial Board of <i>Oceanological and Hydrobiological Studies</i>
2006-present	Member of EuroGeoSurveys Marine Geology Expert Group
2003-2007	Member of Scientific Board of the Polish Geological Institute
2001-present	Member of Baltic Sea Geologist Association (2003-2005 chairman)
2000-present	Member of European Marine Sand and Gravel Group
1990-present	Member of International Union for Quaternary Science subcommission on coastal processes and sea-level changes (2003-2007 chairman of North West Europe Working Group)
1997-present	Member of International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) working group on effects of extraction of marine sediments on the marine ecosystem
1994-2008	Member of Editorial Board of <i>Baltica</i> — International Journal on Geosciences (Lithuanian Academy of Science)
1993-1995	Member of Polish Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research of Polish Academy of Sciences
1988-1996	Member of ICES working group on contaminants in the Baltic Sea sediments

#### **International research cruises and trainings**

- 2007 — Research cruise on *Prof. Albrecht Penck*, one week on Baltic Sea
- 2007 — Netherlands Institute of Applied Geoscience, National Geological Survey, two-week research and training visit
- 2001 — Research cruise on *Ocean Surveyor*, Swedish Geological Survey, one week on Baltic Sea
- 1998 — British Geological Survey, one-week research and training visit
- 1998 — Geological Survey of the Netherlands, one-week research and training visit
- 1996 — Research cruise on *Tydeman*, Geological Survey of the Netherlands, three weeks on Caribbean Sea
- 1994 — Geological Survey of the Netherlands, two-week training visit
- 1993 — Research cruise on *Humbolt*, one week on Baltic Sea
- 1993 — Research cruise on *Arlanda*, ICES/Helsinki Commission, three weeks on Baltic Sea
- 1988 — Estonian Academy of Science, three-week training visit

#### **Research experience**

Specialization: marine geological and geochemical mapping, sedimentology, coastal geology. Quaternary geology and palaeogeography, sea-level changes

**Significant projects, last 10 years**

- 2012-2015 — Decay of last ice-sheet in the southern Baltic area inferred from deposits of ice-marginal lakes and glaciofluvial deltas dated by OSL method. Grant, National Centre of Science, No. N N306 380539, project leader
- 2011-2014 — Developing of Protection Plans of NATURA 2000 Areas in the Gulf of Gdansk Region. Plans commissioned by Maritime Office Gdansk, member of research team
- 2010-2013 — Short-term climatic oscillations recorded in sediments of the Gulf of Gdańsk. Grant, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, No. N N306 380539, project leader
- 2009-2012 — SUBCOAST — Developing a service for monitoring and forecasting subsidence hazards in coastal lowland areas around Europe. European Union grant agreement No. 242332, principal investigator.
- 2009-2012 — European Marine Observation and Data Network. Service contract No. MARE/2008/03, Preparatory Actions for European Marine Observation and Data Network, Lot No. 2 — Geological data — SI2.531501, principal investigator
- 2009-2010 — Impact of sand exploitation from the bottom of the southern Baltic Sea on the bottom structure and meio- and -macrozoobenthos communities. Grant, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, No. 305/1/N-COST/2008/09/0, project leader
- 2008-2011 — Development of the coast of the Gulf of Gdansk in the mouth of Dead Vistula River. Grant, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, No. N N307 115935, project leader
- 2008-2010 — Creation of the Central Register of Polish Geosites. Project commissioned by Ministry of Environment, member of research team
- 2008-2010 — Vertical crustal movements on the coast of the Gulf of Gdansk in the light interferometry satellite data and analysis of geological and palaeogeographical — reconstruction of the events of the last assessment of the risks present and future. Grant, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, No. 366/N-SLOWENIA/2008/0, principal investigator
- 2008-2010 — Record of sea level changes in coastal peatlands of Puck Lagoon during the late Holocene. Grant, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, No. N N307 131434, project leader
- 2007-2009 — Managing Cultural Heritage Underwater, European Union CULTURE 2000 Programme, Agreement No. 2006-1116/001-001 CLT CA22, member of research team
- 2005-2008 — Recognition and visualization of Gulf of Gdansk geological structure for the management of natural resources. Project commissioned by Ministry of Environment 193/2005/Wn-07/FG-sm-tx/D, project leader

2004-2007 — Water level changes in Vistula Lagoon during middle and late Holocene. Grant, Ministry of Science and Informatization, No. 2 P04D 009 277, project leader

### Studies

Jegliński W., Kramarska R., Przeddziecki P., Uścińowicz Sz., 2012 — Geological Map of Polish Maritime Areas. Archive Polish Geological Institute. Gdańsk. No. 1066

Kramarska R., Zachowicz J., Uścińowicz Sz., Przeddziecki P., 2004 — Recognition capabilities of sand extraction from seabed for artificial beach nourishment in the area administered by Maritime Office in Szczecin. Archive Polish Geological Institute. Gdańsk. No. 693

Zachowicz J., Kramarska R., Uścińowicz Sz., Przeddziecki P., 2003 — Designation of areas of seabed resources to prospecting of sand resources for artificial beach nourishment in the area administered by Maritime Office in Słupsk. Archive Polish Geological Institute. Gdańsk. No. 623

Zachowicz J., Uścińowicz Sz., Kramarska R., 2003 — Environmental Impact Assessment of amber deposits prospecting within the maritime areas of Republic of Poland in coastal area of the Gulf of Gdansk — Region I. Archive Polish Geological Institute. Gdańsk. No. 579

Dubrawski R., Królska M., Kruk-Dowgiałło L., Matciak M., Nowacki J., Robakiewicz M., Sobol Z., Szumilas T., Uścińowicz Sz., Zachowicz J., Żmijewska M., 1999 — Assessment of the impact of discharge of treated wastewater from municipal sewage collector “Gdańsk-East” on the environment of the Gulf of Gdańsk. Archive Polish Geological Institute. Gdańsk. No. 476

Kramarska R., Pokorski J., Uścińowicz Sz., 1999 — Geological and morphological basis for the proposed subdivision of the “gray zone” of Polish and Denmark EEZ. Archive Polish Geological Institute. Gdańsk. No. 400

Uścińowicz Sz., Zachowicz J., Dadlez R., Kramarska R., 1997 — Geological and environmental assessment of the area of Polish and Denmark Exclusive Economic Zones. Archive Polish Geological Institute. Gdańsk. No. 324

Uścińowicz Sz., 2001 — Seabed characterisation of the western part of Gdańsk Basin along the planned Klaipeda-Władysławowo cable route. Archive Polish Geological Institute. Gdańsk. No. 646

Uścińowicz Sz., 1989 — Pre-survey description of the shallow geology structure of the sea bottom along the cable route between Dueodde (Bornholm) and Mielno. Archive Polish Geological Institute. Gdańsk. No. 194

### Significant publications

Leipe T., Tauber F., Vallius H., Virtasalo J., Uścińowicz Sz., Kowalski N., Hille S., Myllyvirta T., 2011 — Particulate organic carbon in surface sediments of the Baltic Sea. *Geo-Marine Letters*, 31 (3): 175-188.

Uścińowicz Sz. (ed.) 2011 — Geochemistry of Baltic Sea surface sediments. *Polish Geological Institute-National Research Institute*, Warsaw: 355.

Uścińowicz Sz., Miotk-Szpiganowicz G., Krapiec M., Witak M., Harff J., Lübke H., Tauber F., 2011 — Drowned forests in the Gulf of Gdańsk (Southern Baltic) as an indicator of the Holocene shoreline changes. In: J. Harff, S. Björck, P. Hot (eds.). *The Baltic Sea Basin*. Springer-Verlag, Berlin-Heidelberg: 221-234.

Miotk-Szpiganowicz G., Zachowicz J., Uścińowicz Sz., 2010 — Palynological evidence of human activity on the Gulf of Gdańsk coast during the Late Holocene. *Brazilian Journal of Oceanography*, 58 (special issue, IGCP 526):1-13.

Jegliński W., Kramarska R., Uścińowicz Sz., Zachowicz J., 2009 — Sediments; Habitats; Valorization of the sea bottom. In: *Atlas of Polish marine area bottom habitats*. Brooker-Innowacji, Gdynia: 28-29, 90-91, 94-95.

Miotk-Szpiganowicz G., Uścińowicz Sz., Przeddziecki P., Jegliński W., 2009 — Reconstruction of the paleo-landscapes of the southern Baltic. In: M. Manders, R. Oosting, W. Brouwers (eds.). *Managing Cultural Heritage Underwater*, final report No. 33. Educom Publisher BV, Rotterdam s. 80-84.

Miotk-Szpiganowicz G., Zachowicz J., Uścińowicz Sz., 2008 — Review and reinterpretation of the pollen and diatom data from the deposits of the southern Baltic lagoons. *Polish Geological Institute Special Papers*, Vol. 23: 45-70.

Zachowicz J., Miotk-Szpiganowicz G., Kramarska R., Uścińowicz Sz., Przeddziecki P., 2008 — A critical review and reinterpretation of bio-, litho- and seismostratigraphic data of the southern Baltic deposits. *Polish Geological Institute Special Papers*, Vol. 23, 117-138.

Łęczyński L., Miotk-Szpiganowicz G., Zachowicz J., Uścińowicz Sz., Krapiec M., 2007 — Tree stumps from the bottom of the Vistula Lagoon as indicators of water level changes in the Southern Baltic during the Late Holocene. *Oceanologia*, 49 (2): 245-257.

Uścińowicz Sz., Zachowicz J., Miotk-Szpiganowicz G., Witkowski A., 2007 — Southern Baltic sea-level oscillations: new radiocarbon, pollen and diatom proof of the Puck Lagoon. In: *Coastline changes: Interrelation of climate and geological processes* (eds. J. Harff, W. W. Hay, D. M. Tetzlaff). Geol. Soc. of Am. Special Paper 426: 143-158.

Uścińowicz Sz., 2006 — A relative sea-level curve for Polish Southern Baltic Sea. *Quaternary International*, Vol. 145-146: 86-105.

Bobertz B., Harff J., Lemke W., Uścińowicz Sz., Kramarska R., Zachowicz J., Przeddziecki P., 2006 — Surface Sediments of the South-Western Baltic Sea, 1:250000, Państwowy Instytut Geologiczny & Institute für Ostseeforschung Warnemünde, Gdańsk.

Uścińowicz Sz., Zachowicz J., 2005 — Terrestrial deposits from the Słupsk Bank as an evidence of the Late Glacial and Early Holocene Baltic Sea level. *Polish Geological Institute Special Papers*, Vol. 16: 133-141.

Uścińowicz Sz., 2004 — Rapid sea level changes in the southern Baltic during Late Glacial and Early Holocene. *Polish Geological Institute Special Papers*, Vol. 11: 9-18.

Uścińowicz Sz., Zachowicz J., Graniczny M., Dobracki R., 2004 — Geological structure of the southern Baltic coast and related hazards. *Polish Geological Institute Special Papers*, Vol. 15: 61-68.

Kramarska R., Masłowska M., Uścińowicz Sz., Zachowicz J., 2004 — Review of marine sand and gravel resources in the Polish Exclusive Economic Zone of the Baltic Sea. *Zeitschrift Fur Angewandte Geologie*. Sonderheft 2: 125-134.

Uścińowicz Sz., 2003 — The Southern Baltic relative sea level changes, glacio-isostatic rebound and shoreline displacement. *Polish Geological Institute Special Papers*, Vol. 10: 1-79.

Uścińowicz Sz., Miotk-Szpiganowicz G., 2003 — Holocene Shoreline Migration in the Puck Lagoon (Southern Baltic Sea) based on the Rzucewo Headland case study. *Landform Analysis*, Vol. 4: 81-95.

Uścińowicz Sz., Narkiewicz W., Sokołowski K., 2003 — Mineralogical composition and granulometry. In: M. Perttilä et al. (eds.) — Contaminants in the Baltic Sea sediments. *MERI Report Series of the Finnish Institute of Marine Research*, No. 50: 21-24.

Zachowicz J., Laban C., Uścińowicz Sz., Ebbing J., Emelyanov E. M., 2002 — Recent sedimentation in the Gulf of Gdańsk and its geochemical expression. In: E. M. Emelyanov (ed.). *Geology of the Gdańsk Basin — Baltic Sea* (Monograph). Russian Academy of Sciences, Yantarny Skaz: 380-387.

Ebbing J., Zachowicz J., Uścińowicz Sz., Laban C., 2002 — Normalisation as a tool for environmental impact studies: the Gulf of Gdańsk as a case study. *Baltica* 15: 49-62.

Uścińowicz Sz., 2000 — Lithofacies of the recent sediments of the southern part of Bornholm Basin (the southern Baltic). *Prace Państw. Inst. Geol.* CLXXIII: 1-49.

Uścińowicz Sz., Zachowicz J., Sokołowski K., 2000 — The potential impact of a sewage discharge through the “Gdańsk-Wschód” sewage-treatment plant collector on the Gulf of Gdańsk sediments. *Oceanological Studies*, Vol. XXIX, No. 4: 67-82.

Uścińowicz Sz., Kramarska R., Tomczak A., Zachowicz J., 2000 — The radiocarbon age of marine and land deposits in the Southern Baltic area. *Geologos* 5: 155-163.

Uścińowicz Sz., 1999 — Southern Baltic area during the last deglaciation. *Geological Quarterly*, 43(2): 137-148.