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Reports by divisions of the United Nations Groups of Experts on Geographical Names on the situation in their divisions and on the progress made in the standardization of geographical names since the Eighth Conference

Activities within the French-speaking Division

Submitted by the French-speaking Division**

Summary

The French-speaking Division continued to implement its work programme.

Information-gathering

- Additions to “La base de données des exonymes de la langue française” (Database of French-language exonyms);
- Search for reliable sources of toponymic information; and
- Assessment of the status of the toponymic management processes of member countries.

Dissemination of information

- Maintenance of the Division’s website (www.divisionfrancophone.org);
- Development of an online course on toponymy;
- Maintenance of and additions to the list of online sites posted on the Division’s website; and
- Publication of a toponymic information bulletin.

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Research support

- Technical support for the development of national projects within the framework of bilateral and multilateral programmes;
- Organization of a seminar on the topic, “Toponymy and sustainable development”; and
- Support for the establishment of a chair of toponymy in Canada.

Daily operations

- Maintenance of the membership list; and
 - Funding for participants.
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