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The report highlights the activities of the Joint ICA/IGU Commission on Toponymy since the 10th United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (UNCSGN) in 2012.

1 Organizational aspects

Affiliation, foundation, terms of reference

The Commission is a joint venture of the two global umbrella institutions of cartography and geography, i.e. the International Cartographic Association (ICA) and the International Geographical Union (IGU) and has been founded in 2011 according to the relevant statutes as a commission on the IGU side and a working group the ICA side. After having been evaluated, its status was by the ICA General Assembly held during the 27th International Cartographic Conference, Rio de Janeiro, 23-28 August 2015, elevated to the rank of a commission also on ICA side.

Terms of reference:

- To act jointly with IGU/ICA fostering the geographic and cartographic research on all fields involving toponymy;
- to disseminate the scientific knowledge on processing and use of toponyms within geography and cartography;
- to verify the use of other sciences' toponymy concepts, such as anthropology, linguistics and others, in favour of cartography and geography;
- to maintain contacts and scientific exchange with UNGEGN and ICOS, such as by organizing joint events;
- to support and encourage the elaboration and publication of gazetteers, toponymic data files and toponymic reference systems (such as EuroGeoNames);
- to organize regional joint IGU/ICA events (workshops, symposia and others) with IGU and ICA members;
- to participate in IGU and ICA Regional and Main Conferences;
- to organize and maintain a website to facilitate contact between researchers in the field of toponymy and disseminate source material and literature available to the community and the general public alike;
- to organize and publish books, chapters and encourage paper publishing in specialized journals and the International Journal of Cartography.

Website: www.igu-icatoponymy.org

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2 Symposia and sessions 2012-2017

In the period 2012-2017, the Commission organized or co-organized 16 symposia and sessions in the framework of conferences in 10 countries and at 5 continents. They are listed below in temporal sequence.

- (1) In the framework of the **32nd International Geographical Congress, Cologne [Köln], Germany, 26-30 August 2012**, a toponymic session titled “Place names as markers and ingredients of space-related identity” with 4 panels and a total of 12 papers had been organized by Peter JORDAN (Austria). Paper presenters were (in alphabetical order): Brahim ATOUI (Algeria), Remus CREȚAN (Romania), Naima FRIHA (Tunisia, 2 papers), Peter JORDAN (Austria), Enrica LEMMI & Monica Siena TANGHERONI (Italy), Marina MARASOVIĆ-ALUJEVIĆ & Katarina LOZIĆ KNEZOVIĆ (Croatia), Phil MATTHEWS (New Zealand), Joan Carles MEMBRADO TENA (Spain), Cosimo PALAGIANO (Italy), Peter RAPER (South Africa), Ana RESENDE (Brazil) and Bogusław ZAGÓRSKI (Poland).
- (2) In the framework of the **IGU Regional Conference Kyoto, Japan, 4-9 August 2013**, a session on geographical approaches to toponymy with 4 panels and a total of 14 papers had been organized by Kohei WATANABE (Japan). Paper presenters were (in the sequence of presentation) Cosimo PALAGIANO, Silvia SINISCALCHI (both Italy), Riemer REINSMA (Netherlands), Satoshi IMAZATO (Japan), Emilio NIETO BALLESTER, José Antonio RODRÍGUEZ ESTEBAN & Pilar LACASTA REOVO (all Spain), Gerry UTAMA (Indonesia), Stanislav YERDAVLETOV, Abdreeva SHOLPAN & Gulzhan AIZHOLOVA (all Kazakhstan), Andrew WILSON, Lisa ROBINSON (both United States), Wenchuan HUANG (Taiwan), Peter JORDAN (Austria), Sungjae CHOO, Sun-Bae KIM (both Republic of Korea) and Hiroshi TANABE & Kohei WATANABE (both Japan). A selection of 8 papers has been published in the geographical journal *Semestrale di Studi e Ricerche di Geografia*, Rome, XXV, 2, edited by Riccardo MORRI.
- (3) **Seminar “Historical maps, atlas maps, and toponymy”, Leipzig, Germany, 21-23 August 2013**: As a pre-conference event of ICC Dresden three ICA commissions/working groups, i.e. the ICA Commission on the History of Cartography (chair: Elri LIEBENBERG, South Africa), the ICA Commission on Atlases (chair: Peter JORDAN, Austria) and the IGU/ICA Commission/Working Group on Toponymy (chair: Paulo DE MENEZES, Brazil)

in co-operation with the Leibniz Institute of Regional Research [Leibniz Institut für Länderkunde, IfL] Leipzig, met in the facilities of this Institute in Leipzig. The seminar saw 40 registered participants and 17 paper presentations. Papers on toponymy were presented (in the sequence of presentation) by Peter JORDAN (Austria), Ernst SPIESS (Switzerland), Alexander WOLOTSCHENKO (Germany), Yaïves FERLAND (Canada), Stephan FUCHS (Germany), János JENEY (Hungary/Germany), Ferjan ORMELING (Netherlands), Christopher BOARD (United Kingdom), Matjaž GERŠIČ & Drago KLADNIK (Slovenia), Paulo de MENEZES (Brazil) and Lindsay Frederick BRAUN (United States). The proceedings were published as a volume of the book series “forum IfL”, edited by Jana MOSER, Leibniz Institute of Regional Research.

- (4) In the framework of the **26th International Cartographic Conference (ICC) Dresden, Germany, 26-30 August 2013**, a session with 2 panels had been organized by the Commission/WG and in total 6 papers on toponymy were presented.
- (5) In the framework of the **4th EuGeo Congress Rome [Roma], Italy, 5-7 September 2013**, a panel on toponyms had been organized by Cosimo PALAGIANO (Italy) and saw 5 papers presented.
- (6) In the framework of the **IGU Regional Conference Cracow [Kraków], Poland, 18-22 August 2014**, a session on geographical approaches to toponymy with 5 panels and a total of 19 papers had been organized by Peter JORDAN (Austria): Session 1 (Cultural-geographical approaches): papers presented by P. MÁCHA (Czechia), Y. FERLAND (Canada), M. SOLARZ, K. JANAS (both Poland); Session 2 (Naming motives, place names as keys to culture and cultural history): papers presented by P. RAPER (South Africa), S. CHI, S. CHOO & H. KIM (all Republic of Korea), J. TORT I DONADA (Spain); Session 3 (Names in urban space): papers presented by C. PALAGIANO (Italy), D. DROZDZEWSKI (Australia), W. HUANG, P. KANG (both Taiwan); Session 4 (Naming policies and place-name use): papers presented by P. JORDAN & O. STUMMVOLL (both Austria), S. PAIKKALA (Finland), M. DHIEB (Tunisia), A. HERZEN (Russian Federation); Session 5 (Field collection of names and names on maps): papers presented by Y. MILENINA & A. DOMARANSKIY (both Ukraine), B. ZAGÓRSKI (Poland), R. REINSMA (Netherlands), H. SUNG, J. KIM, H. KIM & W. LEE (all Republic of Korea).
- (7) **Symposium on place-name changes, Rome [Roma], Italy, 17-18 November 2014**: The symposium had jointly been organized with the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei (the Italian Academy of Sciences) and took place in its headquarter, the Villa Farnesina. It saw 53 registered participants and 40 paper presentations. It was organized by Peter JORDAN (Austria) and Cosimo PALAGIANO (Italy). The papers in the sequence of their presentation: Session 1 (General approaches, methodology): P. WOODMAN (United Kingdom), J. TORT I DONADA (Spain), P. MÁCHA (Czechia), R. REINSMA (Netherlands), P. TÁTRAI & Á. ERŐSS (both Hungary), R. STANI-FERTL (Austria), E. CAFFARELLI (Italy), J.-L. VAXELAIRE (Belgium); Session 2 (Country studies): C. PALAGIANO, L. CASSI, E. POLI (all Italy), M.D. GORDÓN PERAL & St. RUHSTALLER (both Spain), M. MANDOLA (France/Poland), F. ORMELING (Netherlands), P.A. WEENINK (Netherlands), B. SUDIŢU, I. NICOLAE & C. BUTEREZ (all Romania), P. DE MENEZES (Brazil), H. RAGHOEBAR (Suriname), E. CALVARIN (France); Session 3 (Regional studies): L. FEDERZONI, F. LUCCHESI & M. GRAVA, F. ZAN (all Italy), S. YI (Republic of Korea); Session 4 (Place-name changes in urban space): G. AMIOTTI, M. MALVASI, G.P. SCARATTI, T. BANINI (all Italy), M. GERŠIČ & D. KLADNIK (both Slovenia), Zs. BARTOS-ELEKES (Romania), W. HUANG (Taiwan), St. NYSTRÖM, M. WAHLBERG (both Sweden), A. BEKKOUCHE (Algeria), Th. DU PLESSIS, J.-M. STEENKAMP & Th. DU PLESSIS (both South Africa), A. COLLAZO ALLEN (Switzerland); Session 5 (Multicultural situations): Á. ERŐSS & P. TÁTRAI (both Hungary), J. BENEDEK, R. RUSU (both Romania), I. CRLJENKO & I. ZUPANC (both Croatia); Session 6 (The impact of specific historical events on place-name changes): G. LUCARNO (Italy), B. ATOUI

(Algeria), P. KANG (Taiwan), P. JORDAN (Austria). Proceedings were published as Volume 5 of the toponymic book series *Name & Place*, edited by Peter JORDAN and Paul WOODMAN, financed by Peter JORDAN.

- (8) In the framework of the **IGU Regional Conference, Moscow [Moskva], Russian Federation, 17-22 August 2015**, a toponymic session without a specific thematic focus with 10 papers took place. The local organizer was Andrey HERZEN (Russian Federation). The papers were presented by (in the sequence of presentation) Cosimo PALAGIANO (Italy), Ruth AGHEYEVYA (Russian Federation), Riemer REINSMA (Netherlands), Peter RAPER (South Africa), Natalia ALEXEENKO & Svetlana MIKAHEEVA, Tatiana SOKOLOVA, Dominique BADORIOTTI (all Russian Federation), Jack KEILO (France), Tomasz WITES (Poland) and Andrey HERZEN (Russian Federation).
- (9) As a pre-conference event of ICC Rio de Janeiro, a **Symposium on Atlases, Toponymy and the History of Cartography, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-21 August 2015**, was organized jointly with the ICA Commission on Atlases (chair: Peter JORDAN, Austria) and the ICA Commission on the History of Cartography (chair: Elri LIEBENBERG, South Africa) as well as the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE), which hosted the event with Ana RESENDE (Brazil) as the main organizer. The symposium had a majority of Brazilian participants and Brazilian topics were predominantly featured. Papers on toponymy were presented by (in the sequence of presentation) Paulo DE MENEZES, Ana RESENDE et al. (all Brazil) and Yaïves FERLAND (Canada). Visits to the National Library and the Navy Museum completed the programme. Proceedings are under elaboration, edited by Ana RESENDE on behalf of IBGE and with support of the Swiss Statistical Office.
- (10) In the framework of the **27th International Cartographic Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 23-28 August 2015**, two sessions with nominally 4 papers each took place, but just Yaïves FERLAND (Canada), J.M. YOUNG (United States), G.R. MOREIRA et al. (Brazil), A. REIMER (Netherlands), I. FARAGÓ & J. JENEJ (both Hungary), Catherine DOMINGUES (France) and Teimo LESKINEN (Finland) presented.
- (11) In the framework of **EuGeo Budapest, Hungary, 30 August – 2 September 2015**, a session with a focus on the role of place names in geographical education organized by Peter JORDAN (Austria) with 2 panels and 12 papers took place. Papers were presented by (in the sequence of presentation) Hein RAGHOEBAR (Suriname), Cosimo PALAGIANO (Italy), Peter JORDAN (Austria), Peter RAPER (South Africa), Ivana CRLJENKO & Ružica VUK (both Croatia), Joan TORT I DONADA (Spain), Botolv HELLELAND (Norway), Wojciech WŁOSKOWICZ (Poland), Peter KANG (Taiwan), Zane CEKULA (Latvia), Isaeva EKATERINA (Canada) and Federica FRONDIZI et al. (all Italy)
- (12) The **Symposium “Place names, diversity and heritage”, Clarens, Free State, South Africa, 17-18 September 2015**, was jointly organized with the Unit for Language Facilitation and Empowerment of the University of the Free State. Theodorus DU PLESSIS, Peter RAPER and Chrismi-Rinda LOTH (all South Africa) were the main local organizers. The symposium had 26 participants from 7 countries (South Africa 18, Zimbabwe and Slovenia 2 each, USA, Brazil, Italy and Austria 1 each). 19 papers were presented by (in the sequence of presentation) Peter RAPER, Barbara MEIRING (both South Africa), Peter JORDAN (Austria), Lucie MOELLER, Johann LUBBE (both South Africa), Matjaž GERŠIČ & Drago KLADNIK (both Slovenia), Carol LOMBARD (USA), Burgert SENEKAL (South Africa), Tendai MANGENA & Prosper MUZAMBI (both Zimbabwe), Johan Lodewyk MARAIS & Christa MORRISON, Adrian KOOPMAN (all South Africa), Kizito MUCHEMWA (Zimbabwe), Bertie NEETHLING, Joan STEENKAMP & Theodorus DU PLESSIS, Theodorus DU PLESSIS (all South Africa), Cosimo PALAGIANO (Italy), Paulo DE MENEZES (Brazil), Corrie GELDENHUYS and Sibusiso NTULI (both South Africa). Trueman KUBHEKA (South

Africa) gave a dinner speech. Proceedings were published in “Nomina Africana”, the peer-reviewed South African names journal, edited by Lucie MOELLER and Peter RAPER.

- (13) In the framework of the **33rd International Geographical Congress, Beijing, China, 21-25 August 2016**, in a session on “Place names as social constructs”, organized by Peter JORDAN and Cosimo PALAGIANO, 20 papers were presented by the following speakers (in the sequence of presentation): Cosimo PALAGIANO (Italy), Hyo Hyun SUNG et al. (all Republic of Korea), Matthew HATVANY (Canada), Gábor GERCSÁK (Hungary), Tomasz WITES (Poland), Rassem KHAMAIISI (Israel), Riemer REINSMA (Netherlands), Peter RAPER (South Africa), Peter JORDAN (Austria), Wojciech WŁOSKOWICZ (Poland), Dash DOLJIN & Nyamtseren MANDAKH (both Mongolia), Zhu ZHENHUA & Zhang HONGYAN (both China), Dong Po DENG (China) & Peter KANG (Taiwan, China), Zhaoliang ZHANGSHENGSHENG (China), Huang WENCHUAN (Taiwan, China), Sungjae CHOO & Heesu KIM (both Republic of Korea), Heesu KIM & Sungjae CHOO, Kriti KANAUIA (India), Je Hun RYU (Republic of Korea), Madina TUSSUPBEKOVA et al. (all Kazakhstan).
- (14) **International Panamerican Symposium on Toponymy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 3-5 May 2017**, organized on behalf of the Joint ICA/IGU Commission on Toponymy by Paulo DE MENEZES, the Panamerican Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH), the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) and the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE). The main themes were toponymy on maps, toponymy and education, indigenous and minority toponymy. The event had 92 registered participants from 8 countries (Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Portugal, Argentina, Dominican Republic, South Africa and Italy), 30 papers were presented.
- (15) **ICC Joint Pre-Conference Workshop: Charting the Cosmos of Cartography: History – Names – Atlases, Washington, D.C., USA, 28-30 June 2017**, organized by the ICA Commission on the History of Cartography (Chair: Imre DEMHARDT, USA), in co-operation with the ICA Commission on Atlases (represented by Eric LOSANG, Germany), and the ICA Commission Toponymy (represented by Peter JORDAN, Austria). In the sequence of presentation toponymic papers were presented by Derek ALDERMAN (keynote, USA), Peter JORDAN (Austria), Cosimo PALAGIANO (Italy), Paulo DE MENEZES (Brazil), Peter RAPER (South Africa), Elri LIEBENBERG (South Africa), Albina APRIADSA & Ari CAHYONO (both Indonesia), Hyo Hyun SUNG & Sejin AHN (Republic of Korea) and Yaïves FERLAND (Canada). A selection of papers will be published in the *Cartographic Journal*.
- (16) In the framework of the **28th International Cartographic Conference, Washington D.C., USA, 2-7 July 2017**, the Joint ICA/IGU Commission on Toponymy sponsored three toponymic sessions with in total 9 papers: Session 1: Place-name changes, toponymic fieldwork, metaphoric use of place names (Chair: Peter JORDAN) with papers presented by Younghoon KIM (Republic of Korea), Mohsen DHIEB (Tunisia), and Riemer REINSMA (Netherlands); Session 2: Place names as cultural heritage, indigenous and minority names (Chair: Cosimo PALAGIANO) with papers presented by Přemysl MÁCHA (Czechia), Pedro PARICA (Chile), Paulo DE MENEZES (Brazil), and Tainá LAETA (Brazil); Session 3: Name-placement on maps, names on ancient maps and for planetary features (Chair: Paulo DE MENEZES) with papers presented by Guillaume TOUYA (France), Cosimo PALAGIANO (Italy), and Henrik HARGITAI (Hungary).

3 Publications 2012-2017

Proceedings published:

- (1) *Semestrare di Studi e Ricerche di Geografia*, XXV, 2, Roma 2013: special issue including toponymy papers presented at the IGU Regional Conference Kyoto, Japan, 4-9 August 2013. (<http://www.semestrare-geografia.org/index.php/sdg/issue/view/3>)
- (2) Peter JORDAN, Paul WOODMAN (eds.) (2016), *Place-Name Changes. Proceedings of the Symposium in Rome, 17-18 November 2014* (= Name & Place, 5). Hamburg, Dr. Kovač, 492 p. ISBN 978-3-8300-8423-5. (<http://www.verlagdrkovac.de/978-3-8300-8423-5.htm>)
- (3) Jana MOSER (ed.) (2016), *Joint Commission Seminar on Historical Maps, Atlases and Toponymy* (= forum IfL, 30). Leipzig, Leibniz-Institut für Länderkunde, 134 p. ISBN 978-3-86082-101-5. (<http://www.ifl-leipzig.de/de/publikationen/zeitschriften-und-reihen/forum-ifl.html>)
- (4) *Nomina Africana, Journal of the Names Society of Southern Africa*, 30, 1, 2016: special issue containing 10 papers presented at the Symposium “Place names, diversity and heritage”, Clarens, Free State, South Africa, 17-18 September 2015.

Proceedings in elaboration:

Symposium on Atlases, Toponymy and the History of Cartography, Rio de Janeiro, 20-21 August 2015: to be published as an individual book, edited by Ana RESENDE on behalf of the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) and the Swiss Statistical Office.

4 Flagship project

Establishing a geographical names consortium of several universities, where according to a common curriculum approved by the Commission and with lectors (among others) from the Commission courses in toponymy are offered. This project evolves from an idea and initiative of Peter RAPER and Theodorus DU PLESSIS (both South Africa) and is to start with some universities in Southern Africa and later to spread to other countries and continents. This project conforms to the task “to disseminate the scientific knowledge on processing and use of toponyms within geography and cartography” in the Commission’s terms of reference. It has been initiated also with the consent and kind support of the convenor of the UNGEGN Working Group on Training Courses in Toponymy, Ferjan ORMELING, and will complement UNGEGN courses, which will also be continued.