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At the 15th International Conference of the International Cartographic Association (ICA), at Bournemouth, UK, a special session was devoted to the work of UNGEGN, with 4 lectures presented by members of UNGEGN. Some of the UNGEGN reports and proceedings were exhibited during this session as well. As this material drew much interest from the participants, it is planned to present, at the 16th ICA conference in Cologne (FRG) a small exhibition of material relevant to UNGEGN's resolutions and recommendations. This is in order to show cartographers the nature and possibilities for use of this material as well as the locations where the publications can be obtained. UNGEGN will be approached by ICA in order to assist in the organisation of this exhibition.

In volume 3 of the ICA manual series Basic Cartography, to be published in 1993, a special chapter on toponymy is to be included. UNGEGN member Prof. Kadmon has consented to produce it.

As ICA will play a more prominent role in the UN regional cartographic conferences, it will be possible to intensify the cooperation in the matter of geographical names, by including discussions on standards, spatial data exchange and computer-assisted map documentation and geographical information systems.

As the importance of the toponymic guidelines programme is clearly recognized by the cartographic community (cartographers are the largest critical group of professional users of geographical names, and because of the reproduction of their maps possibly the most influential) UNGEGN is urged to complete this programme for the other half of the world not covered yet by these guidelines, maintaining the high standards of the series.