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**Activities relating to the Working Group on
Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers**

Polish list of official names of localities and their parts *

Submitted by Poland

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At the beginning of 2013 “List of official names of localities and their parts” was published in Poland. This is the second in Polish history official list of localities and their parts situated on the Polish territory. The previous official list was published in the years 1980 to 1982. Other lists – the first of which appeared in the years 1923 to 1926 – did not have the status of official lists.

The list was published on the basis of “Act on official names of localities and physiographic objects”, which entered into force in 2003 (see English version of this act: http://ksng.gugik.gov.pl/english/files/act_on_official_names_of_localities_and_physiographic_objects.pdf). This act regulates, among others, rules and procedures for establishing, changing and abolishing official names of localities and their parts, as well as the manner of establishing and publishing lists of official names of localities and their parts.

The list contains 103 225 official names of localities and their parts, including: 908 names of towns and cities, 43 051 names of villages, 6 708 names of parts of towns and cities, 36 349 names of parts of villages, 5 136 names of hamlets, and 4 641 names of hamlets of villages.

The list is arranged in a table with eight columns: the name of locality is indicated in the first column; in the second column – officially established type of locality; in the third, fourth and fifth columns – administrative unit: commune, county and voivodship; in the sixth column – the identifier of locality from the National Official Register of the Territorial Division of the Country (TERYT); in the seventh column – genitive ending for names of localities; in the eighth column – adjective (only for names of towns and villages).

Changes of the names given in the list are published annually, and they come into force on 1st January – these changes are effect of changes in the names, as well as changes in type of name (changes of type can also result from changes of boundaries of cities and towns).

The geographical coordinates of the localities included in the official list are obtained by the Head Office of Geodesy and Cartography and introduced into database of national register of geographical names (PRNG).

“List of official names of localities and their parts” is available on the website of the Government Legislation Center: <http://www.dziennikustaw.gov.pl/du/2013/200/1>, as well as on the website of the Commission on Standardization of Geographical Names Outside the Republic of Poland: http://ksng.gugik.gov.pl/pliki/urzedowy_wykaz_nazw_miejscowosci_2013.pdf