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Summary

The present paper can be regarded as update to Working Paper 84 of the 22nd Session of UNGEGN. Of the three websites mentioned the first one is maintained by the Institute of Geodesy, Cartography and Remote Sensing (also known by its Hungarian abbreviation FÖMI), and contains about 78 000 physical, administrative and man-made features. The second one is the work of the Hungarian Central Statistical Office with names of settlements and parts of settlements. The third website, supported by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, lists the decisions of the Hungarian Committee on Geographical Names.

1. Gazetteer of Hungary (FNT)

http://fish.fomi.hu/termekekhonlap/angol/

The gazetteer-database, under the responsibility of FÖMI, classes geographical names into 40 feature types, including the names of settlements, parts of settlements, landscapes, large units of the land, woods, nature conservation areas, relief and hydrography, names of conspicuous points (ruin, lookout tower etc.) as well as the names of the most important objects of traffic. At present it contains over 78 000 names.
Structured into records containing information on the position of the geographical object by the name of the county and settlement in which the object exist as well as by its EOV(Uniform National projection System) and/or geographical co-ordinates, on population (for populated places), height, source materials, minority name (if relevant) etc. Full records are available on order from FÖMI for a fee.
A limited search however is possible from the website (through clicks on "Gazetteer" followed by "Browse in the Gazetteer", using the dialogue panel), that can list all types of names of a given feature type in a county of Hungary, and indicate in which settlement the given feature belongs to.

2. The Detailed Gazetteer of the Republic of Hungary of the Central Statistical Office

www.ksh.hu

The Detailed Gazetteer is a database of independent 3145 settlements or localities (cities, towns, villages), together with close to 10 000 additional names as parts of settlements. The database, updated with data of 1st January 2006, is managed by the Central Statistical Office.
When reaching the database (choosing English and clicking on Gazetteer) you may download the entire dataset above in Excel file (hyperlink "Download"), or you can go for a detailed search on the dialogue panel by the name of the settlement. In the latter case you may get such details of the given city (town, village) as location on map and in county, ethnic name (if relevant), names of parts of the settlement, population for both the settlement and parts of settlement, the nearest bus and railway stations with distance from centre.

3. Decisions of the Hungarian Committee on Geographical Names (at present only in Hungarian)

www.fvm.hu

The Committee meets 3-4 times a year (see Report on Hungary, 2007). Its decisions are accessible on the website of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (the ministry the Committee is attached to), in chronological order. Text is unfortunately at present only available in Hungarian.