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**Meetings and conferences: international names meetings,
conferences and symposiums****Twenty-third International Congress of Onomastic
Sciences; and proceedings of the twenty-first and
twenty-second Congresses****Submitted by Austria****

The twenty-third International Congress of Onomastic Sciences will be convened from 17 to 22 August 2008 in Toronto (Canada). The central theme will be: Names in contact: names in a multilingual, multicultural, multi-ethnic world. The Congress languages will be English, French and German; and papers in Spanish and Portuguese will be accepted.

The members of the organizing committee are: Sheila Embleton, Wolfgang Ahrens, André Lapierre and Grant Smith.

All relevant information concerning participation, deadlines for lectures, Congress fees and hotel accommodations and the first circular can be downloaded from the following website: <http://vpacademic.yorku.ca/ICOS2008>.

**Twenty-second International Congress of Onomastic Sciences,
Pisa, Italy, 28 August-4 September 2005**

The General Assembly, in the session held on 3 September 2005, elected the new board of the International Congress of Onomastic Sciences:

Maria Giovanna Arcamone, President
Sheila Embleton, Vice-President
Milan Harvalík, Vice-President
Richard Coates, Secretary

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The non-ex officio members of the Board of Directors were:

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The Congress offered six sections for the presentation of scientific papers. Section 5 was dedicated to the topic “Geographical names: (a) settlement names; (b) other geographical names”. The papers are still in preparation.

**Twenty-first International Congress of Onomastic Sciences,
Uppsala, Sweden, 19-24 August 2002**

The proceedings of the twenty-first International Congress of Onomastic Sciences will be published in five volumes: volumes 1 and 2 were published in 2005 and 2006; volume 3 is planned for August/September 2007; and volumes 4 and 5 are planned for 2008.