CRP 49
UN Conferences & UNGEGN - Milestones

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Elements of CRP 49

- Background/chronology of
  - UNGEGN Chairs and Conference Presidents
  - Divisions
  - Working Groups and Convenors

- Milestones
  - 50 events with details since 1967 – actually since 1959, the start of geographical names work at the UN
  - To recognize and celebrate the work of those before us
Starting my links with UNGEGN

1987 … Fifth UN Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names
Montréal, Canada
The Milestones cover various aspects of our work

- Advancing national standardization
- Publishing and communicating our results
- Outreach to Africa
- Connecting with other scientific and standardization organizations
- Establishing and improving our operations

Posters – created by UN to illustrate some of the milestones

UNEGEGN website  unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNEGEGN/
### 1960s and 1970s

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<td>1959</td>
<td>ECOSOC Resolution 715A (XXVII): created a review group.</td>
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<td>1960</td>
<td>First meeting of experts: USA, France, UK, Iran, Guatemala, China.</td>
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<td>1967</td>
<td>First UN Conference: Geneva, 55 countries.</td>
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<td>1979</td>
<td>Toponymic Guidelines started: example Austria.</td>
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1980s and 1990s

1993  Major rewrite of Aims, Functions, Modus Operandi: more pro-active

1992  First UNGEGN training course in sub-Saharan Africa: Pretoria

1988  First *UNGEGN Newsletter* (later *UNGEGN Information Bulletin*)

1987  Compendium of UN resolutions started – English, French

1986  UN World Cartography: nine technical articles

1984  UNGEGN Glossary of Terminology

1982  First UNGEGN toponymy training course: Indonesia
2009  First UNGEGN session in Africa: Nairobi
2016  First UNGEGN in Asia: Bangkok

2006-7  Publication of basic and technical manuals

2006  First “Special Presentations” at UNGEGN & UNCSGN

2004  Creation of the Task Team for Africa;
      Online UNGEGN Database

2002  At Eighth Conference:
      associated training, break-time presentations

2002  Launching the UNGEGN website;
      UNGEGN Glossary of Terms

2001  First UNGEGN brochure: Consistent use of place names
2010s

2017  Launching of an online toponymy training manual
2016  Establishing a model for cooperation with UN-GGIM
2016  All UNCSGN/UNGEGN documents loaded onto website
2012  UNGEGN web-based training course launched; Media kit
2011  UNECA-sponsored symposium on UNGEGN’s work in Africa: Gabarone Action Plan (GAP) presented to StatCom in Cape Town & Yamoussoukro
2011  Initial meeting for an ICA/IGU Commission on toponymy
2010  Launching on-line database of UN resolutions
2010  Initial cooperation with embryonic UN-GGIM: New York
Responsibility for UNGEGN

Late 1990s
... UNGEGN passed from Cartography to Statistics Division

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FRIDAY, 28 JANUARY
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