50 years trying for Training courses in Toponymy

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UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE STANDARDIZATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

50th ANNIVERSARY

11th UNCSGN New York 2017 50 years of UNGEGN
UNGEVN resolution II-18

The Conference, Noting the world-wide interest in field investigation and office treatment of geographical names, Noting also the urgent need to train staff engaged in the field collection of names and in their standardization, …

1. Recommends that pilot training courses in the collection and treatment of names should have all possible support from the authorities that are able to give it;

2. Further recommends that the programmes of such courses be submitted to the UNGEGN for its advice and that formal notification of the availability of such courses be forwarded to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
June 7, 1982--Toponymic terminology
- Functions of geographical names
- Global distribution of languages and scripts
- UN activities on the standardization of geographical names

June 8: - General problems of national names authorities
- Writing systems
- Conversion on non-written languages

June 9: - Geographical name problems in Indonesia
- Exonyms
- Glossaries and national gazetteers

June 10: Technical visits to Hydrographic office and the Topographic office

June 11: - General/specific problems encountered in field collection of names
- Field collection of names in Indonesia
- The role of office procedures in standardization of geographical names

June 12: - Standardization of geographical names in Australia
- Automatic processing of geographical names

14-16 Juni - Practice: field collection of geographical names

17 June: - Discussion on field collection of geographical names. Diplomas;
Contents of the PAIGH courses

- The nature of geographical names and their linguistic and cultural origins
- The importance of geographical names in communication
- The creation of a mandate for a national names bureau
- Office processing
- Inventories in the field
- Processing the names back in the office
- International toponymy
- Standardizing geographical names
- Dissemination of standardized names
-Role of the United Nations –
-Odonymy/oronymy/hydronymy
-Tools for toponymic work
-Field work methodology
-Processing the names inventory
-Office processing of the names
-Terminology
-Role of the Place Names commission for Quebec
-Computer processing of names
-Linguistic policies of Quebec
-Toponymy in boundary zones
-Orthographic rules, selection criteria
-Linguistic asp. of standardization
-Toponymy and geography
-Toponymy and history of cartography
-Road names/Street names
United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNEGGN)

TRAINING COURSE IN

TOPOLOGY

FOR

SOUTHERN AFRICA

EDITORS

P S Hattingh, N Kadmon,
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Pretoria 1992, 1993
Queen Victoria rock (Komatipoort, Transvaal 1993)  Adrian Koopman
UNEGGN Training courses held

- 1982 Cisarua
- 1984 Rabat
- 1989 Cipanas
- 1988 Quebec
- 1992 Pretoria
- 1996 Pretoria
- 1997 Pretoria
- 1997 Riga
- 2002 Enschede
- 2003 Khartoum
- 2004 Bathurst
- 2004 Maputo
- 2005 Malang
- 2006 Maputo
- 2006 Wenen
- 2007 Tunis
- 2008 Ouagadougou
- 2008 Timisoara
- 2009 Nairobi
- 2010 Yaounde
- 2012 Yogyakarta
- 2013 Madagascar
- 2014 Oran
- 2015 Tunis
- 2017 Rio de Janeiro
- 2018
Zaguma: Marracuene ferry on the Nkomati river, Mozambique 2004
Training Course on Toponomy

Batu - Malang, East Java, Indonesia
11 - 23 September 2005

Published by:
National Coordination Agency for Surveys and Mapping (BAKOSURTANAL)
Cibinong, Indonesia
February 2006
UNGEIGN-ICA webcourse on Toponymy
(First release July 2012)

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Toponymy Training Course, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 15-19 May 2017

1. Objectives

The objective of the Toponymy training course is to support capacity building for members of the UNGEGN Portuguese-speaking and Latin America Divisions responsible for the standardisation of geographical names. The course is aimed at increasing the knowledge and understanding of the principles and concepts of geographical naming and the standardization of a country's toponyms; transfer methods and best practices in geographical names data collection; toponymic database building, the design and development of gazetteers, geographical names servers and exposure to and practices in cartographic applications.

The course is coordinated by the United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Statistics Division, UNGEGN in collaboration with the Brazilian Institute of Geography and History, Reference Centre for Geographical Names.

2. Course Outline

3. Resource Guide to Brazil and Training Course

4. Course Participants List

5. Course Material

Day 1
- Naming Principles
- Terminology and the webcourse
- Terminology and the UNGEGN webcourse
- Standardization of geographical names and raising awareness of its advantages
- National agencies and functioning of a names board
- Standardization of Statistical Area Names

Day 2
- Managing a national names programme
- United Nations, UNGEGN, and support for national geographical names standardization programmes
- Visão Toponímica Sobre O Estado Do Rio De Janeiro - Brasil
- Fieldwork
- Preparing for fieldwork: what should we collect and what forms should we use?
- Collection of Geographical Names in Brazil
- Description of the Fieldwork Area

Day 3 - Field Work (forthcoming)

6. Course Report and Evaluation
Day 3 - Field Work (*forthcoming*)

Day 4
- Processing names from fieldwork
- Decision-making of the Board
- Database creation (theory)
- Building the database – hands on experience

Day 5
- Labelled Maps-Verification, entering names into a GIS and Google Maps/Earth
- Names Positioning
- Dissemination of geographical names
- Administration of Geographical Names in Uruguay
- Names Servers
- Atlases and databases
- Preservation of place names as part of our cultural and historical heritage
- Preserving cultural heritage through geographical names

6. Course Report and Evaluation

7. Pictures (*forthcoming*)