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Item 18 of the Provisional Agenda

Other toponymic issues

International Seminar on Sea Names, 2013 *

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SUMMARY

The 19th International Seminar on Sea Names was held in Istanbul in August 2013. Over forty participants discussed issues of geographical naming, especially of maritime features, in paper presentations and panel discussions. Launched in 1995, this annual seminar currently intends to broaden its scope to serve as a general forum where principles and practices of naming maritime features are discussed with complementing perspectives of international studies. The total number of papers presented so far has reached 290, all of which can be downloaded at: <http://www.eastsea1994.org/seminars>.

The 19th International Seminar on Sea Names took place in Istanbul, Turkey on 22-24 August 2013. Over forty participants discussed issues of geographical naming, especially of maritime features, in the presentations of sixteen papers and panel discussions. The seminar was co-organized by The Society for the East Sea and the Northeast Asian History Foundation and joined by The Institute for History of Ataturk's Reform and Principles, Istanbul University, as the local organizer. All papers presented as well as discussion points were edited and published as a book, titled "Sea, Sea Names and Mediterranean Peace."

Launched in 1995, the seminar was initially motivated to search for a resolution to the chronic disputes between the Republic of Korea and Japan concerning the name of the sea between the two states. It has, however, now broadened its scope to serve as a general forum where principles and practices of naming geographical features, especially maritime features, as well as issues of international standardization and documentation of geographical names are discussed. Recently, the topic of discussion has expanded to include the fields of international politics and relations and international law.

The total number of papers presented from the 1st to 19th seminars has reached to 290, all of which can be downloaded at: <http://www.eastsea1994.org/seminars>. The 20th International Seminar on Sea Names is scheduled to be held in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, in October 2014. Any experts interested in participating are welcome to contact Professor Yeon-Taek Ryu at: ytryu@chungbuk.ac.kr.

[†] This working paper pertains to the UNCISG resolution I/7 (Regional meetings)

Papers presented at the 19th International Seminar on Sea Names, August 2013

Keynote Speech

- Tong Youn Seok (Republic of Korea)

SESSION I: Conceptual Reconsideration on Naming Seas

- Isolde Hausner (Austria), Principles and rules of ‘dual names/dual naming’ (multiple names/multiple naming) systems in and outside Europe: An exemplary approach to the definition of two(?) new terms in the UNGEGN glossary
- Béla Pokoly (Hungary), Alternative names of a maritime feature: The case of the Caribbean Sea
- Peter Raper (South Africa), Is the *East Sea* a shared feature?
- Erik Franckx (Belgium), Resolutions of governmental organizations: A legal appraisal
Discussant: Nohyoung Park (Republic of Korea)

SESSION II: Special Session: Sea Names, Border Issues and Disputed Territories in Eastern Europe

- Christoph Waack (Germany), Bordering Eastern Europe: European Union’s integration and local impacts
- Mladen Klemenčić (Croatia), Maritime boundaries and geographical names in the Adriatic Sea
- Anton Gosar (Slovenia), The border puzzle in the Balkans: The case of the Adriatic Sea border delimitation between Bosnia and Herzegovina and EU’s Croatia
Discussants: Chang-Wee Lee (Republic of Korea) and Sang-Hyun Chi (Republic of Korea)

SESSION III: Perspectives on the Name *East Sea*

- Jong-Chul Soh and Inwhan Kim (Republic of Korea), Historic appearances and their motivations of two maritime toponyms: *East Sea*, *Sea of Korea*
- Young Choon Lee (Republic of Korea), Korean myths and legends related with the name of the *East Sea*
- Saangkyun Yi (Republic of Korea), The geopolitics of seas and the cartography of naming seas: the name *Sea of Japan* reflecting an imperialist ideology
Discussants: Isolde Hausner (Austria) and Sungjae Choo (Republic of Korea)

SESSION IV: Perspectives from Africa and the Middle East

- Yoseph Mekasha (Ethiopia), GeoNyms as solution for multiple geographical names
- Abdullah Elsadig Ali (Sudan), Cultural, social and historic aspects of maritime name disputes
- Charles Mwangi (Kenya), A case study of Kenya: lessons learnt in field collection of geographical names
Discussant: Yeon-Taek Ryu (Republic of Korea)

SESSION V: Naming and Border Issues in Geography Education

- Ali Demirci (Turkey), The use of spatial technologies in secondary schools in Turkey: current applications, prospects and recommendations for the future
- Yilmaz Ari (Turkey), Geography in Turkish higher education: sea names for textbooks and maps
- Young-Hoon Kim (Republic of Korea), Sea names and their issues over the national administration territories: meaning, directions and perspectives in Korean geography education
Discussant: Joseph Stoltman (U.S.A.)

SESSION VI: Panel Discussion

Discussants: Brahim Atoui (Algeria), Cezmi Eraslan (Turkey), Shin Kim (Republic of Korea), Young-won Kim (Republic of Korea), Sang-Tae Lee (Republic of Korea), Myung-Ho Moon (Republic of Korea), Eman Oriby (Egypt), Joseph Stoltman (U.S.A.), Dae-won Suh (Republic of Korea), Jin-Hyun Kim (Republic of Korea), Peter Raper (South Africa)