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Reports of the liaison officers and international organizations

**Report of the Liaison Officer, International Council of
Onomastic Sciences (ICOS)***

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1. The International Council of Onomastic Sciences (ICOS)

(<http://www.icosweb.net/>)

The International Council of Onomastic Sciences (ICOS) is the international organization for all scholars who have a special interest in the study of names (place names, personal names, and proper names of all other kinds). The aim of ICOS is the advancement, representation and coordination of name research on an international level and in an interdisciplinary context. Every one who is actively engaged in scholarly name research may become a member of the ICOS. The official languages of ICOS are English, French, and German.

The annual membership subscription is 20 Euros (10 Euros for students) which implies reduced fee at the ICOS congresses. The congresses, which normally are held every three years, are organized on behalf of ICOS by one of its members. The General Assembly of ICOS, including the election of officers, is usually held in conjunction with the congresses. Mr. Milan Harvalík (Czech Republic) was elected president in 2014.

2. Onoma

Members receive the journal **Onoma**, the official publication of the association. It contains topical research reports as well as basic theoretical articles concerning all areas of scholarly name research, including name standardization. Since vol. 34 (1999), each issue is thematic with a guest editor (or guest editors) appointed for each volume. Currently Dr. Antti Leino (Finland) is acting editor-in-chief supported by an editorial board.

Recent volumes:

- Onoma 44 (2009) ‘African Onomastics’ (ed. by Adrian Koopman)
- Onoma 45 (2010) ‘History and Significance of Onomastics in Diachrony and Synchrony’ (ed. by Maria Giovanna Arcamone and Martina Pitz †)
- Onoma 46 (2011) ‘Names and Minorities’ (ed. by Dunja Brozovic-Rončević) / Toponomastics and Linguistic Landscapes’ (ed. by Guy Puzey)
- Onoma 47 (2012) ‘Names and Law’ (ed. by Katharina Leibring and Andreas Teutsch)

Upcoming volumes (in different stages of progress):

- ‘Contact and Interference Phenomena in Onomastics’ (ed. by Wolfgang Haubrichs and Max Pfister)
- ‘Names and Religion’ (ed. by Per Vikstrand)
- ‘Medieval Multiculturalism’ (ed. by Sara Uckelman, Jennifer McGowan, Genora Grim, and Nina Shiel)
- ‘Asian Onomastics’ (ed. by Sungjae Choo, Peter Kang, and Multamia Lauder)

A number of other issues are more vaguely planned.

3. Newsletters

The ICOS Board issues newsletters regularly with information of interest to the members. Links to the most recent newsletters are available on the home page of ICOS.

4. Congresses

The 25th International Congress of Onomastic Sciences was held at the University of Glasgow on August 25–29, 2014. The theme of this congress was ‘Names and their Environment’. The proceedings are expected to be completed in 2016 and published in an electronic format.

The 26th International Congress of Onomastic Sciences will be held at the University of Debrecen, Hungary, from August 27 to September 1, 2017. The topic of the Congress is ‘Locality and Globality in the World of Names’. A congress website will be launched on July 1, 2016.

4. Terminology Group of ICOS

ICOS has established a working group on onomastic terminology and this group has been cooperating with the UNGEGN Working Group on Toponymic Terminology.