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Reports of the liaison officers

**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. Everyone 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. Dr. Milan Harvalík (Czech Republic) was elected president in 2014 and will serve until the next congress in 2017.

ICOS' statutes can be found on the website.

2. Newsletters

The ICOS board issues newsletters in English, French, and German with information of interest to the members. Links to all the newsletters from no. 14 are available on the website. Since the last conference nos. 21 to 25 have appeared.

3. Onoma

Members receive the journal *Onoma*, the official publication (yearbook) of the council. 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 has been thematic with a guest editor (or guest editors) appointed for each volume. At the moment both thematical and other, non-themed volumes are being prepared. Currently Dr. Unni Leino from Finland is acting editor-in-chief supported by an editorial board.

Recent volumes:

- *Onoma* 45 (2010) 'History and Significance of Onomastics in Diachrony and Synchrony' (ed. by Maria Giovanna Arcamone and Martina Pitz †)
- *Onoma* 46 (2011, publ. 2013) 'Names and Minorities' (ed. by Dunja Brozovic-Rončević) / 'Toponomastics and Linguistic Landscapes' (ed. by Guy Puzey)
- *Onoma* 47 (2012, publ. 2015) 'Names and Law' (ed. by Katharina Leibring and Andreas Teutsch)

Upcoming volumes are the following:

- *Onoma* 48 (2013, publ. 2017) 'Names and Religion' (ed. by Per Vikstrand)
- *Onoma* 49 (2014, publ. 2017?) 'Medieval multiculturalism' (ed. by Sara Uckelman, Jennifer McGowan, Genora Grim, and Nina Shiel)
- *Onoma* 50 (2015, publ. 2018?), non-themed: 16 abstract submissions received

- Onoma 51 (2016, publ. 2018?) 'Asian onomastics' (ed. by Sungjae Choo, Peter Kang, and Multamia Lauder)

4. Terminologi Group of ICOS

ICOS has established a working group on onomastic terminology. The group has published a short list of key onomastic terms on the website in English, French and German. Several countries are now working on national versions of the list in different languages. This group has been cooperating with members of the UNGEGN working group on Toponymic Terminology.

5. 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 available for download on <http://www.icos2014.com/congress-proceedings/>.

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'. Some 240 papers will be presented in 8 parallel sections and 5 thematic symposia.

The 27 International Congress of Onomastic Sciences will probably (no formal decision is taken) take place in Krakow, Poland in August 2020.