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Austria presented an extensive report on the situation in the field of the
standardization of geographical names to the Second United Nations Conference on
the Standardization of Geographical Names, London 1972.* This report is still
valid today, only the following supplementations are to be made:

(1) New provincial commissions

Salzburg. Salzburger Ortsnamenkommission des Salzburger Instituts für
Raumforschung (Salzburg Place-Names Commission of the Salzburg Institute for
Regional Research). Correspondence should be addressed as follows: Attention
Mr. Kurt Conrad, Salzburger Institut für Raumforschung, Postfach 2,
5033 Salzburg, Austria. The commission was founded in 1975.

As the Salzburg Institute for Regional Research is a private institution
the Salzburg Place-Names Commission can have only functions of an unofficial
advisory body to the Provincial Government of Salzburg and to the federal
agencies dealing with geographical names.

Vienna. Wiener Nomenklaturkommission (Vienna Toponymic Commission).
Correspondence should be addressed as follows: Attention Mr. Felix Czeike,
Wiener Stadt- und Landesarchiv, Rathaus, 1082 Wien, Austria. The foundation
of this commission is planned for 1977.

The commission will be attached to the Wiener Stadt- und Landesarchiv
(Vienna Provincial and City Archives) and will have official status as
an advisory body to the Provincial Government and the city administration
of Vienna.

Upper Austria. The formation of a provincial commission within the frame
of the Upper Austrian Provincial Archives is planned.

(2) The Bundesamt für Reich- und Vermessungswesen (Federal Office of Gauging and Surveying) has continued its work in the field of the standardization of geographical names in accordance with the new instructions based on the recommendations of the United Nations. These instructions and specifications are described in detail in the above-mentioned Austrian report of 1972. The new Österreichische Karte (Austrian Map) 1:50,000 is almost completed. Two hundred and seven of the altogether 213 sheets will be ready in 1978; of these 113 sheets contain standardized names.

(3) In 1975 the Austrian Academy of Sciences published a Gazetteer of Austria in accordance with the recommendations of the United Nations. It is a selective gazetteer in the sense of resolution 35 of the London Conference of 1972, containing all categories of geographical names. Each headword is followed by an indication of the pronunciation, a description of features, grammatical information, the names of the pertinent administrative units, co-ordinates, etc. A glossary of geographical appellatives is annexed.

(4) Between 1974 and 1977 the Österreichisches Statistisches Zentralamt (Austrian Central Statistical Office) assisted by the Provincial Place Names Commissions published an Ortsverzeichnis (Gazetteer of inhabited places) in eight volumes based on the census of 12 May 1971.** Each volume covers one province with the exception of Lower Austria and Vienna, which are comprised in one volume. The provincial volumes are divided into a systematical part showing the administrative divisions and subdivisions and an alphabetical register. A register comprising the place names of the whole country in one alphabetical sequence will be published later.

(5) Internationally, Austria has participated as far as possible in the meetings of the Dutch and German Speaking Division of the United Nations Group of Experts for Geographical Names and of the Ständiger Ausschuss für geographische Namen (Permanent Committee on Geographical Names), Frankfurt am Main.