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The Board of Directors of ICOS in its meeting 1998 in Santiago de Compostela ratified the new policy for the council’s journal ONOMA: it agreed upon producing thematic volumes to give ONOMA a greater thematic coherence.

In this very meeting the board decided to dedicate volume 35 to the theme National and international standardization of geographical names. The volume was published in 2001 (guest editor: I. Hausner), many experts of the UNGEGN group agreed to write papers to their special field of research. It contains 11 papers under the following main topics:

- Historical aspects
- International names standardization
- National names standardization
- Transliteration of geographical names

The titles and the authors of the papers are:


S. Paikkala, Place Names in Finland as Cultural heritage.

H. Malmirian, A Historical Study on Nomenclature of the Persian Gulf.

P. Raper, Introduction to Standardization of Geographical Names.

H. Kerfoot, Wien or Vienna; Kalaallit Nunaat, Grønland or Greenland? Recent work and directions in geographical names standardization through the United Nations.

F. Ormeling, Toponymic Education and Training.

M. Harvalík, P. Bohač, Exonyme und Standardisierung fremder geographischer Namen im Tschechischen.


P. Videsott, Zur Standardisierung der ladinischen Ortsnamen in Südtirol.

H. Bell, Arabic Orthography and African Place-names in the Sudan. Can a Conflict between Diverse Solutions be Resolved?