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GEONAMES (Toponymic Database)

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Summary

The GEONAMES database was established by the Commission for Geographical Names of the Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre in 1998. It is administered by the Land Survey Office and updated by the secretariat of the Commission.

GEONAMES combines tables and graphic (map) data records. Most of the geographical names included also have the feature attributes of ZABAGED (the fundamental geographical database), which uses GIS technology. Both ZABAGED and GEONAMES have provided the source data for the creation of the Digital Basic Map of the Czech Republic since 2000. More than 60,000 names, with supplementary data, have been entered in GEONAMES. A presentation will be made to demonstrate the use and possibilities of the database.