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The International Council of Onomastic Sciences (ICOS)

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The International Council of Onomastic Sciences (ICOS) held its 21st International Congress of Onomastic Sciences from 19 August -24 August 2002 in Uppsala, Sweden.

Section 5 was dedicated to the topic "Name treatment and name planning", in which 26 papers were read. The papers will be published in the proceedings of the congress.

A special session with the title "Teaching of Onomastics and popularization of onomastic research" was presided by Prof. Sheila Embleton. Twelve panelists gave lectures on various themes, such as onomastic courses, professorship on the German university of Leipzig, onomastics as subsidiary subject in other German universities and on activities concerning the popularization of this subject, such as a daily newspaper column or a daily radio programme from Monday to Friday under the slogan "Numen -Nomen - Namen" (Prof. J. Udolph, Leipzig: www.radioeins.de).

It was suggested to install on the ICOS website informations on onomastic teaching and for the exchange of ideas related to course designs.

The General Assembly in its session on Friday, 22nd August, approved the new seat of the headquarter of the organization, which is now in Sweden under the following address:

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Furthermore, the General Assembly elected the new board of the council which is chaired by the president Doc. Mats Wahlberg / Sweden.

The representatives of Italy presented the invitation for the 22nd International Congress of Onomastic Sciences to the participants and the General Assembly confirmed it. The congress will be convened at the university of Pisa / Italy at the end of August or the beginning of September 2005.