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This book contains most of the papers presented at Working Group on Exonyms meetings, mainly at the meetings in Prague (2003) and Ljubljana (2005), plus some additional contributions. The discussion on definitions is an integral part of the book. But the book also highlights the exonym question in general from a multi- and interdisciplinary perspective. It examines the benefits of exonyms, the current trends of exonym use, and the standardisation efforts related to exonyms on the national as well as on the international (UN) level. It is supplemented by a bibliography including further important reference works. The book may be considered as a first comprehensive reader on the topic of exonyms as well as the first tangible product of the Working Group on Exonyms.

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