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Activities of the joint International Cartographic Association/International Geographical Union Commission on Toponymy since 2012

Summary**

The report provides the highlights of the activities of the joint International Cartographic Association/International Geographical Union Commission on Toponymy since the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, held in 2012.

The Commission is a joint venture of the two global umbrella institutions of cartography and geography, namely, the International Cartographic Association and the International Geographical Union, and was founded in 2011. Its main goal is to foster toponymic research in the fields of geography and cartography, complementary to multidisciplinary forums such as the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and the International Council of Onomastic Sciences. To this end, it organizes scientific events and publishes the proceedings thereof. During the period 2012-2017, the Commission organized or co-organized 16 symposiums and sessions in the framework of conferences in 10 countries spanning five continents. It also supported the publication of four proceedings, with a fifth in process. The Commission's flagship project is the establishment of a geographical names consortium of several universities, at which courses in toponymy will be offered, following a common curriculum approved by the Commission and taught by lecturers, among others, from the Commission.

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