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Divisions of the Group of Experts

Report of the Romano-Hellenic Division

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Summary:

During the past year, the Romano-Hellenic Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names organized its second international scientific symposium, in Venice, Italy.

The event, held from 26 to 28 September 2018, was hosted by the Veneto Region and the Venetian Institute of Science, Literature and the Arts and organized in close cooperation with the Italian Geographic Military Institute, under the auspices of the Italian scientific associations of cartography and geography. It focused on the theme “Toponymy and cartography between history and geography”.

The symposium was attended by over 100 people, including technicians, experts and scholars (geographers, linguists, historians, architects, planners and cartographers) from various countries.

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REPORT OF THE ROMANO-HELLENIC DIVISION

Summary

Since the last United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names the Romano-Hellenic Division (RHD) of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) has carried out the following activities:

- reactivation of its own web page;
- organization of the second International Scientific Symposium.

RHD web page

The web page of the Division is hosted by the Italian Geographic Military Institute (IGMI). Its address is https://www.igmi.org/en/toponomastica/genung-1?set_language=en.

Symposium on “Toponymy and Cartography between History and Geography”

The RHD organized its second International Scientific Symposium in Venezia [Venice], Italia [Italy], from 26th to 28th September 2018, focused on “Toponymy and Cartography between History and Geography”.

The symposium was prepared in close cooperation with the Italian Geographic Military Institute (IGMI), the Veneto region and the Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti under the auspices of the Italian scientific Associations of Cartography and Geography and with the precious contribution of the Scientific Committee.

During these three days, the event was attended by over one hundred people, technicians, experts and scholars (geographers, linguists, historians, architects, planners and cartographers) from various countries.

IGMI will publish the proceedings of the symposium during the coming year.

For more details, please see the “UNGEGN Information Bulletin”, n. 55 (December 2018), *Legislation on Geographical Names*, pp. 18-19.

Next scheduled activities

For the 2020 the Romano-Hellenic Division has in mind to organise its third International Scientific Symposium focused on the theme: “Permanence, substitution, transformation and the oblivion of the Geographical Names”, continuing the dissemination of “the benefits that geographical names provide to the daily functions in national economies and highlighting its role as an enabler in preserving cultural heritage”.