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**Cooperation and liaison with other organizations:
International organizations****Report of the Joint International Cartographic
Association-International Geographical Union
Commission on Toponymy****Summary****

The full report highlights the activities of the Joint International Cartographic Association-International Geographical Union Commission on Toponymy since the thirtieth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, held in New York in August 2017, and contains its programme for 2019. The Commission is a joint venture of the two global umbrella institutions for cartography and geography, 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 as a complement to multidisciplinary forums such as the Group of Experts and the International Council of Onomastic Sciences. It therefore organizes scientific events and publishes proceedings. Since August 2017, the Commission has organized or co-organized four symposiums and sessions during conferences in four countries in four continents. In 2019 it will be involved with four symposiums and sessions during conferences in three countries in three continents. It has also supported the publication of six proceedings. The Commission's flagship project is to establish a consortium on geographical names made up of several universities where courses on toponomy are offered on the basis of a common curriculum approved by the Commission and delivered by lecturers, among others, from the Commission.

* [GEGN.2/2019/1](#).

** The full report was prepared by Peter Jordan, Chair of the Joint International Cartographic Association-International Geographical Union Commission on Toponymy. The report will be available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/1st_session_UNGEGN.html, in the language of submission only, as document [GEGN.2/2019/63/CRP.63](#).

