Database of German exonyms

Summary*

The permanent committee on geographical names (Ständiger Ausschuss für geographische Namen) has published the third issue of its list of German exonyms as a database. The list follows the relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and includes slightly more than 1,500 common German exonyms. It is therefore entirely possible to implement the recommendations of the toponymic experts as laid down in resolutions VIII/4, V/13, III/18, III/9, IV/20, II/28 (available at www.ngii.go.kr/portal/ungn/mainEn.do) which addresses the use of exonyms.

The database software is open source. The database can be accessed on the permanent committee’s website as open data under a Creative Commons licence. The data sets can be queried by means of a user interface equipped with an extensive search function, or retrieved in the GeoPackage data format for geographic information system, which is non-proprietary, platform-independent and standards-based.