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Reports: divisions of the Group of Experts**Report of the Romano-Hellenic Division****Summary****

Since the Eleventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, the Romano-Hellenic Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names has carried out the following activities:

- (a) Updated its own web pages;
- (b) Published the proceedings of the second international scientific symposium, on the theme “Toponymy and cartography between history and geography”, held in Venice, Italy, in 2018;
- (c) Organized a third international scientific symposium, to be held in Italy in 2021.

The activities of the Division for the coming two years will be aimed at further stressing, among the countries of the Division, the functions that the standardization of geographical names can perform in support of sustainable development and pandemic management and at highlighting the benefits that toponymy provides to economies and for the conservation of cultural heritage. In line with those assumptions, a fourth international scientific symposium will be organized.

* [GEGN.2/2021/1](#).

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