THEME: TRAINING AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

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1. Public awareness
• Long-standing and widespread public interest in geographical names in Iceland; national and local press coverage and debate
• Recent tendency at municipal level towards inviting public input re. choice of old and new geographical names

2. Training
• Place-name collection has a long history in Iceland and has always relied on local participation and collaboration
• 2021-2022 "Hvar er?" trial by NLSI/AMI to collect co-ordinates of geographical names using crowd-sourcing (via www.nafnid.is interface)
• 12 courses held around Iceland and

3. In conclusion
• Public involvement brings certain challenges with it
• But encouraging wider participation can raise awareness and create opportunities to disseminate knowledge