

29th Session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
SIDE EVENT

**Workshop on Implementing Resolutions:
Experiences of Commemorative Naming**

Wednesday, 27 April 2016, 12:30-13:45
UNCC Bangkok, Meeting Room C+D

Sponsored by the UNGEGN Working Group on Evaluation and Implementation

Outline

- **Introduction and background**
- **Experiences of commemorative naming**
Austria (Peter Jordan), Finland (Ulla Onkamo), Republic of Korea (Sungjae Choo), Sweden (Annette Torensjö), Tunisia (Naima Friha)
- **Discussion**
Helen Kerfoot, Staffan Nyström, and all participants
- **Conclusion and future plans**

UNCSGN Resolution

VIII/2 Commemorative naming practices for geographical features

The Conference,

- 1. Recommends that the appropriate national authorities discourage the use of personal names to designate a geographical feature during the lifetime of the person in question;**
- 2. Also recommends that the appropriate national authorities include in their guidelines clear statements on the length of the waiting period they wish to establish before using a commemorative name.**

Discussion

- **Benefits of implementing resolutions, for the case of commemorative naming**
- **Restraints to the implementation**
e.g., resolution itself (reality, clearness, generality), awareness problem, management (or governance) structure, trend of branding
- **Ways to improve the implementation**
e.g., considering each country's cultural, social, political and economic context

Future plans

- **Uploading workshop materials onto the UNGEGN website**
- **Report to the next session/conference**
- **Further discussion on commemorative naming (e.g., seminar workshop, papers, books, etc.): cf. Nyström's**
- **Extension into other topical resolutions**
e.g., commercial use of geographical names, cultural heritage...