



## Annual report 2012/2013

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**2. Commission corresponding members**

The number of commission corresponding members *by country* as of 1 December 2013:

Argentina	17	Malaysia	4
Australia	4	Mexico	1
Austria	3	Namibia	1
Bangladesh	1	Nepal	22
Bosnia	1	Netherlands	3
Brazil	1	New Zealand	5
Canada	6	Norway	3
Chile	3	Poland	1
China, PR	1	Portugal	11
China Taipei	2	Qatar	1
Croatia	20	Romania	3
Cuba	5	Russia	2
Czech Republic	5	Saudi Arabia	1
Denmark	1	Slovakia	1
Finland	5	Slovenia	11
France	3	South Africa	4
Germany	7	Spain	30
Hong Kong	1	Sweden	17
Hungary	2	Switzerland	8
Iceland	1	Tunisia	1
India	16	Turkey	2
Iran	1	UK	15
Israel	6	USA	17
Italy	10	Vietnam	1
Japan	10	Zimbabwe	1
Korea (South)	9		

There are 307 corresponding members on our address list from 51 countries.

## B. Meetings

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### a. The meetings our commission organized in 2012-2013 were:

1. Commission conference in Dubrovnik, August 19-23, 2012; 45 participants
2. at IGU congress in Cologne, August 26-30, 2012; 20 participants
3. at IGU Regional conference in Kyoto, August 4-9, 2013; 25 participants

### b. A brief summary of the topics addressed at each meeting:

1. The topics of the Dubrovnik conference were geographical marginalization and karst landscapes; the challenges of physically marginalized landscapes (islands, mountains, coasts, wetland, remote and landlocked area), living and coping in the face of marginalization, marginalization in a global world and understanding marginalization.
2. The paper sessions at IGU congress in Cologne included: interpretations of marginality with papers covering topics from global food issues to changing livelihood strategies and practices of a marginal community of Bhutan, marginality in a globalizing world with topics such as the local-global interaction in the Uco valley (Mendoza, Argentina) or global economic crisis and regional disparities in Romania and finally regional and local responses to marginality with topics ranging from the integration of South-east Asia's mountain areas to the question about English marginalizing other scientific languages.
3. During the IGU RC in Kyoto 2013 we held 3 commission sessions and 3 joint sessions with the Commission on Sustainability of Rural Systems. The attendance at the joint sessions varied from 17 to 21 participants including chairs and speakers, and between 9 and 18 at the sessions of our commission. Altogether 23 papers were presented, 11 at the joint sessions and 12 at our commission sessions. The common 3 joint sessions main topic was: "Rural areas, Development Dynamics, Policy Options and Marginalization". One commission session was dedicated to "Different contexts of geographical marginality" with only 3 contributions (Alison McCleery, Markku Tykkylainen and Stanko Pelc – while Etienne Nel unfortunately could not attend and his paper has not been presented). The other two sessions with 9 contributors were labeled "Marginality and marginalization - spatial, social and economic viewpoints".

As usual the time for the discussion was limited at all the above conferences and the topics presented also very diverse, therefore we could not come to some general conclusions that could be presented as added value of the conference work. The most important outcome was every single time the exchange of opinions and experiences. We were determined to try new modes of conference work at least within one session where the discussion would be the main part of the session with participants that would already read the contributions to the discussed topic. At Kyoto conference very strict guidelines about the sessions did not allow us to do that but we hope to do that at one of the planned meetings in near future.



Prof. Walter Leimgruber as a presenter and the members of local organizing committee at the Dubrovnik conference, 2012



The audience at Dubrovnik conference, 2012



Tonami dispersed settlements area visited at Kyoto 2013 post conference commission field trip

### **c. The meetings planned for 2014 and later years**

In 2014 we are planning to meet only at Krakow 2014 regional conference from August 18-23 where we intend to hold commission sessions that will deal with the changing nature of globalization, marginalization and marginality and the new challenges for understanding and responding. We also plan to have joint sessions with C12.15 Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change and C12.28. Local and Regional Development. Topics that we intend to deal with are tourism and marginality mainly from the perspective of local initiatives shaped by global trends and areas of growth and economic stagnation with special regard on the challenges of globalization and marginalization.

## **C. Networking**

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### **a. Collaboration with other IGU Commissions and Task Forces during 2012-2013**

We held joint sessions with the Commission on Sustainability of Rural Systems in Kyoto at 2013 regional conference and we believe that this was a good idea therefore we decided to continue this practice and for 2014 regional conference we prepared the proposal for joint sessions with Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change commission and Local and Regional Development commission.

### **b. Other collaboration**

We had no formal collaboration with other organizations or with the International Social Science Council or the International Council for Science.

## **D. Publications**

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**a. Newsletters, special journal issues, and books published in 2012-2013**

We regularly issue two Newsletters annually June 2013 Newsletter has been sent to all the corresponding members that we have on our mailing list and the December 2013 Newsletter is about to be sent. Publishing the papers of our conferences is causing us some problems lately, as some of the local organizers did not manage to publish the papers in a form of a book of proceedings due to different reasons. We are therefore considering the option to collect all the publishable material and publish it on a CD or in a form of an online book of proceedings. Publications by members of the Commission are regularly listed in the newsletter.

**b. The current accurate URL of the commission's web site**

Our web site address is: <http://www.igu-marginality.info/>.

Koper, December 12, 2013

Stanko Pelc, Commission chair