

# IGU Commission C12.32 “Mountain Response to Global Change”: Annual Report 2012-2013



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## **A.b The number of members of the commission as of 02 December 2013**

Number of members: 135 (41 German, 16 Swiss, 10 US-American, 9 Italian, 6 Austrian, 6 British, 6 French, 6 Russian, 4 Indian, 3 Canadian, 3 Japanese, 2 Norwegian, 2 South African, 2 South Korean, others from: Bangladesh, Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, Ireland, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Thailand)

## **B Meetings**

### **B.a & b Dates, titles, locations, and number of participants of meetings the commission organized from 2012 to 2013**

- IGC Cologne 2012 "Down to Earth", 32<sup>nd</sup> International Geographical Congress, 26-30 August 2012

Sessions of C12.32 dealt, amongst others, with environmental history and climate change in the high mountain ecosystems of Monsoon Asia during the Late Holocene, challenges of climate change for high mountain development in the Himalaya, mountain environment and rural livelihoods in the Tropical Andes in response to global change, and vegetation response to climate change in tropical mountain ecosystems and the consequences for biodiversity and land-use options. The attendance at the commission sessions and the commission's business meeting was high (total number of participants ~120).

- IGC Kyoto Regional Conference, 4-9 August 2013

Contributions of the two C12.32 sessions focussed on changing mountain communities and environments in the Pamirs. It is planned that the chairs (commission members Teiji Watanabe and Hermann Kreutzmann) will publish an edited book including some of the presentations.

### **B.c Meetings the commission will organize in 2014**

- For 2014, C12.32 steering committee member Fausto Sarmiento has invited the commission members to attend the AAG Annual Meeting in Tampa, Florida, 8-12 April 2014, where he will organize a special session on international mountain research.

## **C Networking**

### **C.a Collaboration with other IGU Commissions or Task Forces 2012-2013**

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### **C.b Collaboration with other international, intergovernmental, and inter- and multi-disciplinary groups 2012-2013**

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### **C.c Cooperative efforts with ISSC (International Social Science Council) and with ICSU (the International Council for Science) programs**

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## **D Publications**

### **D.a Newsletters issued in 2012-2013 to date**

Newsletter 10 – April 2012  
Newsletter 11 – July 2012  
Newsletter 12 – November 2012  
Newsletter 13 – Juni 2013  
Newsletter 14 – October 2013

See [tolu.giub.uni-bonn.de/igu-mountains.de/news.htm](http://tolu.giub.uni-bonn.de/igu-mountains.de/news.htm)

### **D.b The URL of the commission's web site**

[tolu.giub.uni-bonn.de/igu-mountains.de/welcome.htm](http://tolu.giub.uni-bonn.de/igu-mountains.de/welcome.htm)

## **E Archival Contributions**

C12.32 Newsletters, see above