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- 6.13) 11th Conference of the African Association on Remote Sensing, Kampala, 24 October 2016**



1) REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT VLADIMIR KOLOSOV

Dear colleagues,

the 33d International Geographical Congress starts in only few days. Its scientific programme includes many special events and sessions organized by IGU Commissions and groups of participants. The Congress will be one of the focal points of the International Year of Global Understanding (IYGU) proclaimed by UNESCO in 2016 and gather the representatives of its national and regional centers. Its programme will continue the next two years, and the Congress will mark a milestone for its implementation.

As usually, the IGU General Assembly will be held in framework of the Congress. It will take the decision about the venue of the 2014 Congress, discuss other relevant items and elect the new President and four Vice-Presidents. You will find their CV and programmes in this issue of the Newsletter. All candidates are well known scholars and have a wide experience of the work in IGU Commissions, managing international projects and organizing international meetings. This is a guarantee of succession and continuity in the EC activity, and of further implementation of the IGU Strategy and new initiatives. In particular, an important step is made for keeping and

strengthening the IGU role as the main and the only really global geographical association: now a French and a Spanish of its site became available.

The Congress will be attended by a number of renowned colleagues as well as young and early career scholars. It is also an important premise of continuity. We hope to conduct during the Congress a series of interviews with the most visible figures in the national and international geographical communities using the questionnaire worked out by the members of the Task Force preparing the IGU centennial in 2022. It concerns the paradigms in the development of our discipline, the process of its internationalization, the role of IGU, its most important achievements and failures. These interviews should be used in the volumes to be published before the IGU jubilee and put on the IGU site.

A special workshop will be devoted to geographical societies which show a large variety of organisational forms and activities. One of their prominent tasks regards the transfer of knowledge between fundamental geographical research and a wider public field. They can contribute to the improvement of the image of geography. It is supposed to discuss strategies of social communication used by geographical societies (festivals, movies, media, social media...).

I wish the participants enjoying the Congress, friendly meetings and learning more about contemporary China.

Vladimir Kolosov
President of IGU



2) IGU ELECTIONS – BEIJING. AUGUST 2016

FOR PRESIDENT POSITION

Professor Yukio Himiyama nominated by Japan
Curriculum Vitae of Yukio Himiyama (as of December 2015)

Name: Yukio Himiyama
Date of Birth: 20 June 1949 Place of Birth Japan
Title: Emeritus Professor, Dr. Institution Hokkaido

University of Education Nationality: Japanese

Education

1969-1973 Physics Department, Tohoku University, B.Sci. in Physics

1973-1976 Physics Department, Tohoku University, M.Phil. in Physics
1974-1975 Physics Department, UCLA (as an exchange student), M.Sci. in Physics
1976-1980 Geography Department, King's College London, Ph.D. in Geography

Occupation

1980-1983 Lecturer in Geography, Hokkaido University of Education
1983-1989 Associate Professor in Geography, Hokkaido University of Education
1989-2015.3 Professor of Geography, Hokkaido University of Education
2015.4-present Emeritus Professor, Hokkaido University of Education
2010-present Visiting Professor, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN)

Experiences

1984-2011 Editorial board member, Land Use Policy.
1987 Chief Organiser of "International Symposium on Land Use Change and Its Processes", IGU Study Group on the Dynamics of Land Use Systems
1988-1992 Chair, Land Use Study Group, Association of Japanese Geographers
1991 Chief Organiser of "International Symposium on Environmental Change and GIS"
1992-2010 Councillor, Association of Japanese Geographers
2012-present Councillor, Association of Japanese Geographers
1995 Chief Organiser of "International Symposium on Lifelong Learning and Extension at Educational Universities"
1996-2004 Chair, IGU Commission on Land Use and Land Cover Change
1997-2002 Director, Taisetsuzan Institute of Science, Hokkaido University of Education
1998-present President/Vice President, Society for Environmental Map Education
1998-2008 Honorary Theme Editor of Regional Sustainable Development Review: Japan developed under the auspices of the UNESCO/EOLSS Publishers, Oxford, UK, Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems [<http://www.eolss.net>]
2001-2005 President, Geographical Society of Hokkaido
2004-2009 Director, Center for Lifelong Learning, Hokkaido University of Education
2005-2011 Member of Science Council of Japan (SCJ)
2008-present Chair, GLP Japan Committee, SCJ
2008-2011 Chair, IGU Japan National Committee, SCJ
2009-present Chair, IHDP Japan Committee, SCJ (IHDP became HD in 2015)
2010-present Vice-President, International Geographical Union
2011-present Council Member of SCJ
2011-present Chair, Human Geoscience Committee, SCJ
2011-present President, Human Geoscience Section, Japan Geoscience Union
2013-present Chair, Managing Committee, Asahikawa City Community Center
2013-present Chair, Education for Sustainability Committee, SCJ
2015.4-present President, Japan Organization of Geographical Sciences (JOGS)

Sample Publications (those written in English only)

Himiyama, Y. (1981.12): The Problem of the Shifted Grid. Cartographic Journal, Vol.18, No.2, pp.96-103.
Himiyama, Y. (1984.10): The Uncertainty of Patterns in the Shifted Grids. Geog. Rev. of Japan, Vol.2, No.4, pp.278-288.
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- Himiyama, Y. (2004): Achievements and Tasks of Research on Land-use Change in China. Geographical Review of Japan, Vol. 77, No. 12, pp.783-799.
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- Himiyama, Y. ed. (2011.8): SLUAS Science Report 2011 – Towards Sustainable Land Use in Asia (II), SLUAS Project Office, 190 pp.
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- Himiyama, Y., T. Watanabe, K. Hara (2014.12): The Impact of the Great East Japan Tsunami of 2011 on Land Use. Global Environmental Research, Vol.18, No.2, pp. 191-206.
- Himiyama, Y., I. Bicik eds. (2015.3): *Land Use/Cover Changes in Selected Regions in the World* Volume X, IGU-LUCC, 41 pp.

Biographical Sketch

Dr. Yukio Himiyama is Emeritus Professor of Hokkaido University of Education, Japan. He was born in Kashiwazaki City, Japan, on 20th June 1949. He received his B.S. in Physics at Tohoku University in Sendai, Japan (1973), M.Sci. in Physics at UCLA (1975) and at Tohoku University (1976), and Ph.D. in Geography at King’s College London (1980). He started his academic career at Hokkaido University of Education in Japan in December 1980, and had been Professor of Geography there from October 1989 to March 2015. At Hokkaido University of Education he assumed such posts as Director of the Taisetsuzan Institute of Science (1997-2002), Director of

the Centre for Lifelong Learning (2004-2009), and Special Advisor to the President (2007-2010).

Apart from the duties in the university, he has been involved in wide-ranging educational and scientific activities. He has been President/Vice-President of the Society for Environmental Map Education (1998-present), initiating and leading the Children's Environmental Map Contest and related educational activities it conducts, and making the Contest a major annual educational map contest of international significance. He has also been active in JpGU (Japan Geoscience Union) especially since 2011 as the President of Human Geosciences Section, contributing greatly to the promotion of geoscience in general, and to enhancement of the geographers' participation in the joint works of the geoscience community, such as tackling global environmental problems and geo-disasters, in particular.

He has written or edited over 220 articles and books in geography, geography education, environmental sciences, environmental education, land use/cover change, lifelong learning, etc. He was Honorary Theme Editor of UNESCO/EOLSS Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems in charge of Regional Sustainable Development Review: Japan (1998-2008). The IGU-LUCC Atlas Land Use/Cover Changes in Selected Regions in the World, which he initiated as the Chair of the Commission on Land Use/Cover Change, counted the eleventh volume in August 2015. He was also a member of editorial board of Land Use Policy (1984-2012) and Land Use Science (2006-2013). He led a number of projects on land use/cover change since the 1980s, and the latest project entitled SLUAS (Towards Sustainable Land Use in Asia) was completed in 2014 with many achievements.

Professor Himiyama has been active in Science Council of Japan since the 1990s, and is elected as its Council Member (2011-2017). He has been a member of Japan National Committee for IGU which belongs to Science Council (1997-present), its Secretary (2005-2008), and Chair (2008-2011). It was under his chairmanship that the Organizing Committee for IGU 2013 Kyoto Regional Conference was established. He now chairs Committees for Human Dimensions research, GLP (Global Land Programme), Education for Sustainability, and Human Geosciences. Thus, in Science Council he has been playing leading roles in a number of symposia and official proposals to the government on such issues as East Japan Disaster, global environmental problems or education.

Professor Himiyama's relation with IGU started in 1980 when he rushed back from UK to Japan immediately after his viva at King's College London in order to assist the IGC 1980 in Tokyo. He attended almost all IGCs and IGU Regional Conferences since then, initiated and chaired the Commission on Land Use/Cover Change during 1996-2004. He was elected as a Vice President of the IGU in 2010, and was re-elected in 2014. He thinks that his term as a Vice President of the IGU has been full of challenges, excitements and satisfaction, and believes that he can do more for the IGU and promotion of geography if given a chance of serving as President. He believes that his experience as a Vice President, particularly in relation to Future Earth, International Year of Global Understanding (IYGU) and other global programmes, would help him fulfil his duty.

Statement of Intent

After serving the IGU as a Vice President for over five years with other devoted Executive Committee colleagues, I have come to have a strong conviction that IGU has been doing very well in its mission of promoting geography and thus serving the society. Therefore, if elected as

President of the IGU, my basic role will be to keep IGU running its present course uninterrupted and to promote the on-going projects, such as IYGU, OurSus, and Journals project, as well as the objectives prescribed in the Statutes. I believe the following issues are of particular importance during 2016-2020.

1) Promotion of regional/national activities of geographers: Geographers are playing important roles in primary, secondary and higher education, planning, conservation, global change research, disaster prevention, etc. Their expertise can be used for the solution of global problems as well as local to regional problems. They can upgrade their work if they participate in IGU activities and enlarge their views, knowledge, experiences and personal and institutional relations.

Unfortunately there are still many places where geography or IGU are not visible enough. One of the means to facilitate them is to encourage and support local/regional effort at different parts of the world, e.g. the international geographical conference held annually in India. I see it very important to support such regional/national initiatives worldwide.

2) Enhancement of geographers' contribution to global change programmes such as Future Earth: Many geographers actively participated in such international global change programmes as IGBP (International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme) and IHDP (International Human Dimensions Programme), and IGU played important roles in it. Both IGBP and IHDP concluded their mission by the end of 2015, and many of their core projects are in the process of joining Future Earth, a new research/education framework initiated by ICSU, ISSC etc. I see Future Earth a true challenge and opportunity for the world geographers. My wide-ranging involvement in the activities related with it will help me guide and support that task.

3) Promotion of geographical and environmental education in association with IYGU: Geographical education, environmental education, and education for sustainable development (ESD) can be developed under the Future Earth framework and may become an essential part of it. IYGU (International Year of Global Understanding), which was initiated by IGU and jointly proclaimed by ICSU, ISSC and CIPSH on 14 September 2015, might play a crucial role in it. My deep involvement in it will help me promote this mission. The successful progress of the Geography Olympiad is another reminder of what IGU can do. Good practices should be promoted and improved by casting light on them, encouraging them, commending them, and assisting them. My long-time involvement in the "Asahikawa Environmental Map Contest" for young students will help me promote Geography Olympiad and other educational activities.

Déclaration d'intention - Yukio Himiyama

Après avoir servi l'UGI comme vice-président pendant plus de cinq ans, avec d'autres collègues du Comité exécutif dévoués, je viens d'avoir une forte conviction que l'UGI a été fait très bien dans sa mission de promotion de la géographie et de servir ainsi la société. Par conséquent, il est élu en tant que président de l'UGI, mon rôle de base sera de garder l'UGI son cours présente ininterrompue et de promouvoir l'projets en cours, tels que IYGU, OurSus et Revues projet, ainsi que les objectifs fixés dans le Statuts. Je crois que les questions suivantes sont d'une importance particulière au cours de 2016-2020.

1) Promotion des activités régionales/nationales de géographes: géographes jouent des rôles importants dans l'enseignement primaire, secondaire et supérieur, de la planification, de la conservation, de la recherche sur le changement global, la prévention des catastrophes, etc. Leur expertise peuvent être utilisés pour la solution des problèmes mondiaux ainsi comme locale aux

problèmes régionaux. Ils peuvent mettre à niveau leur travail si elles participent à des activités de l'UGI et agrandir leurs points de vue, des connaissances, des expériences et des relations personnelles et institutionnelles. Malheureusement, il ya encore beaucoup d'endroits où la géographie ou de l'UGI ne sont pas assez visibles. Un des moyens de faciliter leur est d'encourager et de soutenir l'effort local / régional dans différentes parties du monde, par exemple, la conférence géographique internationale a lieu chaque année en Inde. Je vois qu'il est très important de soutenir ces initiatives régionales / nationales dans le monde entier.

2) Renforcement de la contribution des géographes aux programmes mondiaux de changement tels que Future Earth: De nombreux géographes ont participé activement à ces programmes mondiaux internationales sur les changements que PIGB (Programme international géosphère-biosphère) et IHDP (Programme international sur les dimensions humaines) et UGI a joué un rôle important dans ce. Les deux IGBP et IHDP conclu leur mission à la fin de 2015, et beaucoup de leurs projets de base sont dans le processus d'adhésion à l'avenir de la Terre, une nouvelle / cadre de l'éducation de recherche initié par le CIUS, le CISS etc. Je vois l'avenir de la Terre un véritable défi et une opportunité pour les géographes du monde. Ma vaste implication dans les activités liées avec elle me permettra de guider et de soutenir cette tâche.

3) la promotion de l'éducation géographique et l'environnement en association avec IYGU: l'éducation géographique, l'éducation environnementale et l'éducation pour le développement durable (EDD) peut être développé dans le cadre futur de la Terre et peut devenir une partie essentielle de celui-ci. IYGU (Année Internationale de Compréhension Globale), qui a été initiée par l'UGI et proclamée conjointement par le CIUS, le CISS et le CIPSH le 14 Septembre 2015, pourrait jouer un rôle crucial en elle. Mon implication profonde en elle me permettra de promouvoir cette mission. La marche réussie de la Géographie Olympiade est un autre rappel de ce que peut faire l'UGI. Les bonnes pratiques doivent être encouragées et améliorées par la coulée de lumière sur eux, les encourager, les féliciter et à les aider. Mon implication de longue date dans le "Plan de l'environnement Asahikawa concours» pour les jeunes étudiants me aidera à promouvoir Géographie Olympiade et d'autres activités éducatives.

For Vice President position

Joos Drooglever Fortuijn

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Short Curriculum Vitae

Joos Droogleever Fortuijn is associate professor in human geography and has served as Chair of the Department of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies of the University of Amsterdam from 2008-2015. She published on urban geography, rural geography, gender and ageing. She teaches Thesis Preparation and Thesis Seminar in the master Human Geography. She is Vice-President of the International Geographical Union since 2012. From 2000-2004 she was Chair of the Commission on Gender and Geography; in the period 1992-2000 she was member of the executive committee of this Commission. She is treasurer of the Royal Dutch Geographical Society (KNAG). From 1990-1998 she coordinated the ERASMUS/SOCRATES network on Geography and Gender, a network of six European universities funded by the European Commission in the ERASMUS/SOCRATES programme.



Education

1993 PhD degree in Human Geography, University of Amsterdam,
1977 Master degree (*Doctoraal*) in Human Geography, University of Amsterdam

Employment

2001-present Associate professor human geography, Department of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies, University of Amsterdam
2008-2015 Chair Department of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies, University of Amsterdam
1998-2008 Programme director Bachelor Human Geography and Master Human Geography at the C.M. Kan-Institute for Education in the Spatial Sciences, University of Amsterdam
1977-2001 Assistant professor human geography, Department of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies, University of Amsterdam
1973-1976 Teaching and research assistant at the Interfaculty of Geography and Prehistory, University of Amsterdam

Research Profile

In substantive terms my research can be placed in the field of urban geography, rural geography, gender studies and ageing studies. My work focuses on the gendered aspects of activity involvement and social networks of women and men from an urban-rural and European comparative perspective. This research is embedded in the time-geography tradition founded in the early 1970s by the Swedish geographer Torsten Hägerstrand and the transformation of this tradition in geographical gender studies by Susan Hanson, Geraldine Pratt, Jacqueline Tivers, Helen Jarvis and others. Time-geography focuses on day paths and life paths of individuals and the way these paths are shaped in and by the social and spatial context in which they live. The aim of my research is to understand how women and men in different stages of the life course (as youth, young adults, parents with children and older adults) experience physical, social and institutional-political constraints from their environment and are actively managing the environment in which they live. In terms of methods my research is field-work based work with

a combination of quantitative, survey- based research and qualitative research based on interviews. Between 2001 and 2003 I participated in the *European Study of Adult Well-being (ESAW)*, a EU-FP5 funded research project on material security, social support networks, activity involvement, health, mental efficacy and well-being. This interdisciplinary gerontology network of universities in six countries (United Kingdom, Italy, Luxembourg, Austria, Sweden and the Netherlands) was coordinated by Clare Wenger, University of Wales in Bangor.

Teaching Profile

Research-oriented and research-based teaching in geography forms the main focus in my courses. In courses on basic academic skills and urban geography projects for first year bachelor students human geography and urban and regional planning, courses on qualitative research methods and field work for second year bachelor students, thesis projects for third year bachelor students and thesis preparation and thesis seminar for master students in human geography students are actively engaged in designing a research proposal, in field-work based data collection and data analysis and in writing reports and theses. Other courses relate to introduction in human geography, urban geography and geography and gender. Between 1990 and 1998 I coordinated the ERASMUS-SOCRATES network *Geography and Gender*, funded by the European Commission. This network of six European universities organized eight times a successful intensive programme for undergraduate and graduate students. As part of this intensive programme I have given classes on gender themes at the Autonomous University of Barcelona in 1993 and 1998, at the University of Durham in 1991 and 1996, at Roskilde University Center in 1994 and at the Technical University of Athens in 1995. I have published on teaching geography in higher education in *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*, *International Research in Geographical and Environmental Education*, *Geographica Helvetica* and *Documenti d'Analisi de Geografia*.

Selected publications

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Dobner, Susanne, Sako Musterd & Joos Droogleever Fortuijn (2014) 'Ageing in place': experiences of older adults in Amsterdam and Portland. *GeoJournal* DOI 10.1007/s10708-014-9613-3.

Droogleever Fortuijn, Joos & Frans Thissen (2013) The changing relationship between civic engagement and paid work of women in a rural area in the Netherlands, 1993-2007. *HAGAR – Studies in Culture, Politics and Identities* 11 (1): 82-99.

Droogleever Fortuijn, Joos (2012) Rethinking postgraduate education in geography: The case of the Netherlands. *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*, 36: 43-48.

Droogleever Fortuijn, Joos (2011) Teaching gender and geography: the case of the Netherlands. *International Research in Geographical and Environmental Education*, 20: 175-178.

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- Hoven, Bettina van, Wieke Been, Joos Droogleever Fortuijn & Virginie Mamadouh (2010) Teaching feminist geographies in the Netherlands: learning from student-led fieldtrips. *Documenti d'Analisi de Geografia* 56: 305-321.
- Droogleever Fortuijn, Joos (2009) Gender-sensitive observations in public spaces as a teaching tool. *Geographica Helvetica* 64: 37-44.
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Statement of intent

Geography is a 21st century discipline. Geography is indispensable to understand the 21st century global challenges. The world population will probably grow to more than 9 billion. Population increase is unevenly distributed around the world. Some countries, regions, and cities are facing the challenges of an ageing population and a shrinking number of people. Other parts of the world see an amazing population increase with more than 50% of their population younger than 18 years. These unequal population developments go hand in hand with shifting processes of economic and financial growth and stagnation, shifting flows of people, goods and information, political conflicts, environmental injustice and unequal access to and control over land, water, food and natural resources, and with social injustice and inequality along lines of class, gender, ethnicity, age and place. More than half of the world population lives in cities. Cities can be seen as centers of innovation, opportunities for a better future and excitement. At the same time these processes of urbanization raise challenges in terms of governance, resilience and sustainability.

Compounding the challenges of these developments in the human realm are projected changes in climate with concomitant implications for the biosphere and growth of environmental hazards.

Geographers are pre-eminently *experts* on these global issues and the resulting social, environmental, and spatial differentiation and inequalities locally. Geographers are *teachers*. They educate the future generations of experts and stimulate the formation of young geographers into knowledgeable, skillful and critically thinking intellectuals. The International Geographical Union, as the global community of geography experts and university teachers from a large number of countries in all parts of the world, brings together global expertise and forms an important forum for knowledge development, exchange and debate. In order to enhance the prominence of the IGU in the global academic and public debate it is of vital importance to focus in the next period on:

- 1) increasing the involvement of young and early career geographers, female geographers and geographers from low-income countries in order to profit from the broad scope of expertise of these groups; the newly founded IGU Young and Early Career Task Force is an important instrument;
- 2) strengthening the position of geography in primary, secondary and higher education and collaboration in education and exchange of good teaching practices and materials, especially taking advantage of current and developing communication technologies;
- 3) stimulating knowledge development and exchange in joint activities of several IGU Commissions and joint activities of the IGU and other professional and nongovernmental organizations, bridging the physical and social science expertise as embodied in the IGU Commissions.

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University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Prof. Dr. Barbaros GÖNENÇGİL

Prof. Dr. Barbaros Gönençgil was born in İstanbul in 1966. In 1987, he graduated from İstanbul University (İ.U.) Department of Geography. He received his master's degree and doctorate on Climatology at the University of İstanbul. In 1993, he started working as an assistant at İstanbul University Geography Department and he is currently the head of Geography Department, the head of Physical Geography Division in Geography Department and Open and Distance Education Faculty Geography Programme of İstanbul University. Prof. Gönençgil is also the founder and the head of the Climate Change Division in İstanbul University Social Sciences Institute.

Prof. Dr. Gönençgil's study areas concentrate on climate and environment. The courses he teaches are also on the same subjects. He has approximately published 90 articles, papers and books and has more than 100 conference, symposium and panel presentations. In addition, he has taken part in about 10 projects as an executive and has published many articles in popular science magazines. He was a visiting professor in Socrates/Erasmus Teaching Staff Mobility Programme in University of Leipzig, Germany in Faculty of Physics and Geosciences, Institute of Geography in 2007. He was one of the authors of Discovery Geographical Atlas published in Turkey and he is currently the advisor of Discovery Magazine Turkey.



Prof. Dr. Gönençgil is the Vice President of Turkish Geographical Society. At the same time, he is the editor of the Journal of Turkish Geography and Journal of Geography. He has taken part in several trainings for Geography teachers, organized by Turkish Geographical Society. **He is head of the Local Organizing Committee of the IGU/IGC 2020 İstanbul.**

Prof. Dr. Gönençgil has volunteered for many years in non-governmental organizations related with the environment. He is one of the founders of the Turkish Foundation for Environmental Education, which is a member of the International Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE). At the same time he has worked for International Eco-Schools Program in Turkey. He is a volunteer member of another environmental association in Turkey, namely the Turkish Environmental and Woodlands Protection Society, founded in 1972. He was the chairman of this society between the years of 2003 – 2012.

Since 2010, Prof. Dr. Gönençgil has been attending the IGU conferences and congresses. He is also the member of the local organizing committee in Turkey for the International Geography Olympiad (iGEO). He attended 2012 and 2014 Geography Olympiads as a team leader. Besides, he is member of Climatology Commission of IGU and co-organizer of Commission of Mediterranean Basin (COMB) 2016 Annual Meeting in Turkey.

Statement of intent

First of all it is a great honor have been nominated as a candidate for an important job as IGU Vice President. I'm really aware of the difficulties, time and energy devotion that this position needs. Based on my experiences and observations I can say that world definitely needs more devoted people around and I have always tried to be one in my personal and work life.

If elected as Vice President of IGU, I will give importance to participating studies. I will carry out my work according to the Statutes of the IGU. I will give priority to issues mentioned below:

Geography and Geography Education for a Better World: The five biggest problems in the world according to the EU are poverty, hunger and lack of drinking water, climate change, economic situation, international terrorism and availability of energy.

All of these problems are related with geography. I believe that the involvement of geography in the process of solving these problems will have an important effect to help solve these problems more easily. Therefore, in this context, I plan to work on to give direction to geographers, both

in my country and abroad, to be more involved in the resolution process of these important issues.

I believe that geography has an important role on addressing and solving the inequalities between the developed and undeveloped countries. I will try to make sure that this significant role of geography is realized by the decision-makers. It is my belief that effective communication within the UN and EU is important in order to achieve this goal. Therefore I will work harder to strengthen the activities performed with ICSU and ISSC.

On the other hand, besides from all of these important problems, the main problem of the world with a population of 7 billion is education. In terms of sustainable development and environmental protection, it is essential that the children and young people understand the world they live in. Geography is one of the most important courses that will teach them where they live. Therefore, strengthening the geography education is important for a better world. I strongly believe that better geography education starting from primary school to university can change many things in the world; therefore I will contribute to the development of geography education both in my country and within the IGU.

Strengthening and improving the communication between the world's geographers:

Having very powerful social networking in today's world makes it easier for geographers to communicate more strongly. Therefore, as a member of the big geography family, I will work hard to bring together the geographers in my country and the world in order to make them a global power. In this respect, I attend every conference held in my country. Moreover, I will work to achieve wider participation for all conferences and congresses of IGU. As the Vice President of the Turkish Geographical Society, I will work very hard in order to make sure that IGC 2020 in Istanbul and all IGU congresses will be successful events with high level of participation. Considering that IGC Istanbul 2020 congress will be the last event before IGU's 100th year anniversary, I will make sure that this congress will be a very powerful and influential congress worldwide. I also believe that it is very important to develop and improve well-established worldwide relationships of IGU with other umbrella organizations. I will try to improve the communication between IGU and organizations with parallel aims and structures like EUGEO, EUROGEO, AAG, International Association of Geomorphologists and International Association for Urban Climate.

Strengthening the cooperation between the commissions of IGU: The commissions, which constitute an important part of IGU, work on many global aspects of physical and human geography. In order to have more effective commissions, I believe that they should have more strong and integrated structures. Therefore, I will work hard to create more effective, integrated and cooperated work between the commissions. In this context, I will work hard to make sure that all IGU congresses and conferences held will have high level of participation in the field of physical geography in particular and also ensuring greater effect on the activities of both fields of geography; physical and human.

Prof. Dr. Barbaros Gönençgil

Turkish Geographical Society Vice President

Istanbul University Faculty of Letters,

Head of Geography Department & Institute of Social Sciences Climate Change Division

Professor Anton GOSAR

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To Professor Vladimir Kolossov,
President International Geographical Union

I, undersigned Dr Mimi Urbanc, acting as a president of the National Committee of Association of Slovenian Geographers, wish to nominate dr. Anton Gosar, Slovenia, for the Vice President of IGU. I am writing this letter as my and of all Slovenian geographers' unreserved support for the candidacy of dr. Gosar. We strongly believe that he possesses the qualities than can enrich the Executive Committee of the IGU and the global geographical society.

The letter is structured according to IGU Secretariat guidelines into:

- curriculum vitae,
- a photograph of the nominee,
- and a statement of intent.



Ljubljana, February 21th, 2016

Anton Gosar is Professor of Human Geography at University of Primorska in Koper-Capodistria, Slovenia and Dean of the Faculty of Tourism Studies TURISTICA in the nearby Portoroz-Portorose. Over the period 1998 - 2002 he was Head of the Department of Geography at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Ljubljana and college's vice-dean. He was born in Serbia/Yugoslavia and received a BSc from the University of Ljubljana (1972) and an MA from the University of Colorado (Boulder, Co. USA, 1982). He completed a PhD at the University of Edvard Kardelj (Ljubljana, Slovenia) in 1989. He was visiting researcher in Munich, Germany (1975 - 1976) and visiting professor at the University of Missouri (Springfield, Mo., 1989 - 1992) and University of Canterbury (Christchurch, New Zealand, 1999). As Fulbright researcher at Portland State University (Portland, Or. USA) he studied the disintegration of Yugoslavia and developed an interest for political geography. For two terms (2005 - 2012) he led the IGU Commission on Political Geography.

Anton has dedicated his career to supporting geographical research in Central Europe, South-Eastern Europe and in particular on the Balkan Peninsula. He has encouraged minority studies, cross-border co-operation studies and transnational tourism development studies. He was member of the editorial boards of several leading professional journals – like »Annals of Tourism Research« and "Dela" and has established several international networks. His



coauthored guidebook *»Slovenia – a Tourist Guide«* received in 1995 the Europe's best guidebook award. He is the cofounder of the Faculty of Human Studies and the University of Primorska (in 2002), a young and dynamic university in the European Mediterranean.

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Anton has always sought to maintain vibrant, productive relationships between research, teaching and service to profession and society. That this has been successful is evidenced by a number of awards from several geographical and other organizations. In 2015, he received the highest national professional award – The Anton Melik Award and in 2005 the national government of Slovenia honored him with the Republic of Slovenia Ambassador of Science Award. From his Alma Mater he received the Messenger of Science Award (2006) and The Golden Plaque of the University of Primorska (2014). In 2006 he was named honorary member of the Austrian Geographic Society and in 2014 he became an honorary member of the South-East European Association (Siid-Ost Europa Gesellschaft). Among several hundred candidates Anton was selected for the Fulbright Fellowship program twice, the German DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst) grant twice; in 1999 he received New Zealand's (University of Canterbury) Erskine Visiting Professor Fellowship.

Aside from a broad range of scholarly and leadership experiences, Professor Anton Gosar is known for his provocative, but highly professional discussions which bring energy into science and research on national and international level. In the past three decades he demonstrated commitment to international collaboration and communication that will help him fulfil duties as !GU Vice President should he be elected.

Statement of Intent of Anton Gosar

I am confident that scholars involved with IGU are already deeply motivated to advance the International Geographical Union's interests. Therefore, I see the following as a fundamental role of the Union's leading professionals:

- to enable and enhance opportunities for young, talented professionals to increase their participation in this professional organization and become devoted to the vision of IGU.
- to intensify co-operation between the world's and nation 's scientific community in general and in particular among geographers dedicated to research and teaching;
- to attract the larger scientific community, being involved in spatial studies, and in particular young and enthusiastic professionals to become members of IGU commissions and working groups;
- to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and to ease the participation in union's activities, including meetings dedicated to narrow professional interest, as well as in the scope of larger regional and world's IGU conferences.
- Following the above described goals, if elected as a Vice President of the International Geographical Union my work would be of use within the following areas.

1. Re-integrating those countries and national associations of geographers who are temporary outside the IGU due to a wide range of reasons. I am communicating with colleagues in independent countries on the territory of former Yugoslavia (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, etc.). Their absence from the international scene is related to the lack of governmentally based funds which would support the association's activity outside national frames. Within Ex-Yugoslavia financial support for scientific international collaboration was guaranteed.

2. Strengthening IGU's financial position by letting advertisement and promotion of widely known product brands to become part of professional meetings and conferences. The focus of this campaign could remain within branches which are close to geography.

3. Supporting cross-border and international research and multilingual publications. The experience I had is that excellent geographic knowledge remained in the past for a long time hidden in the languages outside the dominant English frame. We could achieve this by promoting special sessions at IGU conferences where the presenter would speak in his mother tongue and a translator, knowledgeable of the profession, would be available for the translation during his presentation and discussion. Bilingual professional journals where all articles, with no exception, are printed in two languages already exist. I could stress the success of the Croatian journal "Turizam" and the Slovenian "Acta Geographica Slovenica".

4. Distributing the IGU's member knowledge to other members of the scientific community, governments, civil society, and the private sector. Basic and contemporary geographical expertise should become known to politicians, economists and managers in leading industries where the knowledge of political geography, for example, is - to my understanding - extremely weak and flabby. Creation of new networks could therewith

improve our professional image as well.

5. I would support continuing development of the IGU website as an important means of propagating geographical information - in particular the work of IGU commissions, IGU Task Forces and activities of national committee activities. At the same time I would like to stress the importance of the IGU Newsletter, edited by Professor G. Bellezza. I would encourage national committees and geographers to deliver information to this important media. I am willing to help in editing it myself.

If elected or not, I will work closely and collaboratively with the IGU executives to advance the objectives of the Union, as prescribed in its Statutes.

Professor Anton Gosar
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Ljubljana, 31.12.2015

Nathalie LEMARCHAND
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ABBREVIATED CURRICULUM VITAE

Born in Rouen, France, in 1964

Full Professor, CNRS Ladyss Research Lab, Université Paris 8,
Vice-Président, French Geographer National Committee (CNFG)

Academic background and positions:

1992 Ph.D in Geography ; Assistant Professor, Université de Valenciennes

2008 Habilitation à Diriger les Recherches; Full Professor (2009), Université Paris 8

Research keywords: geography of commerce and consumption, urban geography, Europe, North America

Teaching: Urban geography, North America cities and society, geography of retail and consumption, all levels

Academic Career in brief

I started my academic career in a regional university (Valenciennes), after having completed my Ph.D at the University Rouen in the geography of retail with a strong focus on urban development (1992). I have since then done work in the field in taking into account social and cultural dimensions of consumption, which include fieldwork in Russia, Canada, France, and the United States. In 2016, I will be able to exchange on the subject in Lomé (Togo). I became Full Professor in 2008 (Paris 8). Throughout the years, I have been involved in local and national academic organizations, many of whom have international outreach. I have been a member of the CNFG board since 2008, serving as Vice-President for events and communications. It is on that basis that I have been involved with the



UGI, organizing sessions and seminars, and presenting papers (some in connection with the late "retail and trade" commission). I have also served at the highest level of the research and academic institutions in France: at the CNRS on the evaluating research committee, as well as the CNU, the National University Centre, which evaluates professorship. I am currently Vice-director of Laboratory of Social dynamics and spatial reconstruction (LADYSS, UMR CNRS). I am well published in my field and have participated extensively to the organization of International events and conferences. The recognition of my expertise has allowed me to be a member of the of the National French State's Commission des *Comptes Commerciaux* (2014- 2017).

Administrative Responsibilites with International Outreach

French Geographer National Committee (CNFG, UGI French representative): 2015- 2022

Member of the Organizing committee for the UGI centennial conference, Paris, 2022.

2008-2016 Vice-President of the CNFG bureau, in charge of scientific events and communication.

2009-2013 President of the Commission of the Geography of Trade and Retail

2004-2009 Secretary of the Commission of the Geography of Trade and Retail.

French Association for Canadian Studies:

2002-2010 Board member of the French Association for Canadian Studies.

University administrative responsibilities:

2014-2018 Faculty Council « Territories, Environment, Societies », U. of Paris 8

2006-2008 Scientific Council, U. of Valenciennes

2004-2006 Board of directors of the University, U. of Valenciennes

1995-2005 Faculty Council of Humanities, U. of Valenciennes

1997-2000 V.P. Internationals Relations for North America, U. of Valenciennes.

Scientific Responsabilites with International Outreach

Direction of research programs:

2016-2017 Direction of a multi-disciplinary and international research team (**Cairo; Beyrouth; South Korea Rabat ; Paris**). MSH, Paris Nord, *Circulation of the models and the promotion of the consumption: MENA in the globalized transitions*.

2010-2012 Direction of a research program funded by the scientific council Paris : Paris /Montréal (**Canada**), « Sunday in Paris, 2030 ? Research on Urban Rythm ».

2010-2011 Co-Director of a bilateral cooperation between CNRS (laboratoire LADYSS) and MTÀ (**Academy of Sciences of Hungary**) (Projet n° 23799) - « Sustainable Consumptions » (geography, sociology).

Scientific Expertise:

2012-2016 National Committee for Scientific Research (CoNRS), section: « Spaces, Territories and Societies ».

2003-2007 National University Council: « Physical, human, economic and regional geography », assessor.

Responsibilities within Research Laboratoires and Study Centers:

2014-2018 Vice-director of Laboratory LADYSS UMR CNRS 7533 (134 members) 2012-

2018 Responsible of the research axis 2: Daily territorial: representations, practices and projects, LADYSS.

1997-2008 Foundation and direction of the Canadian Studies Centre at the University of Valenciennes.

PH.D Advisor: (currently) of 6 students (3 in co-direction), with fieldwork in France, **Brasil, Central Asia**. One thesis recently defended (2015) dealt with commercial places in **South Korea**.

Participation to Scientific Research Programs with International Outreach

2014-2016 « Urban Space as Social Places entering the 21st Century ». Director: Dolores Thion, University of Pau, in partnership with the University San Sebastian (**Espagne**).

2007-2010 « Wither Canada : Utopia, prospective and Predictions ». (**Canada**). Programm Pluri-Formation of the University of Bordeaux. Director : Bernadette Rigal-Cellard.

Participation and Organisation of Scientific Conference and Events

27 overall, 14 International Conferences and/or Sessions

Member of 13 scientific committee

Most Recent

2016 Lomé (**Togo**). Department of geography, U. of Lomé, Conference by the Commission «Geography of commerce» of CNFG : *Adaptation of commerce to urban dynamics: a North-South examination*.

2014 Paris (**France**) UGI – CNFG, International Forum: *Language and scientific production in the context of globalization: a question for geographers*. Co organiser : Antoine Le Blanc, VP CNFG.

2014 Cracovie (**Poland**) UGI Regional Conference. Bilingual Session: *Language and scientific production in the context of globalization: a question for geographers*. Co- organisateur Antoine Le Blanc, VP CNFG, Université du Littoral.

Guest Professor

2012 University of Plymouth, **Angleterre**

2002 Université du Québec in Montréal, **Canada**

1999-2002 (**Russie**) TEMPUS - TACIS M_JEP 10777-1999

1997 Université de Léon, **Espagne**, Mission Socrates

Publications

Editor and co-editor of 9 scientific products (4 Journals issues and 5 books) ; 14 book chapters ; 11 publications in peer-reviewed journals ; 4 publications in non-peer reviewed journals; 10 publications in peer-reviewed conference proceedings ; 10 others.

Book selection:

2014 Lemarchand, N. et A. Gasnier (Eds), *Le commerce dans tous ses états, espaces marchands et enjeux de société*, collection "Espace et Territoires" Rennes, Presses Universitaires de Rennes, 348 p.

2011 Lemarchand, N. (Ed.), Commerce et culture, analyse géographique, *Géographie et cultures*, no 77, 148 p., <https://gc.revues.org/697>

Conferences

36 communications in national and international conferences and seminars. Main international locations: **Moscou**, UGI, **Chicago**, AAG, **Dublin**, UCD College of Arts and Celtic Studies; **Québec**, Institut du Nouveau-Monde et Comité des Citoyens du Vieux- Québec; **Université d'Ottawa**;

University College Cork, Ireland, Université de Munich, Allemagne; Université d'Oxford, Angleterre.

Nathalie LEMARCHAND

Full Professor, Université Paris 8, LADYSS Research Laboratory Vice-Président CNFG
Paris, le 23 février 2016

**Professor Jarkko Saarinen,
University of Oulu, Finland
Candidate for IGU Vice-Presidency**

Jarkko Saarinen is Professor of Geography at the University of Oulu, Finland. He is also Distinguished Visiting Professor (Sustainability Management) at the University of Johannesburg (South Africa) and Extraordinary Professor at the University of Pretoria (South Africa).

He was born in Tampere, Finland, and received his MSc (Geography, 1994) and PhD (Geography, 2001) at the University of Oulu. He has a broad national and international academic work experience: Researcher/Senior Researcher at the Finnish Forest Research Institute (Metla) (1994-1999, 2002), Director of National Park, Metla (1999-2001) and Professor at the University of Lapland (2003). He has worked as Visiting Scholar at the Aldo Leopold Institute, USA, in 1996, and as Inaugural Professor of Tourism Management at the University of Botswana (2008-2010). Over the period 2006–2012 he was the Chairperson of the IGU Commission on the Geography of Tourism, Leisure and Global Change. Since 2012 he has been IGU Vice-President.

Professor Saarinen's research interests include geographies of tourism, sustainability, tourism and development, tourism- community relations, adaptation, resilience and climate change, community-based natural resource management and wilderness studies. He has written over 100 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters and is co-author/editor of seven international books, including *Political Ecology and Tourism* (2016, Routledge), *Cultural Tourism in Southern Africa* (2016, Channelview), *Tourism and Millennium Development Goals* (2013, Routledge), *Tourism and Change in the Polar Regions: Climate, Environment and Experiences* (2010, Routledge).



In 2013 he received Association of American Geographer's (AAG) *Roy Wolfe Award* for outstanding contributions to the discipline and Finnish Geographical Society's *Ragnal Hult Medal*.

Based on his experiences Professor Saarinen sees the IGU as deeply international academic structure and actor that has excellent position to actively steer the global geographical community: The IGU can connect geographers and the various geographical traditions and approaches globally and provide support for the coherence and development of the discipline. The IGU meetings and commissions link geographical and related disciplines' views and, thus, provide opportunities for inter- and multi-disciplinary research activities which are needed in a complex and globalized world (e.g. in relation to Future Earth, International Year of Global Understanding and SDGs). On this basis Professor

Saarinen would further emphasise the role of the Commissions, Young geographers participation and empowerment, Communication and Global North-Global South Connections in the IGU activities in future.

The Commissions form the core of the IGU. The main activities are materialized through the Commission work during the IGU meetings but especially beyond them. Young geographers are introduced to the IGU and international collaboration mainly via Commission work which provides connections between established and young geographers and, thus, form an international basis for geographical identification and learning. For the future of the discipline the participation and empowerment of young geographers in the IGU activities is crucial. To support the core activities in the Commissions and involving young scholars, communication is vital: communication is needed to integrate the Commissions to the IGU planning processes and activities; between the IGU and the Local Conference Organisers; and between the IGU and the National Committees. Focusing and further developing the Global North – Global South connections would support the geographical communities in the South and IGU as truly global organization. The North-South connections will also provide fruitful and important possibilities for geographical research in future and thus, a window to show the value of geographical education and research in various international and national academic, policy and development contexts.

More information about the academic activities of Professor Saarinen can be found from:

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Prof Izhak Schnell,

Department of Geography and Human Environment, Tel Aviv University

Presentation of Prof. Tal Svoray, President of the Israeli Geographical Association

Dear Prof Meadow,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Israeli Geographical Association Council.

It is my great pleasure to propose Prof. Izhak Schnell to the role of IGU Vice-President. Izhak is an excellent researcher in various geographical fields, well experienced in academic administration and served in several roles in professional associations. I am confident that, if elected, Izhak will be creative and prolific Vice President to the IGU.



Izhak Schnell graduated BA in Geography and Sociology at Haifa University; received Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the Technion at Haifa and PhD from Clark University. This rather diverse education provided him with large experience in methods from the fields of the Social Sciences and the Humanities as well as from Exact Sciences. Izhak's academic work is focused on three main research areas: social, cultural and environmental geography. He dealt with the social context of minority groups, especially Muslim communities and foreign workers in Israel. In recent years Izhak developed approaches to the study of patterns of use of the human

and economic entrepreneurs in everyday life in light of high mobility and technological capability to interact global space. A large part of this research area is devoted to the formulation of a new approach for examining the spatial segregation of ethnic groups in an era when social networks are limiting less and less local spaces. A large part of his research is focused on the study of the meanings of representations of landscapes in the literature, the visual arts and especially maps. In the environmental sphere he studies the exposure to a series of environmental stress factors and the level of stress they accumulate in the course of daily lives in the city.

Izhak has also accumulated considerable experience in academic and professional administration. For four years he was Head of the Department of Geography. He served as a board member of several research institutes: of the Taub Center Social Policy, Walter Heart Center of Arab-Jewish relations in education and Steinitz Peace Center. Beyond that he was elected President of the Israeli Geographical Association, deputy head of the urban geography section at the IGU, and recently he was appointed member of the European Academy of Sciences. Furthermore, he was elected and served as chairman of the organizing committee of the international conference of the IGU. The conference was held in Tel Aviv in 2010.

I will be glad to provide with any necessary information.

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Education

B.A.: (1975) Geography and Sociology, Haifa University Magister:

(1980) Urban and Regional Planning, Technion, Haifa

Dissertation topic: Social Areas in a Settlement under Rapid Urbanization and Modernization:
The Case of Taybe

Ph. D.: (1984) Geography, Clark University, Mass. USA Dissertation
topic: The Experience of Time, Place and Immigration

Academic and Professional Experience Teaching

Assistant, Haifa University 1974 -1978 Head of

Planning Team, "Merav Ltd" 1978 - 1979 Teacher,

Seminar Hakibutzim, 1979 - 1980

Visiting Professor and Social Science Laboratory Manager, Clark University, USA 1984

Teaching Assistant, Tel Aviv University 1979-1980

Instructor in Geography, Tel Aviv University 1984-5

Teaching Associate in Geography, Tel Aviv University 1985-1987

Lecturer in Beit Berl College, 1984

Head of Geography Department, Beit Berl College, 1987 - 1990

Lecturer in Geography, Tel Aviv University, 1987-1995

Senior Lecturer, Tel Aviv University, 1995-1998

Associate Professor, Tel Aviv University, 1999-2006
Full Professor, Tel Aviv University, 2006-now

Academic Administrative Experience

Head of Beit Berl College ethical committee 2000-2002
Head of Beit Berl College MD program 2004-2006
Head of Beit Berl College committee for reforms in the disciplinary education, 2009
Head of Beit Berl College committee for Arab-Jewish co-existence in the campus
Head of the Geography and Human Environment Department 2001-2005
Vice President, Israeli Geographical Association 2001-2002
POSITION, Taub Center, Institute for the study of social Policy in Israel, Jerusalem 2000-2007
President, Israeli Geographical Association 2003-2004
Representative of the Israeli Academy of Science to the International Geographic Union 2009 – now
POSITION, Tami Steinmetz Institute for Peace, Tel Aviv, 2007- now
Head, Walter Libach Institute for Jewish-Arab Partnership, Tel Aviv University, 2012-2014
Member of the Europea Academia from 2015

19 Research Grants obtained because of:

Membership in 6 Professional Societies

Membership in 6 Editorial Boards

Editor of 6 journal special issues

34 Graduate Students between 1995 and 2013

15 PhD graduate between 1998 and 2015

2 Post-Doc between 2010 and 2014

10 Conferences organized between 1996 and 2012

Selection of Publications:

Books and Monographs

Schnell, I. 1994 *Perceptions of Israeli Arabs: Territoriality and Identity*, Avebury: London, 123 pp.
Schnell, I., Sofer, M., Drori, I. 1995 *Arab Industrialization in Israel: Ethnic Entrepreneurship in the Periphery*, Greenwood, Praeger: N.Y. 204 pp.
Rosenberg, A., Schnell, I. 2014 *Mega Projects, As a Reflection of Change in Israeli Society*, Israeli Academic Press.
Schnell, I. 2002 *Urban Policy toward Migrant Workers*, Fleursheim Institute for Policy Studies: Jerusalem (Hebrew, 70 pages).
Schnell, I., Biger, G., Rosenberg, A. 2013 *Land, Democracy and Majority-Minority relations*, Walter Libach Institute for education for Jewish-Arab coexistence, Tel Aviv University: Tel Aviv.

6 Edited Books,

Schnell, I., Ostendorf, W. 2002 *Studies in Segregation and Desegregation*, Avebury: Aldershot.
Bar-tal, D. Schnell, I. 2012 *The Impact of Lasting Occupation, the Israeli Case*, Oxford University Press: Oxford.
Schnell, I., Rosenberger, A., Ronen, G. 2014 *Urban parks as sustainable places*, Pardes: Haifa.

Refereed Articles

- Schnell, I., Benjamini, Y. 2001 The Socio-Spatial Isolation of Agents in Everyday Life Spaces as an Aspect of Segregation, *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, 91, 4. Pp 622-633.
- Schnell, I., Sofer, M. 2003 Embedding Entrepreneurship in Social Structure: Israeli Arab Entrepreneurship, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 134-145.
- Amara M., Schnell, I. 2004 Identity Repertoire among Arabs in Israel *International Journal of Ethnicity and Immigration Studies*, 30, 1. Pp. 175-193.
- Schnell, I. 2004 Israeli Geographers in Search for National Identity, *Professional Geographers*, 56,4 Pp:560-573.
- Schnell, I., Benjamini, Y. 2005 Globalisation and the Structure of Urban Social Space: The Lesson from Tel Aviv, *Urban Studies*, 42, 13, Pp. 1-22.
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Furthermore

38 Papers Published in Books (Refereed),

2 Proceedings,

4 Research Reports,

6 Planning Reports,

5 Book Reviews.

Statement about personal goals.

I would like to advance and commit to the following five initiatives, if elected as IGU Vice-President:

1. To make sure that conferences organized by the IGU will maintain high academic quality. A special effort should be made for the attraction of geographers from all parts of the world to join the IGU conferences, notably those from European and North American countries, as well as from Latin America, Africa, and West and South Asia. This effort should involve consultations with leading geographers in these areas, on how to attract their colleagues from these countries to participate in IGU conferences.
2. To encourage young geographers, including doctoral students, to join IGU activities, by organizing a range of special activities for them, and by providing them with opportunities for their exposure to the international geographical community. For example, the setting of sessions for doctoral students in IGU conferences might be considered, and the encouragement of editors of leading geographical journals to offer awards to the best papers presented by young scholars in IGU conferences. Such an award may be, for instance, the publication of the best papers in their journals.
3. To initiate in-depth discussions in the IGU about the directions that the discipline should follow for its future development, in lieu of the challenges that stem from global trends, such as the liquidation of space and the environmental changes and risks. I suggest that the IGU will nominate committees that will propose agenda for the discipline as a whole, as well as for selected subfields in geography. The committees will submit position papers that will be discussed in IGU conferences and disseminated to members of the IGU.
4. To initiate research groups that will focus on comparative studies in different countries concerning main problems of global interest. Such research groups will allow members of the IGU to join them and share a joint development of a research agenda, which will permit the use of wide international networks for comparative studies on a global scale.
5. To make sure that the IGU will continue to avoid any involvement in political and international cleavages, to reject the boycott of any geographer or group of geographers, on the base of their affiliation or opinions, thus permitting the dissemination of geographical knowledge across borders. I believe that the Israeli voting in favour of the acceptance of the Palestinian Authority to the IGU demonstrates the credibility of my position in this regard.



Professor Dr. R.B. Singh:

Brief Curriculum Vitae and Statement of Intent

Institutional Affiliation: Dr. R.B. Singh is presently Professor and Coordinator UGC-SAP DRS III Program, Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, India. Since 1983 served as CSIR Scientist's Pool (1983-85), Lecturer (1985-88), UGC Research Scientist-B/Reader (1988-1996), Professor (1996 onwards). E-mail: rbsgeo@hotmail.com

Education: M.A. in 1977, Ph.D. in 1981 (Geography), Diploma in Statistics in 1979 (all from the Banaras Hindu University), UNITAR Training in GIS Technology in the

Field of Environment during 1988-89 from UNITAR/UNEP-GRID-Geneva and EPFL, Lausanne (Switzerland).

Professional Experience (International) : Prof. R.B. Singh is presently (i) Vice- President, International Geographical Union (IGU); (ii) Editor, Springer Series - Advances in Geographical and Environmental Sciences; (iii) Representing IAP–Global Network of Science Academies on Disaster Risk Reduction and UN Sc. & Tech Conf. on Sendai Framework of DRR; (iv) Awarded with prestigious JSPS Research Fellowship, Japan in 2013; (v) Associate Faculty, Global Earth System Governance Project of ESSP, The Netherlands since 2008; (vi) Vice-Chair-IGU Commission on Biogeography and Biodiversity (2008-12); (vii) Special Representative-World Association of Soil and Water Conservation; (vi) Ex-South Asian Representative in Commonwealth Geographical Bureau (1992-2000); and (vi) Full Member of IGU Commissions (1988- 2008).

Professional Experience (National): He has served as (i) Head-Department of Geography, Delhi University; (ii) Member, IUGG-IGU National Committee of the Indian National Science Academy (2008-15); (iii) Secretary General of the National Association of Geographers, India, (NAGI) (2001-11); (iv) Managing Editor of its Journal-Annals of NAGI; (v) Member, Study Group for Preparation of NCR Plan-2021; (vi) Member, ICAR Program on Indo-Gangetic Plains - Land use/Cover Change and Food Security; (vii) Nominated Member, Curriculum Development for Geo-informatics jointly nominated by UGC and Department of Space, Govt. of India; (viii) President, Geography Section, Indian Academy of Social Sciences; (ix) Ex-Provost, Gwyer Hall, University of Delhi; and (ix) Ex-Recorder-Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA).

Research Accomplishments: Prof. Singh specializes in Environmental Studies, Disaster Management, Remote Sensing and GIS, Climate Change, Urban Regional Development. He received UNEP-UNITAR Fellowship for Training in GIS Technology in the Field of Environment, at EPFL-Lausanne and GRID-Geneva. He has to his credit 11 books, 33 edited research volumes and more than 200 research papers published in international journals with high impact factor (i.e. Climate Dynamics, Atmospheric Science Letters, Environmental Science and Policies, Energies, Theoretical and Applied Climatology, Physical Geography, Advances in Meteorology, Physics and Chemistry of the Earth, Agriculture, Ecosystem and Environment, Hydrological Processes, Mountain Research and Development, Journal of Mountain Science, Environments, Geographia Polonica, Advances in Earth Science, Advances in Limnology, Asian Geographer, Environmental Economics, Tourism Recreation Research, Front. Earth Science, IAHS Red Books, Geographica, Acta hydrotechnica, Indonesian Journal of Geography, Journal of Geography Education, AOGS Pub., Annals of NAGI, Transactions of IIG, The Geographer, The Indian Geographical Journal etc.).

In 1988, the UNESCO/ISSC (Paris) awarded him Research and Study Grants Award in Social and Human Sciences. He has supervised 31 Ph.D. and 74 M.Phil. students. He was also associated with Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, Copenhagen (Denmark) in 1998 and Visiting Professor for delivering invited lectures at the University of Turku (Finland) in 2008 and 2010. He was also one of the contributors in the famous- The World Atlas-Earth Concise, Millennium House Ltd., Australia. He is widely travelled and received several Fellowships/ Support from UNEP, UNITAR, IAP, UNU, UNCRD, WCRP, IAHS, IGU, NASDA, INSA, UGC, SICI and MAIRS etc. for participating and presenting papers, chairing session and discussing research projects in more than 35 countries from all continents of the world.

Guest Editor of Prestigious Journals: He has been invited to serve as Special Issue Editor of famous International Journals like Sustainability, Advances in Meteorology, Physics and Chemistry of the Earth and NAM Today.

International Research Projects: He has completed a number of prestigious international collaborative research programs such as (i) ICSSR-ID Project with University of Groningen, The Netherlands as Project Director on Environmental Degradation and its Socio-economic Implications in the Rural -Urban Fringe of Delhi;

(ii) CIDA-SICI Project with University of Manitoba, Canada as Chief Co-investigator on Sustainable Development of Mountain Environments and Urban Development and Environmental Impacts in Mountain Context; (iii) SHARP Research Project on Role of Public, Private and Civil Sectors in Environmental Management; (iv) DFID Research Project with Imperial College, London on Enhancing Food Chain Integrity: Quality Assurance Mechanisms for Air Pollution Impacts on Vegetable Systems in India; (v) Finish Academy of Sciences Research Project with University of Turku, Finland on Livelihood Security in Changing Socio-Economic Environment in Himachal Pradesh; and (vi) Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India on Perspective plan on land Resources etc.

Major Publications:

a) **10 Published Books**

b) **15 Recent Edited Research Volumes**

c) **26 Recent Peer Reviewed International Research Publications with Impact Factor**

Statement of Intent and Priorities as IGU Vice-President

As IGU Vice President, I started Springer Series on Advances in Geographical and Environmental Sciences for publishing and disseminating IGU related research results (6 volumes released already). I am able to do extensive mobilization of geography communities in the Asian region in general and South Asia in particular through Annual IGU India International Conferences in different parts of the country. The 10th Conference will be held at Hyderabad in March 2017. I organized two Executive Committee Meeting at Rohtak (2013) and Delhi (2016). I established South Asian focal point of the IGU initiated IYGU programme. I have contributed for developing research linkages with International organizations like ICSU Urban Health and Wellbeing; organized Future Earth Initiative for South Asia Meeting in 2015; representing IAP– Global Network of Science Academies on Disaster Risk reduction and UNISDR Science and Technology Conference for implementing Sendai Framework of DRR, Geneva in 2016; strengthened linkages with USA, China, Canada, Russia, Japan, the Netherlands, UK, Germany, Denmark, South Africa and Finland in terms of international research and collaboration. I will continue to engage various other nations for similar initiatives under the umbrella of IGU. I have been invited by ICSU President Elect Prof. Daya Reddy to attend General Assembly in South Africa for contributing to IAP Panel-Disaster Emergency Response where various linkages with Science academies are being established.

Since 1984 IGU Paris Congress, I have attended all Main Congresses and most of the IGU Regional Conferences and have been actively participating in the academic programs of various IGU Commissions and Working Groups. My previous assignments as Full Member in the IGU Commissions/Study Groups include Mountain Geoecology and Resource Management (1988-92), Development Issues in Marginal Lands (1992- 1996), Land Use and

Cover Change (1996-2004) and Biogeography and Biodiversity (2004-2008); Vice Chair of the IGU Commission on Biogeography and Biodiversity (2008-2012). As a geographer, I strongly believe in demonstrating interdisciplinary orientation and professionalism in the use of geographical knowledge and skills. In 1991, I had also organized an interdisciplinary IGU Seminar at Delhi in which 4 IGU Commissions/Groups participated. As Head of the Indian Delegation to IGU Tunis (2008), I contributed in the IGU Finance Committee during General Assembly.

Future professional focus will include:

1. Organizing annual IGU and IYGU events in South Asia for communicating research results to various cross sections of the society.
2. Establishing a Global Open Day for Geography at National Level particularly in developing countries to promote interactions between geography with allied disciplines, national and international research organizations.
3. Suggesting national committees to help regular curriculum revision incorporating fundamental and modern techniques and contemporary paradigms such as climate change, Disaster Risk Reduction, Urban Health and Wellbeing and Sustainable Development Goals. There is a need for an IGU Manual on Curriculum Development.
4. Promote IGU Congress to become a platform for dialogue and collaborative research programs on contemporary thematic areas and critical regions by bridging gaps between geographers, policy makers and community leaders.
5. For improving academic orientation of the IGU, organizing Side events on Publishing Practices, Youth Platform and Ethics in Future in order to maintain professional standards in the IGU. Develop close linkages with UN Major Group of Children and Youth for promoting IGU Strategy.
6. Developing strategies for communication, focusing on geographers from developing countries for increasing their participation in Congress to make IGU more participatory together with involving them in Springer Series-Advances in Geographical and Environmental Sciences, edited by me.
7. Accomplishing Science-Policy Interface (SPI) within IGU Regional Conferences and Congresses on one hand and National committees/Commissions on the other.

I would like to assure all IGU office bearers, Head of national committees and Chair of IGU Commissions to keep up with their expectations if re-elected as Vice- President.

Professor Rémy Tremblay,

Professor at TÉLUQ, University of Québec system

Rémy Tremblay is a Geography Professor at Télé-Université (TÉLUQ), the distance-learning University of the University of Québec system. He received a B.A. and an M.A. in Geography from Université Laval, a Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Ottawa, and he was a Post-doctoral Fellow at the Centre Urbanisation, Culture et Société of the Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique (INRS), in Montréal. He was hired at TÉLUQ in 2005 as the recipient of a prestigious Junior Canada Research Chair. His work dealt with the perceived quality of life of



Knowledge-based cities. Junior Canada Research Chairs are awarded for 10 years by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council to most promising junior faculties around the World to become Faculty at Canadian universities.

Professor Tremblay has also been conducting research on Geography of Tourism. Engaged by residential tourism, he has published extensively on the immigration and mass seasonal tourism of Québec residents to what he has called

Floribec, a tourism-based ethnic community in Miami, Florida. He is the Director of the Research Team on Residential Tourism, which has collaborators from around the World.

His work also focused on the mutual perception and the cross-border relations of Canadians and Americans. He studied this topic through representation of Québec and Canada in American Geography textbooks, as well as social and cultural adaptation of American Geography Faculty affiliated to Canadian universities and vice versa.

As a Professor in a distance-learning University, Rémy Tremblay strongly believes in accessibility to and democratisation of higher education. After 10 years as a Faculty at TÉLUQ, he has already single-handedly developed six (6) online Geography courses and an undergraduate program in Human Geography of which he is the current Director.

Rémy Tremblay is co-founder and Vice-President of the Québec Chapter of the Canadian Association of Geographers.

Statement of Intent

My affiliation with a French-Language open higher-education institution strongly influences my vision of the accessibility to Geographic education. Consequently, should I be elected on the Executive of the IGU my work would be dedicated to the following five areas:

- 1) Promote the democratisation of Geographic education by fostering the development of online Geography Programmes and creating more North-South university alliances.
- 2) Encourage universities and colleges to use open-access geography textbooks and material so emerging and developing countries can work up courses at lesser cost while having a wider range of resources available to them.
- 3) Discuss with publishers to offer more affordable prices and free access to their publications outside of Europe and North America.
- 4) Use Geographic Education as a tool to make people aware of social and economic inequalities around the World.
- 5) Facilitate research collaborations between Geography students and scholars, in particular those in the South.

In addition to this specific five-points agenda, I will work closely and collaboratively with the other executives to advance the objectives of the Union, as prescribed in the Statutes.



3) JOINT INITIATIVE IYGU-EUROGEO. IGU CGE

Dear Colleagues,

As part of the International Year of Global Understanding, EUROGEO together with IGU-CGE and IYGU will organise a **Global Understanding stories competition** for two categories of participants:

- a) for **university students** to present the stories behind their research and
- b) for **school pupils** to tell their Global Understanding story

With the support of ESRI the stories will be shared in ArcGIS Online

We will need your help in promoting this. Full details will be announced later. The deadline for entry will be December 31st 2016.

The competition will be launched at EUROGEO 2016 in Malaga, Spain, a conference being held in conjunction with the Real Sociedad Geographica and the Spanish Association of Geography Educators. See <http://www.eurogeography.eu/conference-2016-malaga/>

We are hoping to run a number of IYGU sessions at EUROGEO 2016 in Malaga, Spain - September 29-30 2016 as the theme of the event is "Geographic Information: for a better world".

We invite you to share information about the event and the forthcoming competition with your colleagues, networks and research teams and help celebrate the IYGU with us, participating in stimulating discussion and debate around the themes of the International Year.

After some discussion with Benno and in order to facilitate the potential of this activity the local conference organisers have agreed to extend registration (and early bird rates) **for IYGU papers only** until July 31st.

We are looking forward to your contributions. Please get back to me if you have any questions

Best Wishes
Karl

Professor Karl Donert
President EUROGEO
Director European Centre of Excellence, digital-earth.eu
University of Salzburg



4) REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

4a) IGU COMB Conference, Antalya, Turkey, 1-4 May 2016

IGU COMB Annual 2016 Conference 'Mediterranean sustainability between climate change and human mobility'

The Annual IGU Commission Mediterranean Basin COMB 'Mediterranean sustainability between climate change and human mobility' has just taken place in Antalya Turkey 1-4 June 2016. It was a very successful Conference for scientific aspects, a very good infrastructure and venue, an interesting fieldtrip showing human pressure on sustainability, marvelous assistance by hosting Colleagues. We set a perfect scientific and friendly glue too. Several young scholars joined us (Lebanon, Algeria, France, Turkey). Gender participation was very well balanced among authors, organizers, chairs.



Conference was co-chaired by Maria Paradiso (Italy) Chair IGU COMB and Barbaros Gonencgil Istanbul University and it developed in cooperation with Turkish Geographical Society. As COMB Chair I can say, in light of IGU Istanbul 2020, that was an excellent cooperation with Turkish Colleagues. COMB jointly with them we realized a formula which on smallest scale was a kind of IGU event. All people were happy as a result of an excellent cooperation and thus on the basis of this experience I forecast a magnificent and productive IGU Istanbul 2020. The Conference concept was indeed challenging and innovative and as COMB I wish to continue it in further workshops. Annual COMB Conference tried to make a dialogue among physical, human geographers as well as with a few scientists from sister disciplines. We drafted it to invite Mediterranean geographers (or geographers interested in the Mediterranean area) to address scientific challenges initially proposed by 1. The IPCC Working Group I, contribution to the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) Climate Change (2013) evaluated assessment of future climate change for Europe and Mediterranean and ISSC 'Transformative Cornerstones'. We

looked for research dealing with climate change and its effects on integrated perspective natural environment and humanity in the Mediterranean region. The complexity of climate change, impacts and adaptation needs to understand the physical, political and economic geography of these processes, and how they relate to other social problems, including persistent poverty, people's vulnerability included women, children welfare systems and wellbeing, human development and rights as well as duties, social and democratic national cohesion or 'otherness', solidarity, conflict, security and militarization, cooperation among countries or Mediterranean shores.

COMB Annual Conference questions were:

How are climate change risks events and reactions experienced in different geographical contexts?

How have they mediated by ethnic, class, gender, political and professional cultures?

What examples and why do we have about successful change/adaptation stories?

The Conference brings together nearly 30 human and physical geographers, planners, hydrologists from across Mediterranean Basin (Algeria, France, Greece, Italy, Israel, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey) and beyond since our distinguished Colleagues from India, Japan and United States contribute to our challenging endeavor. We are all interested and have expertise in transcending our discipline's boundaries as well as encountering sisters disciplines and expertise. We are interested to discuss and progress for the scope of constructing and contributing to an hybridized paradigm, concepts, analyses of physical and human geography studies about human condition under climate changing conditions.

The range of accepted papers solicit ideas, findings, proposals on the full range of analysis, modeling of evolutions, assessment of impacts and discussions of adaptation tools, strategies cases. A number of selected presentation will be invited to evolve into chapters for a book proposal to a main international publisher.

Maria is especially grateful to Turkish Geographical Society (Ahmet Ertek) and Department of Geography of Ankara (İhsan Cicek) for cooperating in this event as well as the new Department of Geography University of Antalya (İhsan Bulut, Tuncer Demir) for friendly supporting our organization. Annick Douguédroit, University of Marseille, former Chair of IGU Commission Climate Change is distinguished member of our conference board. Stan Brunn agreed to serve as a keynote. Sessions were followed by interesting and alive debates.

As COMB we are highly appreciative of Barbaros Gönençgil, Ahmet Ertek and Turkish Colleagues for their forceful and successful cooperation within IGU and in particular COMB since 2010.

We are especially grateful to Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean for its High Patronage to Antalya 2016 Conference and support to IGU COMB, member of PAM Academic Platform. A further cooperation for Conference purposes was established with IGU COMB FP7 Marie Curie project 'MEDCHANGe' 612639.

Some numbers from the Conference:

30 people attended from 11 country included Japan.

28 paper were presented

4 shuttle from airport to venue

3 shuttle from venue to airport

Opening speeches by Co-chairs Paradiso, Gonençgil and Hon. OUSLU PAM Turkish Delegation.

Keynote Stan Brunn. Position paper: Annick Douguédroit.

Beyond the university sponsors (Ankara University, İstanbul University, Akdeniz University), İstek College (Shuttles), Manavgat Trade and Industry Chamber (Gala Dinner) and Manavgat Municipality (bus for trip) we acknowledge PAM_Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean member (also Deputy of Antalya), FP7 MC IRSES MEDCHANGe (Coord. Maria Paradiso, papers by Alouat, Mangano, Paradiso, Schnell, Spotorno, Tribak).

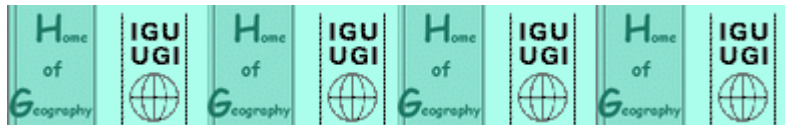
Maria Paradiso

Chair, IGU COMB

COMB is part of PAM Academic Platform.

Therefore COMB will be delighted to examine proposals for next years.

We do look forward to meeting you in our next Conferences!



5) ICSU NEWSLETTER, JULY 2016

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News

Registrations are open for the ICSU Extraordinary General Assembly and joint ICSU-ISSC General Assembly.

ICSU President Gordon McBean has called an extraordinary session of the ICSU General Assembly, to allow members to vote on an issue that is crucial for the future of the organization: Whether or not ICSU should merge with the International Social Science Council (ISSC). This General Assembly will be held in

Oslo, Norway, on 24 October 2016, together with an ISSC General Assembly. For more information on the proposed merger, please see also the information in this [letter to members](#), the [background motivation](#) and the [draft planning framework](#).

[ICSU urges Turkey to restore the Principle of Universality of Science](#). While it deplores the attempted *coup d'état* in Turkey on 15 July 2016, it is deeply concerned about developments since then and, particularly, about reports of Turkish academics and educators having lost their positions in a summary fashion in recent days.

[Apply now for grants to research the “Energy - Health - Natural Disasters” nexus in African cities](#). As part of the LIRA2030 programme funded by the Swedish development Agency Sida, ICSU has launched a call for pre-proposals. Together with NASAC and the ISSC, ICSU will support 10 research projects across Africa. These projects are expected to generate new solutions-oriented knowledge that will help develop new urban paradigms in Africa and make African cities more resilient, adaptable and healthier.

[A new ICSU paper was published: “A draft framework for understanding SDG interactions”](#). The framework takes a closer look at trade-offs and synergies for the implementation phase of the SDGs. Since its publication, it has been the subject of [a commentary in Nature](#) and [an op-ed on the World Economic Forum's Agenda blog](#).

[ICSU participated in the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development at the United Nations in New York](#). The Council led an 8-person scientific delegation to the event, and was an active participant in several events during the week. It also held a side event presenting the new framework on SDG interactions.

[We're part of Habitat X Change this year](#), a space and an open community at the UN's Habitat III cities summit that embodies the idea that science, visualization and design are natural partners to shape the urban future. The space is being organized by ICSU in partnership with Future Earth and the Potsdam University of Applied Sciences. There is now also [an open call for data visualizations](#) to be exhibited in that space.

[ICSU hosted an expert group meeting on health within the new urban agenda](#). Convened in partnership with the World Health Organisation, UN-Habitat, United Nations University (UNU), International Society for Urban Health (ISUH), Government of Ghana & Government of Norway, the aim of this Expert Group Meeting was to propose text specifically for inclusion in the New Urban Agenda.

[Support is available for Early Career Scientists wishing to attend the UN's Habitat III conference](#). As part of its commitment to represent the scientific community in the largest cities summit in United Nations history, the Council will support up to four Early Career Scientists, nominated by its Members, to attend the event. The deadline for applications is 1 August.

[A reminder to apply now for the 2016 ICSU Grants Programme](#). The grants programme intends to foster Membership engagement by addressing long-standing priorities for ICSU members in developing science education, outreach and public engagement activities, and to mobilize resources for international scientific collaboration.

[There is also still time to endorse the international accord "Open Data in a Big Data World."](#) The accord is an outcome of Science International, a series of regular meetings between the International Council for Science (ICSU); the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP); The World Academy of Sciences for the advancement of science in developing countries (TWAS); and the International Social Science Council (ISSC). Science International now also has its own website at www.science-international.org.

All call for comments on the GCOS Implementation Plan 2016. The Global Climate Observing System, GCOS, has published the draft version of the plan on its website, and is accepting comments from the public until 5 September 2016.

And finally, congratulations to our Treasurer Barbara Erazmus, who was awarded the Chevalier grade of the French order of merit, the Legion d'honneur, at a ceremony at the Academie des Sciences.

New publications

A draft framework for understanding SDG interactions. A follow-up to the hugely successful Review of Targets for the SDGs, the framework takes a closer look at trade-offs and synergies for the implementation phase of the SDGs. The framework emerged from a workshop held at ICSU in January 2016. Since its publication, it has also been the subject of a commentary in Nature and an op-ed on the World Economic Forum's Agenda blog.

Annual Report 2015. The latest edition of our Annual Report documents all our achievements in the past year, especially around the big United Nations processes last year, culminating in ICSU's engagement in the COP21 climate negotiations in December. It also tracks the progress of ICSU's international research programmes and ICSU's response to the challenges identified by its 2014 External Review, for example through the launch of Science International.

The Council in the Media

Climate scientists expected 'nothing like' this year's record-breaking global temperatures.

The Independent, 27 July 2016.

As UN pushes radical Sustainable Development Goals, scientists are trying to make sense of them. Fox News, 26 July 2016.

Q&A: Leave no scientists behind. SciDev.Net, 25 July 2016.

Understanding how the SDGs interact with each other is key to their success. World Economic Forum Agenda, 21 July 2016.

Policy: Map the interactions between the Sustainable Development Goals. Nature, 16 June 2016.

Jobs at the Council and in the network

- Science Officer at the ICSU Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean. San Salvador, El Salvador. Deadline: 29 July 2016.
- Science Officer and Strategic Advisor to the Director. Stockholm Resilience Centre. Stockholm, Sweden. Deadline: 22 August 2016.
- Communications Officer at the Urban Health and Wellbeing programme. Xiamen, China. Deadline: 26 August 2016.
- Administrative Assistant with financial background. Future Earth Sweden Global Hub. Stockholm, Sweden. Open until suitable applicant found.
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News from our Regional Offices

Asia & Pacific

The ICSU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP) organized a symposium on the greening of society for global sustainability. The symposium was held on 16 June 2016 in Taipei, under the auspices of the 23rd Pacific Science Congress (PSC-23). Four scientists

presented their interpretations of green development in their respective countries (Mongolia and Malaysia) or research domains (urban environment and fisheries).

[More news from ICSU's Regional Office for Asia & the Pacific](#)

Latin America and the Caribbean

On 24-25 May, the Steering Committee of Disaster Risk Reduction (SCDRR) held its 7th meeting in San Salvador, El Salvador. Committee members Barbara Carby, Luis Carlos Martínez, Sálvano Briceño, Allan Lavell, José Rubiera, Alonso Brenes, Zelmira May, Patricia Alvarado participated, as well as Manuel Limonta Regional Director and Guillermina Echeverría Lozano, Science Officer of ICSU ROLAC. The main topics discussed were: the imminent relocation of ICSU ROLAC offices to El Salvador, changes in the terms of reference suggested by the 2015 CSPR External review, discussion and accords regarding the Work Program of the SCDRR.

[More news from ICSU's Regional Office for Latin America & the Caribbean](#)

Africa

On 2-3 June, Representatives of fourteen African ICSU National Members and eleven International Scientific Unions participated in [a two-day Mid-ICSU General Assembly African Meeting](#) in Benoni near Johannesburg, South Africa. This meeting, organised by the ICSU Regional Office for Africa was intended to afford participants the opportunity to receive a report on the activities of the Regional Office since the last meeting in June 2014, to discuss issues of concern to the ICSU community in general on the continent, reflect on the last General Assembly, and most of all, strategize for African member's role at the next General Assembly scheduled for 19-27 October, 2017 in Taipei. Participants were also updated on issues related to the activities of Future Earth in Africa.

On 30 June 2016, Hazael Naidoo left ICSU ROA after four years of service as Administrative Assistant. She will be missed tremendously, and we wish her the best of luck in her next place of work.

Events

[IUFoST 18th World Congress of Food Science and Technology \(World Food Congress\)](#). Dublin, 21-25 August 2016.

[SciDataCon 2016](#). Denver, Colorado, 11-13 September 2016.

[Habitat III, the UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development](#). Quito, Ecuador, 17-20 October 2016.

[ICSU Extraordinary General Assembly and ICSU-ISSC joint General Assembly](#). Oslo, Norway, 24 October 2016.

[3rd Global Land Project Open Science Meeting](#). Beijing, 24-27 October 2016.

[More news from ICSU's Regional Office for Africa](#)



6) FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(more information in the Home of Geography website, Events 2016)

6) Forthcoming events

- 6.1 12th Int. Conf. on Natural Computation and the 2016 13th Int.Conf.on Fuzzy Systems and Knowledge Discovery Changsha, 13-15 August 2016
- 6.2) Geography that matters, Singapore, 14-16 August 2016 (Fieldtrip and special symposium in China, 17-19).
- 6.3) Urban Challenges in a Complex World, Shanghai 15-21 August 2016
- 6.4) Commission Political Geography, pre Beijing 2016 Conference in Guangzhou, 17-21 August 2016
- 6.5) IGU International Congress, Beijing, 21-25 August 2016
- 6.6) Development Researches in a Post-2015 World Stockholm, 22-24 August 2016
- 6.7) Feminist Legal Geography, RGS and IBG, London, 30 August-2 September 2016
- 6.8) Eurogeo 29-30, Malaga, September 2016.
- 6.9) Borderland of Nations, Nations of Borderlands, Lodz, September 14-16 2016
- 6.10) 4th MEDclivar Conference, Athens, 26-30 September 2016
- 6.11) Association for Borderland Studies, Luxembourg, 4-7 October 2016
- 6.12) International South Conference Territorialities and Humanities, Belo Horizonte, 4-7 October 2016
- 6.13) 11th Conference of the African Association on Remote Sensing, Kampala, 24 October 2016

