Report from the IGU National Committee in Denmark 2012 -2016

From The IGU Congress in Cologne, where we were participating, the main work in the National Committee have been to follow, how geography developed in educations at primary, secondary, high school and university level. We have had discussions how to use “learning outcome” as a basic tool in planning and developing the focus of the teaching. We have secured a better presentation in the National Committee from scholars specialized in the didactic of Geography

We have taking part in the discussion of how many hours a week should be allocated to geography in the High School. There has been a slight increase in the number of hours allocated to geography.

We have followed the research development at the universities.

We attended the regional meeting in Krakow.

We have together with Royal Danish Geographical Society planned some of the lectures at the member meeting in the Geographical Society.

We have discussed and planned how to engage professsors at the universities more in the Olympiad of Geography.

We have taken part in meetings where the promotion of cultural collaboration between India and Denmark was at the agenda. In this connection one of the deputy chairs of IGU Prof. Sing visited Roskilde University and got information of the focus of Danish geography, and how it was developing. Mr. Sing accepted a chapter on sustainability from one of staff members at Roskilde University to one of his readers publicized by Springer Verlag.

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