

The Association of Vietnamese Geographers (AVG)

The Association of Vietnamese Geographers (AVG) was founded in 1988 in Hanoi. VAG is a member of VUSTA (Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Associations). The first President of AVG was the famous geographer, Professor Le Ba Thao, the layeate of Ho Chi Minh Prize in Science and Technology.

From the foundation in 1988 so far, the VAG has organized 6 National Conferences to elect prestigiuos and active scientists, teachers, social activists in the field of geography, geography education and related fields to be the members of the Executive Committee of VAG. Professor Nguyen Cao Huan has been elected as President of AVG for the two continous tenures.

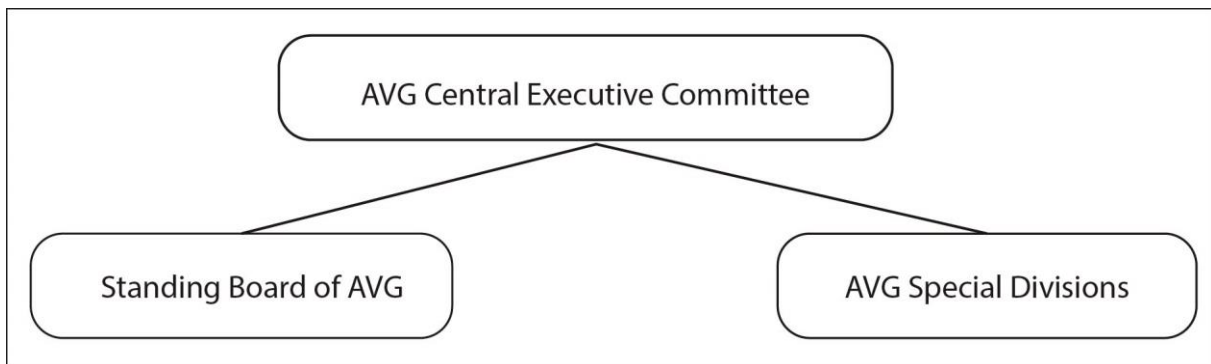
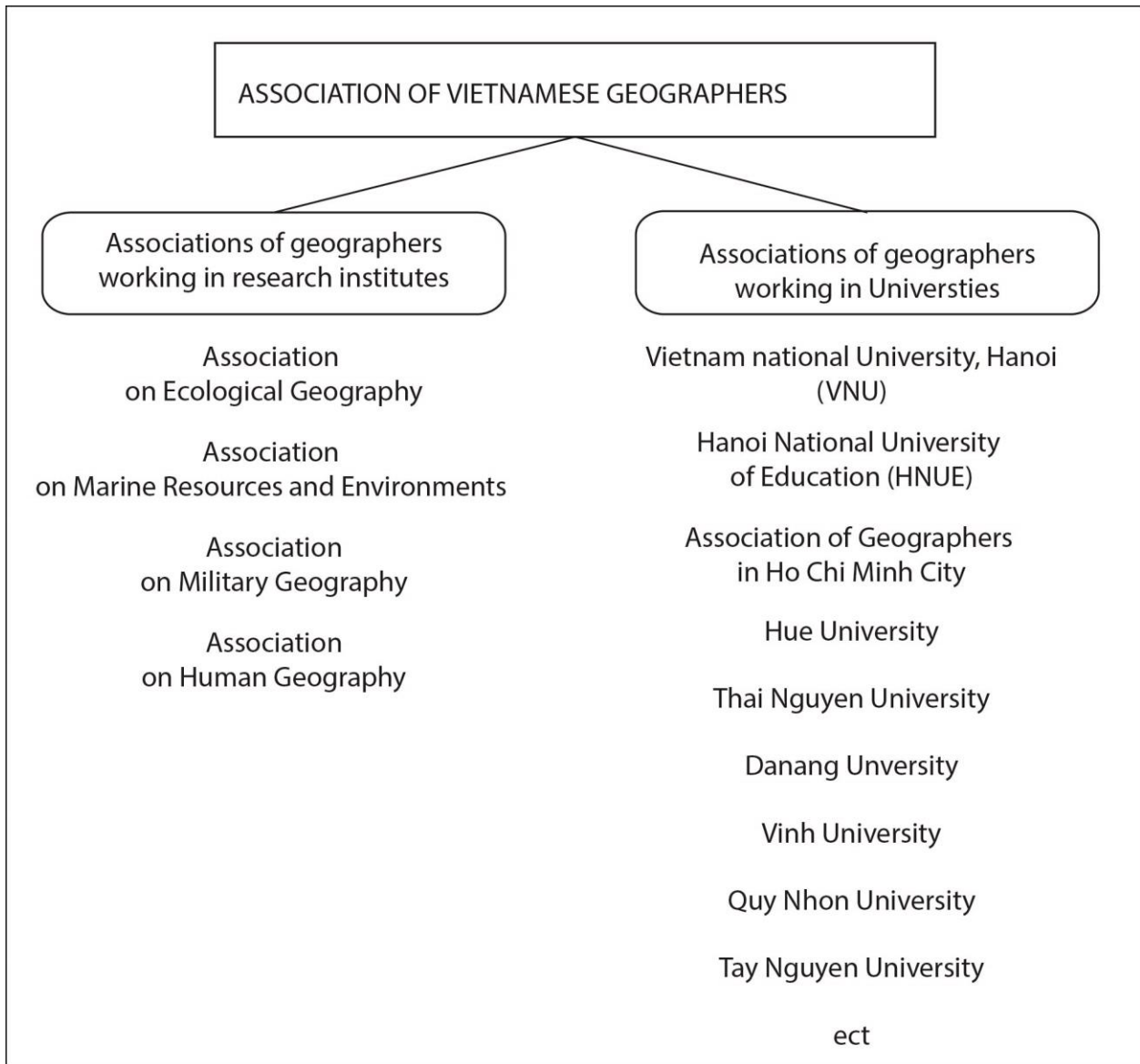
In Vietnam, there are several well-known centers for geographical research and application. The leading centers are:

- The Faculty of Geography, Hanoi University of Science, VNU (VNU-HUS)
- The Faculty of Geography, Hanoi National Unversity of Education (HNUE)
- The Institute of Geography, Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology (VAST)
- The Institute of Human Geography, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciencces (VASS).

There a number of other institutions in charge with geography research.

AVG has a mass contingent of geography educators, working in schools and in Unversities/ Colleges.

Organization of the AVG



Science Technology Research and Development

The 6th National Conference of AVG (2016) emphasized on the social and professional role of the organization as follows:

- Advisory and social critical activities
- Science research, technology development and application to serve goals in environmental protection and sustainable development.
- Educational and training activities.

a) Advisory and social critical activities:

These activities are undertaken in the framework of VUSTA.

b) Science Technology Research and Development

AVG and its organizations/ Institutions members actively take part in State Research Programs, such as Program for sustainable development in Central Highlands (TN-3), Program for sustainable development of coastal zones and for Vietnamese waters.

Besides, members of AVG conduct applied research on demand of provinces or ministries.

Regularly AVG organizes annual or bi-annual National Science and Technology Conference. These events were expected by geographers nationwide. The Proceedings of these Conference were highly evaluated / appreciated by experts in Geography, Environmental Sciences, GIS and related fields.

The Website of these Conferences is <http://geographyconference.com/> . In April 2018, the Tenth National Conference of AVG will be held in Danang City, under the motto as “Vietnamese Geography dealing with issues in regional connections for sustainable development”

c) Geography Education

AVG members-educators are authors of National Curriculum in Geography and authors of different textbooks on Geography which are used in all schools in Vietnam.

At the moment, a new national curriculum is under elaboration. Our experienced geography educators are working hard on the new curriculum, and AVG will take an important role in reviewing the draft and we hope that through this work, AVG once again show its social role in education.