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A 2 New Steering committee 2020-2024

The virtual General Assembly of 21 August 2020 renewed the Commission with the new SC that had been proposed in the renewal proposal. The current circumstances make it difficult to have a clear view of this, hence we include the new SC with this report.

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A 3 Members

As of December 2020, we have 352 members (3 more than last year) from 56 countries (same as last year) on our member list, of which there are at least 102 female persons.

Algeria	1	Hong Kong	1	Qatar	1
Argentina	16	Hungary	3	Romania	5
Australia	4	Iceland	1	Russia	1
Austria	3	India	17	Saudi Arabia	1
Bangladesh	2	Indonesia	1	Slovakia	1
Bosnia	2	Iran	1	Slovenia	9
Brazil	2	Israel	6	South Africa	6
Canada	7	Italy	9	South Korea	4
Chile	2	Japan	11	Spain	30
China PR	5	Malaysia	4	Sweden	15
China Taipei	4	Mexico	3	Switzerland	12
Côte d'Ivoire	1	Namibia	1	Tunisia	1

Croatia	20	Nepal	25	Turkey	10
Czech Republic	7	Netherlands	2	UK	14
Denmark		New Zealand	5	USA	18
Ethiopia	1	Nigeria	1	Vietnam	1
Finland	7	Norway	3	Vietnam	1
France	8	Poland	15	Zimbabwe	1
Germany	8	Portugal	10	Total	352

B Meetings

The COVID-19 pandemic has completely upset all plans and no meetings could be held. Our annual Commission conference, planned for August 9-14 in Cluj-Napoca (Romania) was postponed to 2021, 9-13 August in the week preceding the IGC. We shall also participate in the IGC (16-20 August) with a session within the special COVID-19 session.

Situation permitting, we shall hold future meetings on the following occasions:

- Paris, France (2022) – IGU regional Congress (100th anniversary of the IGU)
- Malaysia (2023)
- Dublin, Ireland (2024) – IGU Congress

C Networking

C.1 Collaboration with other IGU Commissions and Task Forces

No specific discussions have been held.

C.2 Other collaboration

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

D Publications

D.1 Newsletters, special journal issues, and books published in 2018

We issue two Newsletters annually, one in June/July, the second in December. In addition, six short NewsFlashes were sent to our members in 2020. They are a means to maintain contact and rapidly inform members of specific events or new publications.

D.2 Books and other publications

The fifth and sixth volumes of our series “Perspectives on Geographical Marginalization” (<https://link.springer.com/bookseries/15046>) have been published by Springer this year.

- Stanko Pelc and Etienne Nel (editors), *Responses to geographical marginality and marginalization - From social innovation to regional development*; Perspectives on Geographical Marginality, vol 5. Springer, Cham, xiii + 183 pp. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-51342-9>.
- Borna Fuerst-Bjeliš and Walter Leimgruber (editors), *Globalization, marginalization and conflict – Political and social processes*; Perspectives on Geographical Marginality, vol 6. Springer, Cham. xvii + 202 pp. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-53218-5>

The next volume is in preparation and should be published in 2021 or early 2022.

Members keep signalling individual publications at irregular intervals. The list can be consulted from the regular newsletters

D.3 The current accurate URL of the commission's web site

Our website address is:

<https://sites.google.com/view/igugeographicalmarginality/geographical-marginality>

It has been set up and is maintained by our member and former chair Stanko Pelc (University of Primorska, Koper, Slovenia) in 2010.