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Steering Committee Members, 2021-2023

Prof. Martin Bell has resigned for retirement while Prof. Piguet, Yeoh and Shen have to step out according to IGU statute. Dr Nikola Sander has decided to resign as secretary but wishes to remain in the committee. Prof. Darren Smith has kindly accepted to step in as chair for the next period. Other members have been contacted and are considering to step in as vice-chair. Prof. Charles-Edwards Elin (Australia) enters the committee on Jan. 1st and replace Prof. Bell. The new steering committee shall be confirmed at the Business meeting of the Commission in Istanbul.

1B. Commission members as of 31 December 2020

The commission counted 390 corresponding members as of 15.12.2018 and 391 as of 31.12.2020. The geographical profile remained similar with the UK, US, India, Russia and China as top origin countries (see table).

Country	Numbers	%	Country	Numbers	%
UK	43	11.0	Serbia	3	0.8
USA	31	7.9	Slovakia	3	0.8
India	28	7.2	Unknown	2	0.5
Russia	26	6.6	Fiji	2	0.5
China	25	6.4	Greece	2	0.5
Poland	22	5.6	Iran	2	0.5
Germany	17	4.3	Mexico	2	0.5
Canada	15	3.8	Netherlands	2	0.5
Australia	14	3.6	Senegal	2	0.5
Japan	13	3.3	Singapore	2	0.5
France	11	2.8	Taiwan	2	0.5
Spain	11	2.8	Belarus	1	0.3
Sweden	9	2.3	Belgium	1	0.3
Romania	8	2.0	Bulgaria	1	0.3
Switzerland	8	2.0	Burkina Faso	1	0.3
Czech Republic	7	1.8	Estonia	1	0.3
Brazil	6	1.5	Finland	1	0.3
New Zealand	6	1.5	Indonesia	1	0.3
South Africa	6	1.5	Ireland	1	0.3
Hong Kong	5	1.3	Korea	1	0.3
Portugal	5	1.3	Latvia	1	0.3
Austria	4	1.0	Lithuania	1	0.3
Cameroon	4	1.0	Mongolia	1	0.3
Egypt	4	1.0	Morocco	1	0.3
Italy	4	1.0	Slovenia	1	0.3
Thailand	4	1.0	South Korea	1	0.3
Côte d'Ivoire	3	0.8	Tunisia	1	0.3
Ghana	3	0.8	Turkey	1	0.3
Hungary	3	0.8	UAE	1	0.3
Israel	3	0.8	Ukraine	1	0.3
Total				391	100.0

1C Commission's URL

The Commission had a specific website <http://www.igu-popgeo.org/>. The website was managed by Nikola Sander. A decision shall be made in 2021 whether the specific website shall be maintained or if enough information are to be found within IGU website.

2. Meetings

2A. Meetings organized (or sponsored) in 2020

All activities planned in 2020 were postponed.

3C Meetings and other events planned by the Commission, 2021

The commission is involved in the 34th INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL CONGRESS in Istanbul.

There are 5 exciting population geography sessions organized at IGC2021 :

- Session 1: Processes of population change, migration and development
- Session 2: The Challenges of Transnational Migration and Social Diversity
- Session 3: Climate change, migrations and conflicts
- Session 4: Forced displacement, refugees, stranded populations and the "migration crisis"
- Session 5: Short-scale mobilities and the environment: How environmental variability threatens crucial regional, provincial, urban or micro-mobilities.

3. Networking

3A Links with other IGU Commissions and Taskforces

The commission pursue fruitful contacts. Especially with C08.17 Global Change and Human Mobility, C12.10 Gender and Geography and the new Commission on African Studies.

3B Collaboration with other International and Inter-disciplinary Groupings, 2020

The existing collaborations (e.g. with the International Population Geographies

Conference series, Population Geography Research Group of the RGS-IBG) will be maintained.

3C Collaboration with ICSU

No direct collaboration

4. Publications

4A. Newsletters, Special journal issues and Books

Newsletter

The IGU Newsletter was forwarded to all members of the commission.

Selected Books

The commission see his task as mainly a conference organizer where researchers can meet and discuss results before publication in scientific journals. The commission is not directly involved in publication activities.

Journals

Members of the steering committee are all very active in advisory boards of the best journals in population geography where they also publish regularly.

5 Archival Contributions

Publications are sent to IGU secretary general upon publication.