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e-Newsletter – June 2021



Welcome to the second edition of our newly designed IGU e-Newsletter.

Online 34th International Geographical Congress - 17th to 21st August 2021

We are just a few weeks away now from our 34th International Geographical Congress which will be held in an online format from 17th to 21st August 2021.

Despite the disappointment that I know so many of you will feel at not being able to visit the incredible city of Istanbul and experience the extraordinary hospitality that would have awaited us there, the number of registrations and abstracts suggests that this will be an event befitting the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the very first International Geographical Congress in 1871.

I am certain that the local organizing committee, under the capable guidance of IGU Vice-President Barbaros Gönençgil, will provide a high-quality virtual platform that will deliver as authentic a conference experience as technology will allow. I hope to 'see' as many of you as possible at the virtual Congress in Istanbul.

Research papers that relate to COVID-19 and geography

In relation to the pandemic, I recently sent out a call to all IGU Commission, Task Force, and National Committee chairs requesting details of research papers published by members of their communities that relate to COVID-19 and geography. I have been

quite overwhelmed by the response and have already compiled a list of more than 120 peer-reviewed papers that have emanated directly from IGU-connected researchers. Actually, this represents only the tip of the iceberg in terms of all academic articles published about the coronavirus in the last year by geographers but is evidence nonetheless of the diverse (and key) roles that our discipline has played in terms of the origin and spread, prevention, containment, treatment and future trajectory of COVID-19. This compiled list will be published soon on our website.

The call for sessions is opened for Paris 2022

Next year in Paris we will celebrate the centenary of the IGU itself and I hope very much that, through a combination of ongoing prevention and containment measures with the increased roll-out of vaccinations, we will be able to come together once again as a community with the goal of reinforcing and reinvigorating our important research and teaching agendas.

Michael Meadows

President IGU

2020 IGU Commission Excellence Award

Commission on the Geography of Governance (GoG)

The IGU Commission on the Geography of Governance (GoG) is the recipient of the 2020 Commission Excellence Award (Attributed now in 2021). Despite all the challenges of COVID, the Commission has been very active. Among its many activities, it proposed an action plan on the COVID Pandemic which you can find [here](#)

2021 IGU Awards

2021 Planetary and Humanity Medal: Jack Dangermond

2021 Lauréat d'Honneur: Professor Eckart Ehlers

2021 Lauréat d'Honneur: Professor Helen Kerfoot

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INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL CONGRESS - IGC

16-20 August 2021



- 1'998 oral presentations and 511 poster submissions from more than 100 countries have been accepted to the congress so far.

In particular, the Spanish Association of Geographers produced a synthetic document of the [Spanish Contribution to 34th IGC of Istanbul](#).

- 7 keynote speakers, who have important works in their fields, will give a conference online, as in other presentations, throughout the congress.

You can find all information on the [Congress website](#)

GEOGRAPHICAL OLYMPIADS

11-15 August 2021



All information is available on the [Geographical Olympiads website](#)

IGU 100th anniversary CONGRESS

Time for Geographers

PARIS - July 18 - 22, 2022



The call of sessions is opened

Proposals may be submitted in English or in French and can either be included in:

- The theme of the 2022 congress, "Time for Geographers".
- The perimeter of one of the International Geographic Union's commissions.

You are invited to submit your session proposal **before July 31, 2021**.

The announcement of the accepted sessions is expected by August 31st, 2021.

[More information on the submission process](#)

All information is available on the [Congress website](#)

NEXT IGU COMMISSIONS' CONFERENCES

IGU Gender and Geography Commission

Institute of Australian Geographers / New Zealand Geographical Society Joint Conference - IAG NZGS Joint Conference 6 – 9 July 2021

Hybrid online conference combined with in-person events

Special Session: *Remembering and reimagining embodied geographies*

[Session website](#)

IGU Urban Geography Commission - (Re-)thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local

Annual Conference - Online meeting - August 23-25, 2021

The multiple challenges of Urban resilience

The program is available - [Conference website](#)

IGU Commission on Geographical Education

CGE Webinar 2021 - Opportunities and Challenge for Geographical Education around the world during COVID and post COVID times; date: Q2 of 2021

IGU Commission on Tourism, Leisure and Global Change

Nordic Geographers Meeting 'Multiple Nordic Geographies' (7th – 10th of February 2022), Joensuu Finland.

Sessions organized including "Tourism and Biopolitics" organized by Maartje Roelofsen, Joseph Cheer, and Ben Laquinto.

Deadline for abstracts: August 2021 [Conference website](#)

Report on the thematic conference

Heritage Geographies:

politics, uses, and governance of the past

The Conference on Heritage Geographies was held at the end of May 2021.

141 geographers from all over the world discussed the theme of heritage, presenting their research and contributions in 14 thematic sessions: from the patrimonialisation of rural and coastal landscapes to the relationship between cultural heritage and tourism, from territorial narratives and identity dynamics to governance issues.

The debate has underlined how the discipline's task can - and must - be the recognition of its very special role in such a structured analysis, ascribable to the spatial vocation of geographical knowledge, which is thus able to give to the phenomena - and their observation - a "where" (an a priori category, fundamental for the unfolding of phenomena), through which to obtain information on meanings and possible implications of reality.

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Report on the Geonights

GeoNight 2021 The international "Night of Geography", promoted by EUGEO and IGU, held on 9 April 2021. From 96 countries the website recorded, in that period, at least 1 "event" and connections from 1.023 cities (of every dimension). Now, there is a website created by AGEI (Italian Association of Geographers).

More information on: <https://www.geonight.net/geonight-2021/>

See you next year!

OTHER CONFERENCES

EUGEO, the Association of Geographical Societies in Europe, organizes the 2021 EUGEO Congress in Prague at the Faculty of Science, Charles University, from the [28th June to 1st July 2021](#) [conference website](#)

4th ICCASU Conference (International Conference on Canadian, Chinese and African Sustainable Urbanization): *Density, diversity and mobility, the city in an era of cascading risks*

[July 27, 2021 - August 1, 2021](#) [conference website](#)

First Conference on World Geography, Shanghai, PR China

[16th to 17th August 2021](#) [conference website](#)

5th International Conference on 'Urban e-Planning' - 2021

[postponed to 7 to 10 September 2021](#)

Papers accepted for the postponed 2020 edition continue to be valid for 2021

New papers/abstracts can be submitted until 20 June 2021

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Conference e-mail: ijepr.conference@gmail.com

5th International Conference Water resources Tulcea (Romania)

[postponed to 8-12 September 2021](#) [conference website](#)

COASTGIS 2020, Novia University, Raseborg (Finland)

[postponed to 16-18 September 2021](#) [conference website](#)

5th ASIAN CONFERENCE ON GEOGRAPHY, Thai Nguyen Univ. (Vietnam)

18-22 October 2021 [conference website](#)

30th International Cartographic Conference - ICC 2021, Florence (Italy)

14-18 December 2021 [conference website](#)

Deadlines: Full paper submission: [March 19 2021](#); Abstracts submission: [May 28 2021](#)

Sixth International Symposium on Place Names 2021 - Virtual/Bloemfontein, South Africa

Standardization and the wealth of place names – aspects of a delicate relationship

29 September – 1 October 2021 [conference website](#)

IGU Series Book - Springer Publisher

[Advances in Geographical and Environmental Sciences](#)

Editor: Professor R-B. Singh

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IGU Series Book - Edward Elgar Publisher

[The International Geographical Union Series on Contemporary Geographies](#)

Editors: Professor Iain Hay and Michael Meadows

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Other IGU recent books

[Qualitative Research Methods in Human Geography](#) (5th edition, 2021, Oxford University Press), edited by two Steering Committee members of the new **Commission on Research methods**, Iain Hay and Meghan Cope.

Call for the 1st "Masatoshi YOSHINO Award"

The Association of Japanese Geographers (AJG) started the "Masatoshi YOSHINO Award" this year. Late Prof. Masatoshi Yoshino is a founder of the Commission of Climatology in IGU, a prominent worldwide climatologist, and regrettably passed away in 2017.

Deadline: June 30, 2021

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INSTITUTIONAL LIFE

IGU representation at the UNGEGN

The IGU has for some years now been invited to send a representative to the **United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) sessions**. As in the past, IGU was represented this year by Professor Cosimo Palagiano, joint chair of the IGU-ICA Joint Commission on Toponymy.

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