

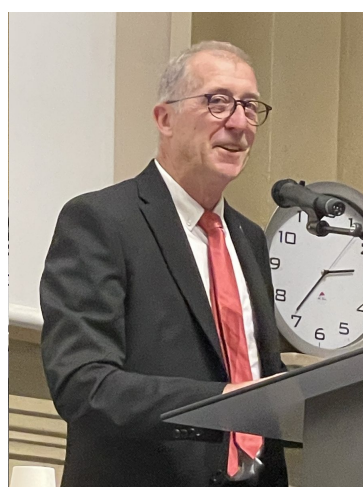
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## e-Newsletter — August 2022



*Well now that the dust has settled on the Extraordinary International Geographical Congress that took place in Paris in late July, it is time to reflect on the success of that event. The Congress was indeed a fitting tribute to the fact that the IGU is now 100 years old. More than 2000 delegates from all five continents across the globe were treated to a lavish and delightful celebration of the organization and, indeed, of the discipline as a whole.*

*This Congress taught us that our discipline is alive and vibrant and more importantly progressive, innovative, and indeed, inventive. We need to harness these strengths and put our considerable talents towards the goal of a more sustainable future for all people and for the planet.*

*In my speech at the closing ceremony, I highlighted the sterling efforts of the more than 100 young volunteers that gave up their time to underpin the success of the event. As representatives of the next generation of geographers, it is my profound hope that they – together with their young colleagues across the globe - will do a much better job of managing the increasingly fragile relationship between humanity and nature than my own generation did.*

*Only those of you who have had the privilege of hosting a major international Congress can really understand the sheer volume of work that goes into such an event. I, therefore, want to pay tribute again to the leaders of the local organizing committee: Nathalie Lemarchand, our new First Vice-President, and Antoine Leblanc who - adeptly directed a fabulous team. The IGU is grateful not only for the incredible hard work but also for the most amicable and positive atmosphere that pervaded the entire Congress. The glorious heritage of the International Geographical Union that we celebrated in*

*Paris provides ample evidence of the support it has given the discipline of Geography, and I anticipate with confidence that it will continue to do so for the next 100 years and more.*

Michael Meadows

President IGU

Cape Town, August, 2022

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## IGU Centennial Extraordinary Congress

### Paris 2022

#### REPORT



The [International Geographic Union Centennial Extraordinary Congress](#) in Paris 2022 was a great success!!! More than **2,300 scientists**, including nearly 2,100 face-to-face participants from **79 countries**, exchanged views in more than **263 sessions** organized over **5 ½ days** in **30 rooms** and **600 time-slots**.

**Three round tables** ("Anthropocene", "A planet of migrants" and "Open science") and **three plenary conferences** ("Space and disability"; "Meta geographies. Major divisions to tell the World" and "Himalayan Mountains in Transition") were organized, bringing together geographers from all parts of the world. **Three IGU commissions awarded** for their great scientific activity gave conferences (Geography of Tourism; Urban Geography [[downloadable here](#)]; Geography of Governance).

The participants were able to discover **three exhibitions**:

- *Faces of exploration in the 19th century*;

- *Jean Gottmann, an iconography of movement;*
- *Touching to discover the world. Geography adapted to the visually impaired).*

Numerous festive and scientific events punctuated this week of meetings: a Top Carto competition; a documentary festival. Other festive events such as a Nuit Blanche, inspired by the Nuit de la Géographie, took place.

This centenary congress was overall the opportunity to underline how far the IGU is the international scientific organization of geographers from all over the world, in all their diversity. The participation of numerous geographer colleagues from all regions of the world is a testimony to this, as are the meetings of the regional geography associations and the international thematic working groups held during the congress.

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## IGU Thematic Conference on Islands in Relations: Conflicts, Sustainability, and Peace

April 4-6, 2023 - Osaka, Japan



Organized by

- The local Organizing Committee for the IGU Thematic Conference Osaka 2023

- The Japan National Committee for the IGU

In collaboration with IGU Commissions on:

- Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
- Geography of Islands
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- Political Geography
- Toponymy

By situating *islands in various relations*, this conference focuses on them from three inter-related viewpoints: *conflicts, sustainability, and peace* and addresses the following three component questions:

1. *Why and how were/are islands involved in what kind of conflicts or uneven power relations?*
2. *How can islands' sustainable development contribute to their political-economic autonomy?*
3. *How can we practice geography for island peace?*

This conference is open to any case studies across the world if they fit the main conference theme. It is also open to any IGU Commissions, geographers, other scientists, university students, and the public who wish to share the theme topics with us.

#### **Important dates:**

[September 1 2022](#): Call for abstracts is open

Call for early career scholars' travel grant program is open

[October 15 2022](#): Deadline for abstract submission

[October 31 2022](#): Announcement of the acceptance of abstracts

[November 1 2022](#): Early-bird registration opens

[Conference website](#)

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## Other next IGU thematic conferences

IGU Thematic Conference on

"The Ocean and Seas in Geographical Thought"

## June 5-8 2023, University of Milano-Bicocca (Italy)

### Organizing Commissions:

- Commission on the History of Geography
- Commission on Gender and Geography
- Commission on Mediterranean Basin
- Commission on Political Geography
- Commission on Tourism, Leisure and Global Change
- Commission on the Geography of Governance

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## IGU Thematic Conference on

### "Urban transformations: Towards resilient cities"

August 20-23 2023, UNAM Mexico City (Mexico)

### Organizing Commissions:

- Urban Commission: Re-Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local
- Commission on Geography of Governance
- Commission on Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
- Commission on GeoHeritage
- Commission on Latin American Studies
- Commission on Population Geography

**Local organizers:** Prof. Manuel Suarez, Prof. Javier Delgado

With a view from both developed and developing contexts, the meeting of six IGU Commissions in Mexico will offer an excellent opportunity to talk about two main streams of knowledge – resilience, and governance – in contemporary cities and other human settlements. The idea is to bring together distinct geographical specialties such as local and urban governance, history, demography, urban studies, and ecology, to encourage common efforts toward new research on cities.

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## NEXT IGU COMMISSIONS' CONFERENCES



## **IGU Commission on Local and Regional Development Annual Meeting**

October 13-15 2022, Cuenca (Spain)

Chair: Dr. Carmen Vázquez-Varela

*Sociodemographic change and its impact on territorial development policies*

Deadline submissions of abstracts (300-500 words): [September 10 2022](#)

To send to [carmen.vazquez@uclm.es](mailto:carmen.vazquez@uclm.es)

## **Joint international colloquium of the Spanish Geographers Association (AGE) Group 10 on the Geography of Tourism and the IGU Tourism Commission**

October 20-22 2022, Cuenca (Spain)

*Between the recovery and transformation of tourism in a post-COVID world:  
perspectives from Geography*

[For more information](#), [Call for papers](#)

Chair. [Professor Josep Ivars](#)

## **IGU Modeling Geographical Systems Commission**

will co-organize a Workshop on [AutoCarto 2022](#): Living Structure as a Scientific  
Foundation of Maps and Mapping

November 2-4 2022, Esri Campus, Redlands, CA

## **2nd International Conference on "Geographical Science for Resilient Communities, Ecosystems, and Livelihoods under Global Environmental Change (GORILLA)"**

December 7-10 2022, Kampala (Uganda)

Under the auspices of

- IGU Commission on African Studies
- IGU Commissions on Biogeography And Biodiversity
- IGU Commission on Geography of Future Earth
- Uganda Geographical Association (UGA)

Deadline for abstract submission: 31 October 2022

[Conference website](#)

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## **OTHER CONFERENCES**

### **5th Asian Conference on Geography**

under the auspices of the Asian Geographical Association (AGA)

[September 5-9 2022](#), Thai Nguyen (Viet Nam)

[Conference website](#)

**International Mountain Conference 2022 (#IMC2022)**

September 11-15 2022, Innsbruck (Austria)

[Conference website](#)

**ESRI - LIVE+SIG 2022 Colloquium - Francophone community**

With the support of the IGU

10-14 october (online)

[Registration](#)

**XIX Spanish Congress on Geographic Information Technologies**

September 12-14 2022, Zaragoza (Spain)

[Conference website](#)

**10th Conference of the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG)**

September 12-16 2022, Coimbra (Portugal)

*Geomorphology and Global Change*

[Conference website](#)

**2nd International Scientific Conference Landscape Dimensions of Sustainable Development: Science – Mapping – Planning – Governance**

September 12-16 2022, Tbilisi (Georgia)

[Conference website](#)

**Society of South African Geographers Biennial Conference**

September 15-16 2022, Pretoria (South Africa)

[Conference website](#)

**18th International Conference on Urban Health (ICUH)**

Organized by the International Society of Urban Health (ISUH)

October 24-27, Valencia (Spain)

Registration open: 1 August 2022

[Conference website](#)

**New Zealand Geographical Society Conference**

Hosted by the Canterbury Branch

November 23-25 2022, Canterbury (New Zealand)

Registrations open: 8 August 2022

[Conference website](#)

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## International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development

- **September 13-15 2022** – *Science and ethics for sustainable development* – Quy Nhon, Viet Nam
- **September 20-22 2022** – *World conference on basic sciences and sustainable development* – Belgrade, Serbia

[Watch the opening ceremony and see the complete program until October](#)

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## IGU RECENT BOOKS

### The Routledge Handbook of Urban Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean Cities, Urban Processes, and Policies

Edited by Jesús M. González-Pérez, Clara Irazábal, Rubén C. Lois-González  
Published in 2022 by Routledge

### Local Government and the COVID-19 Pandemic. A Global Perspective

Edited by Carlos Nunes Silva  
Published in 2022 by Springer

### The Routledge Handbook of Small Towns

Edited by Jerzy Bański  
Published in 2021 by Routledge

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## CALLS FOR BOOKS

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### IGU Book Series - Springer Publisher

#### Advances in Geographical and Environmental Sciences

Editors: Yukio Himiyama et Subhash Anand

#### Call for book proposals

Contacts:



[Yukio Himiyama](#), former IGU President & Hokkaido University of Education, Japan  
[Subhash Anand](#), University of Delhi, India

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## IGU Book Series - Edward Elgar Publisher

The International Geographical Union Series on Contemporary Geographies

Editors: Iain Hay et Michael Meadows

### Call for book proposals

Contacts:

[Professor Iain Hay](#), Flinders University, Australia

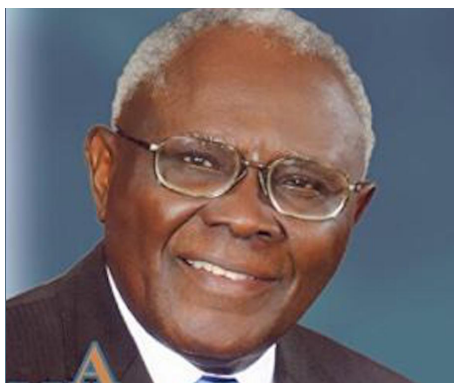
[Professor Michael Meadows](#), University of Cape Town, South Africa

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## IGU LIFE

### Former IGU President Professor Akin Mabogunje



Former IGU President Professor Akinlawon (Akin) Mabogunje died on Thursday, 4 August 2022 at the age of 90 years. He was the first African Professor of Geography and Head of the Department of Geography (1972-1975) at Nigeria's premier university, the University of Ibadan.

Akin Mabogunje served the International Geographical Union (IGU) for two terms as Vice-President (1972-1980) and was elected President of the IGU for the period 1980-1984, the first African scholar to be so honoured since its inception in 100 years.

[Read more...](#)

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# IGU Executive Committee

## New executive committee 2022-2024

Last spring, the IGU representatives of the full member countries proceeded to the renewal of the Executive committee of the IGU. The resulting committee for 2022-2024 is the following:

### President

- Michael Meadows (South Africa)

### Secretary-General

- Barbaros Gönencgil (Turkey)

### Past-President

- Yukio Himiyama (Japan)

### First vice-president

- Nathalie Lemarchand (France)

### Vice President and Treasurer

- Holly Barcus (USA)

### Vice-Presidents

- Yazidhi Bamutaze (Uganda)
- Bojie Fu (China)
- Ruben Lois-Gonzalez (Spain)
- Phil McManus (Australia)
- Maria Paradiso (Italy)
- Céline Rozenblat (Switzerland)

### Assistant Secretary-General

- Pankaj Kumar (India)

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