From the President’s desk

I am writing this from something of a makeshift ‘desk’, as I am currently in a remote part of northern Zambia conducting fieldwork.

While driving across the savanna landscape, bringing back fond memories of my PhD field studies in neighboring Malawi, I was starkly reminded again of the vulnerability, but also the resilience, of the local population.

Despite the fact that it is winter, which is the dry season, and an ongoing drought, the people resolutely pursue (cheerfully it has to be said – this is among the most welcoming countries I have ever visited) their largely subsistence lifestyles. There is considerable irony in the fact that although the rural population here – as in many low-income countries - has a much lower impact on the environment as a whole (certainly in terms of the carbon budget), they remain the most susceptible and exposed to the vagaries of climate change that have been precipitated largely by the more urbanized and developed populations in the global North.

As geographers, I believe we have an academic (if not moral) responsibility to describe and explain these spatial patterns of inequity and disparity, and to explore the mechanisms that can be adopted to help resolve these in a way that not only protects but also improves the environment, while significantly enhancing human health and well-being. This is no mean challenge, but it is one that the upcoming Geography and Sustainability workshop in Beijing, China, will no doubt be addressing. I look forward to meeting a number of you both online and in person at that event (see below
Call for sessions is open until September 9, 2023

The International Geographical Congress 2024 will be held in Dublin, Ireland next year. The Opening Ceremony will be on the evening of Saturday 24th August and the closing ceremony will be on the afternoon of Thursday 29th August 2024. Field trips to other places outside of Dublin will take place from the 29th-30th. The local organizing committee looks forward to welcoming you to Ireland!

We warmly welcome sessions that engage with our Congress theme "Celebrating a World of Difference" as well as from all areas of our discipline. Any sessions or annual lectures that you wish to see scheduled must be submitted during the Call as the Organising Committee will use the submissions to create our outline conference program before we open the Call for Papers/Abstracts.

Other important dates

Call for abstracts: October 2nd – January 12, 2024
Registration opens: December 2023
You can visit the Call for sessions
For the most up-to-date information and important reminders, please sign up for our conference newsletter [here](#).
For academic/program queries, please contact [chair@igc2024dublin.org](mailto:chair@igc2024dublin.org)

**Why not follow all our latest updates on Twitter/X at [@igc2024dub](https://twitter.com/igc2024dub)**

The [International Geography Olympiad](#) will take place outside Dublin, the week before the Congress.

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**UNESCO - International Geodiversity Day**

**IGU Seminar on Geodiversity from Geographical Perspectives**

**October 8, 2023 (Sunday) - University of Delhi (hybrid mode)**

Organized by the Geodiversity Group, with the support of the IGU Executive Committee and the Centre for Environmental Studies and Disaster Management (CESDM), Miranda House, University of Delhi, India.

[Link for registration](#)

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**GEOSUS 2023**

**International Workshop on Geography and Sustainability**

*Geographic and sustainable development: Challenges and opportunities*

**October 27 - 28, 2023 - Beijing, China**

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**Scientific Committee**

- Bojie Fu
  - Beijing Normal University, China; Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China; IGU Vice-President

- Michael Edward Meadows
  - University of Cape Town, South Africa; Nanjing University, China; IGU President

**Organizing Committee**

- Changqing Song
  - Beijing Normal University, China

- Guoyou Zhang
  - The Geographical Society of China
The International Workshop on Geography and Sustainability 2023 aims to identify the challenges and explore the opportunities associated with geography and sustainable development. All submissions addressing sustainable development from a geographical perspective will be warmly welcomed.

Conference website
Contact

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**Geography**

**Past, Present, and Future Challenges**

90th anniversary of the Vakhushti Bagrationi Institute of Geography, founded in 1933 as the Department of Geography at Tbilisi State University

November 1-3, 2023 - Tbilisi (Georgia)

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Abstract Submission Deadline: **20 September, 2023**
Acceptance announcement: **Maximum 2 weeks after submission**
Full Paper Submission Deadline: **1 October, 2023**
Registration Deadline: **15 October, 2023**

Abstract submission
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**IGU Thematic Conference on**

**Connecting Geographies from the Global South**
The thematic topics of the conference include:
1. Geographies of quality of life, deprivation, and inequalities
2. Global environmental change, biodiversity, and cultural diversity
3. Geopolitics of South-South exchanges and South-North disparities
4. Geography of (in)mobilities in the globalized world.
5. Geographical thinking in/from the Global South and alternative paradigms
6. Decolonization geography and politics of knowledge production
7. Gender and feminist geographies
8. Data-driven geographies, geospatial analysis, and artificial intelligence
9. Urbanization, (smart) cities, and urban-rural complex systems
10. Geographies of resource extractions in the South

Conference website
Abstract submission is open
Contact

IGU COMMISSIONS’ AND NATIONAL COMMITTEES’ CONFERENCES

IGU Commission Geography of Governance - Annual Meeting - 2023
Paradigm Shifts in Local and Urban Governance
September 04 - 06, 2023 - Budapest, Hungary
Contact E-mails: igu.geogov@gmail.com, cs@campus.ul.pt
Conference website, Program, Abstracts
28th Congreso de la asociación española de geographía (AEG)  
September 12 - 14, 2023 - Logroño (La Rioja), Spain  
Geografía: Cambios, Retos y Adaptación  
Conference website

IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces (IGU CDES) - Annual Meeting - 2023  
Rethinking the economic geography of smaller urban places: Transformation and well-being in small and medium-sized towns.  
September 13 - 15, 2023 - Bern, Switzerland  
For further details, please visit the Commission's website

Symposium co-hosted by the Applied Geography Commission, the Commission on Population Geography of the IGU, and the Department of Geography, University of the Aegean  
The Relevance of Applied Population Geography Research  
September 19 - 22, 2023 - University of the Aegean, Lesvos, Greece  
Conference website

62nd German Geography Conference - Deutscher Kongress für Geographie (DKG)  
September 20 - 23, 2023 - Frankfurt, Germany  
Planetary Futures  
DKG is the largest Geography Conference in Germany. It will be held as an in-person meeting in September 2023 in Frankfurt. About 1,500 papers will be presented in more than 300 sessions. In addition, there will be lectures, panel discussions, poster sessions, and a wide range of field trips.  
Late registration ends September 19 2023  
Conference website

IGU Commissions on Local and Regional Development, Land Use and Land Cover Change, and Health and the Environment  
Driving Growth and Sustainability: Advancing Local and Regional Development Strategies  
September 25 - 29, 2023 - Johannesburg, South Africa  
Access to the full call

8th Croatian Geographical Congress  
October 04 - 06, 2023 - Malinska, Krk Island, Croatia  
Geographic responses to challenges in a contemporary world in the 21st century and
The celebration of 140 years of geography at the University of Zagreb
Conference website
Contact

The 15th Korea-China-Japan Joint Conference on Geography
Livable Cities, Resilient Future
There will be at least 12 special sessions focusing on the impact of COVID-19, marginalized groups, and climate change, among others. Field trips to Seoul and the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) will be offered.

October 20 - 23, 2023 - University of Seoul, Seoul, South Korea
Important dates:
August 31, 2023: Last date for abstract submission
September 10, 2023: Notification of abstract/paper acceptance
October 10, 2023: Registration and payment online system closes

Conference website

Joint IGU - ICA Commissions on Toponymy conference on
Literary, polar, and extraterrestrial place names
November 23 - 24, 2023 - Roma, Italy
organized in collaboration with the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei.
The conference aims to draw attention to place names of literature, polar lands, and extraterrestrial areas, such as the Moon, Mars, etc., mapped in ancient times and recently.
Deadline for abstract submission (max. 300 words): September 30, 2023

Conference website

The IGU Urban Commission - Pre-meeting Cork 2024
The IGU Urban Commission "(Re-)Thinking Cities and the Urban: from the Global to the Local" welcomes all geographers working on cities to join the pre-conference
August 20-23, 2024 - Cork, Ireland
Information soon on the Urban Commission website

IGU Commission on Gender and Geography - Pre-meeting Dublin 2024
in collaboration with the School of Geography, University College Dublin
“FEMINIST AND QUEER SPATIALITIES: CARE, CONNECTION AND CHANGE”
August 21-22, 2024 - University College Dublin, Ireland

CALL FOR SESSIONS

Key Dates and Deadlines
1. Call for submitting sessions - Aug. 25 - 30 Sept 2023
2. Selection of sessions - by 30th October 2023
3. Submission of paper abstracts to sessions/conference - 1 Nov. 2023 to 1 Feb. 2024
4. Review of papers and update sessions - 10 March 2024
5. Early Bird Registration - 15 March to 30 April 2024
6. Applications for travel bursaries and fee waivers- 10 March-30 March 2024
7. Travel bursary decisions - 10 April 2024
8. Deadline for presenters to register - 20 April 2024 (failure to register will mean that your contribution to the conference will not be included in the program)
9. Preliminary Program released - May 2024
10. Final Programme - June 2024

Session submission
Conference website

The IGU Tourism Commission - Pre-meeting Galway 2024

The IGU Tourism Commission Pre-Meeting extends a Céad mile fáilte (a very warm welcome) to all geographers working on tourism-related issues.

**August 22 - 24, 2024 - Galway, Ireland**
coordinated by Dr. Bernadette Quinn (TU Dublin).

Abstracts can be submitted for a standard paper presentation (15 mins) or a shorter elevator-style pitch (5 mins).

**Deadline for abstract submissions - 31st March 2024**

Abstract submission
Conference website

OTHER CONFERENCES

9th EUGEO Congress
**September 04 - 07, 2023 - Barcelona, Spain**

Final Program: July 15, 2023
Early bird registration deadline: June 18, 2023

Conference website

**Special Session** organized by the IGU Commission on Marginalization, Globalization and Regional and Local Response: *Landscape and Change in Marginal regions*

**Convenors:**
Prof. Walter Leimgruber, University of Fribourg/CH (Switzerland)
Prof. Stanko Pelc, University of Primorska, Koper (Slovenia)

Code: 01183

From Recovery to Resilience: Sustainable Pathways for Transforming Tourism
**September 11 - 12, 2023 - Johannesburg, South Africa**
The conference is co-organized by the University of Johannesburg, South Africa, and the University of Oulu, Finland.

GIScience 2023
**September 12 - 15, 2023** - **University of Leeds, UK**
We have coordinated with the ECTQG 2023 conference so can schedule talks to allow delegates to attend both conferences if they wish.

Registration

Conference website

23rd edition of the European Colloquium of Theoretical and Quantitative Geography (ECTQG 2023)
**September 13 - 17, 2023** - **Braga, Portugal**

Registration

Festival International de Géographie
**October 29, 30 sept, & 1er oct. 2023** - **St-Dié-des-Vosges, France**
Theme: Urgencies
Guest country: Chile

Conference website

International Conference of the Origin-Diversity-Territories ODT
**October 11 - 13, 2023** - **Angers, France**
*Climate Change and New Societal Expectations - Which Agroecological Transition within Geographical Indications?*
Live online broadcasting

Conference website

2023 Origin-Diversity-Territories ODT FORUM
**November 21 - 23, 2023** - **Chania, Cretia, Greece**
*Territorial dynamics of resilience in rural areas, particularly in mountains*

4 thematic workshops:
1. Public action and frameworks for supporting local initiatives
2. Territorial food systems, between autonomy and specialization
3. The transition of rural territories, pathways, and projects
4. Agroecological transition of grassland and pastoral areas in the framework of territorial qualifications

Conference website
5th ICCCASU 2023 - International Conference on Canadian, Chinese, and African Sustainable Urbanization

**December 10 - 17, 2023** - **Nairobi, Kenya**

*Financing African Cities: Infrastructures, Land Management & Markets*

Languages: English and French

Submission of abstracts deadline: **July 16, 2023**

[Conference website](#)

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**Populations, Sociétés & Territoires (PoSTer) 2024**

**May 8 - 10, 2024** - Univ. Jean Lorougnon Guédé (UJLOG) - Daloa, Ivory Coast

*Sociétés et espaces africains : mutations, défis et perspectives*

**Axe 1 : Systèmes économiques en mutation**

**Axe 2 : Évolutions démographiques et dynamiques des territoires**

**Axe 3 : Peuplement, mobilités, migrations internes et internationales**

**Axe 4 : Géopolitique et dynamiques frontalières**

**Axe 5 : Pouvoirs, religions et conflits**

**Axe 6 : Mutations rurales et foncières**

**Axe 7 : Villes et littoraux**

**Axe 8 : Environnement et risques**

**Axe 9 : Cartographie, télédétection et SIG**

**Deadline for abstract submission** (250 words and 4 to 6 keywords): **October 5, 2023**

[Conference website](#)

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**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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**United Nations**

**Global Geospatial Information Management**

IGU is part of the geospatial societies of the United Nations - Global Geospatial Information Management ([UN-GGIM](#)). UN-GGIM recently published the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework ([UN-IGIF Second Edition 2023](#)). These 3 volumes provide a basis and guide for developing, integrating, strengthening, and maximizing geospatial information management and related resources in all countries. It will assist countries in bridging the geospatial digital divide, secure socio-economic prosperity, and leave no one behind.

[Online access for downloading the reports](#)
The next important dates of UN-GGIM

- **6-8 November 2023**: Asia Pacific geospatial forum “Geo–Driven development” - Bali (Indonesia)
- **7-9 August 2024**: 14th session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on GGIM, UN Headquarters, New York (USA)
- **October 2024**: Seventh High-Level Forum on UN-GGIM “Accelerating implementation, achieving resilience” – Mexico City (Mexico)

More information

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**International Science Council - ISC**

**International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development 2024 - 2033**

The United Nations General Assembly in New York City proclaimed 2024 – 2033 as the "International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development (IDSSD)" signaling the need to shift towards a transformative era of science-based collaboration and progress.

Rooted in the 2030 Agenda, this Decade will seek to harness a more effective and inclusive global approach to sustainability based on the synergic cooperation of all sciences and all knowledge forms in an integrative and transformative way to inform policy-making and the implementation of the SDGs

Visit the website

**Distinguished Lecture Series - International Year of Basic Science for Sustainable Development**

SDGs for “Zero Hunger” and “Life On Land”

Professor Eleonora Bonifacio will provide an overview of the mechanisms that lie behind the carbon storage and stabilization capacity of the soil, the relationships between soil characteristics and the invasiveness of alien tree species, which threaten biodiversity, and the mechanisms allowing plant survival in harsh, low-fertility situations.

**19 September, 2023 - Online**

Organized by the GeoUnions (which include IGU), in partnership with the ISC

Registration

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**International Science Council - ISC**
EVENTS

International Conference on Science and Technology for Sustainability 2023 – *Transforming Society to Become Resilient and Sustainable Beyond Catastrophic Disasters*
**7 - 8 September 2023, Tokyo (Japan)**
Organized by the Science Council of Japan, the Japan Hub of Disaster Resilience Partners (JHoP), and the National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Resilience (NIED)

[Program](#)
[Streamlink on YouTube](#)

International Seminar on BioData and AI
**9 September 2023, Shenzhen (China) and online**
Organized by ISC - CODATA and China National GeneBank (CNGB)

[Information and registration](#)

2nd international symposium on plastics in the Arctic and Sub-Arctic Region
**22 – 23 November 2023, Reykjavik (Island)**

[Information and registration](#)

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International Science Council - ISC
OPPORTUNITIES

Call for members of the Global Young Academy
**Deadline: 20 September 2023**
[Apply](#)

Become a Mentor with the African Academy of Sciences Mentorship Programme
**Deadline: 30 September 2023**
[Apply](#)

The CODATA Digital Representation of Units of Measurement (DRUM) Calls for insights into the establishment of application programming interfaces (APIs/web services) for providing access to information and services surrounding units, quantities, and fundamental constants in digital form
Deadline: 30 September 2023
Apply

ISC - Future Earth Pathways Communication Grants Program for communication products aiming to disseminate scientific outcomes on pathways for sustainability
Deadline: 31 October 2023
Apply

OTHER GEOSPATIAL SOCIETIES

International Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS)

ISPRS TC I Mid-term Symposium on
‘Intelligent Sensing and Remote Sensing Application’
13 - 17 May 2024, Changsha, China
Conference website

ISPRS TC II Mid-term Symposium on
Photogrammetry in the Age of AI / AR
11 - 14 June 2024, Las Vegas, USA
Conference website

ISPRS TC V Mid-term Symposium on
Insight to Foresight via Geospatial Technologies
6 - 8 August 2024, Manila, Philippines
Conference website

ISPRS TC IV Mid-term Symposium on
Spatial Information to Empower the Metaverse
22-25 October 2024, Perth, Australia
Conference website

ISPRS TC III Mid-term Symposium on
Beyond the Canopy: Technologies and Applications of Remote Sensing
4-8 November 2024, Belém, Brazil
Conference website
International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)

FIG Commission 2 (Education) and 7 (Cadastre and Land Management) Annual Meeting

*Digital Transformation for Responsible Land Administration.*

2-4 October 2023, Deventer, the Netherlands
Register now and submit your abstract

Conference website

The 11th International FIG Workshop on

*The Land Administration Domain Model / 3D Land Administration*

11-13 October 2023, Gävle, Sweden

Conference website

FIG Commission 3 Workshop and Annual Meeting

“Mitigation Strategies for the SDGs: Harnessing Spatial Information”
with the 2nd Ramon International Geospatial-Intelligence 360 (GeoInt360)

4-6 December 2023, Tel-Aviv, Israel

Conference website and call for papers
VIP early bird tickets are available until 15 September at this website (tick the FIG3 box when registering)

FIG Working Week 2024

19-24 May 2024, Accra, Ghana

Conference website

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**IGU RECENT BOOKS**

*(2023 September 1st)* *Cities Under COVID-19: A Systems Perspective*

Editors: Howden-Chapman, P., Gatzweiler, F. W., Cooper, R., & Luginaah

Springer Nature & Zhejiang univ. Press / dedicated to R.B Singh and Juan Vela Valdés

*This book explores how this collective trauma affected different places and populations. More importantly, will we manage other systemic threats like climate change any better, and what lessons can be drawn to enable effective joined-up action by different sectors in society? Building forward better is a good idea and there is a good understanding about what should be done, for example, to reduce carbon emissions, but the question still open is how?*

Book information
Research Directions, Challenges, and Achievements of Modern Geography

Editors: Jerzy Bański and Michael Meadows
Springer, Series: Advances in Geographical and Environmental Sciences

This book identifies and discusses research directions, challenges, and achievements in contemporary geography. It also documents the most current theoretical and methodological considerations undertaken by scientists representing 14 IGU commissions.

Book information

OTHER BOOKS

Mapping for a sustainable world

This book was written under the auspice of the United Nations - Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) and the International Cartographic Association

Authors: Menno-Jan Kraak, Robert E. Roth, Britta Ricker, Ayako Kagawa, and Guillaume Le Sourd

English (2020) and the new French version (2023)

Open access to the full books

GEOSUS IS RECRUITING ITS YOUNG EDITOR BOARD

Geography and Sustainability (GeoSus) is recruiting the Young Editorial Board Members worldwide. Please help to disseminate the information via your network and recommend potential candidates (under 45 years old).

link to the journal

Deadline for applications: September 30, 2023

Please send an email to the GeoSus Editorial Office with an attached CV and a personal statement about your plan for working as a YEBM of Geography and
CALLS FOR BOOKS

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 Holly S. Barcus

Call for book proposals
Contacts:
Professor Iain Hay, Flinders University, Australia
Professor Holly S. Barcus, Macalester College, USA

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TRIBUTES
It is with great regret and deep respect that the international geographical community has to mourn the death of Professor Walther Manshard, former Secretary General and Treasurer of the International Geographical Union (IGU). He passed away peacefully on March 23rd, 2023 in the 100th year of his life.

Read more about the tribute ...

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of well-known Geographer and former United Nations University Rector Johannes Auguste (Hans) van Ginkel.

Born in Banda Aceh, Sumatra, on 22 June 1940. Professor van Ginkel passed away on 27 July 2023 at the age of 83.
He served on the Governing Council of the United Nations University (UNU) from 1992 to 1997. He was appointed Rector of the UNU in 1997 and served in that role until 2007.

Read more about the tribute...
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