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SU: Letter of Support, Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Geography

To whom it may concern,

The IGU Cultural Geography Commission has been asked to express its support for a planned conference on “Artificial Intelligence and Geography,” to be held at Sorbonne U. in Paris, France from July 5 to 8, 2027. After discussion, the 8 members of the Steering Committee unanimously agreed to give its full support to this project.

It goes without saying this conference is not only needed but a must, in science in general, for geography, and, more to the point of our commission, for the comprehension of the planet’s cultural and social diversity. There is got to be a better understanding of the blurring line between what human geographers can say, compared to what is produced by the AIs. The conference wisely aims at addressing the transformative cultural, social, environmental, and ethical implications of the knowledge (or information) produced by AIs. Its announcement comes at a moment when some sciences or disciplines look to create their own AI (Health Science, environmental research, and the like). Another essential question: how is it going to affect education and teaching?

So, by bringing together geographers from different specialties and experiences, along with colleagues from other sciences, this conference will no doubt bring an important contribution to the changes AI brings to science and how it will impact the world. Cultural Geography, Heritage, Society and Heritage Commission looks forward to encouraging its members and affiliates to actively participate in the conference.

Sincerely,

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