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## 1) REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT YUKIO HIMIYAMA

### English Version

The biggest IGU event of 2020, i.e. the 34<sup>th</sup> International Geographical Congress (IGC) at Istanbul, Turkey, is drawing near. Starting in 1871 at Antwerp, Belgium, IGC has been developing as the most prominent event for the world geographic community. According to the latest information from its Organizing Committee, it is likely that we have about 1,800 abstracts from around 100 countries and regions. Considering the delicate geopolitical setting of Turkey and the high socio-economic and global environmental tension worldwide, these figures are really remarkable. I believe we have got a good chance of envisaging a fascinating memorable IGC, which is hoped to be demonstrated by its high performance in the light of the 'purposes' of the IGU. On this occasion may I draw your attention to our Statutes, which provide us with guidelines and hints when we do something for the world geographic community. <https://igu-online.org/organization/statutes/>

The IGU Statutes say that the 'purposes' of the IGU are:

1. to promote the study of geographical problems; (parallel session, keynote lecture)

2. to initiate and co-ordinate geographical research requiring international co-operation and to promote its scientific discussion and publication; (parallel session, keynote lecture)
3. to provide for the participation of geographers in the work of relevant international organizations; (keynote lecture, general assembly, commission meeting)
4. to facilitate the collection and diffusion of geographical data and documentation in and between all member countries; (general assembly, commission meeting)
5. to promote meetings of the International Geographical Union, regional conferences between the International Geographical Congresses, and other meetings in furtherance of the objectives of the Union; (general assembly, commission meeting)
6. to participate in any other appropriate form of international co-operation with the object of advancing the study and application of geography; (general assembly)
7. to promote international standardization or compatibility of methods, nomenclature, and symbols employed in geography. (general assembly)

The brackets have been added here in order to show how the elements of the congress, i.e. parallel sessions, keynote lectures, general assembly and commission business meetings, can contribute to each 'purpose' of the IGU. The parallel sessions may fall into 'purposes' 1 and 2. The keynote lectures include lectures former leaders of such academic organizations as ICSU, IUGG and IUGS. General assembly is primarily the gathering of the national representatives, but all the registered congress participants can attend it and join the discussion, and commission chairs are particularly encouraged to join. Commissions, Task Forces and national committees can take the lead in contributions to 'purposes' 4, 5, 6 and 7 through parallel sessions, keynote lectures, the general assembly, and commission business meetings. Thus, the 34<sup>th</sup> IGC can become an invaluable opportunity to achieve the above 'purposes' of the IGU if the participants of the congress want it and act accordingly.

Developing cooperative and mutually beneficial relations with the other related organizations, particularly in relation to purposes 3, 4, 6 and 7, is of prime importance for the Executive Committee, as it is responsible for the IGU's external relations and outreach. Currently, the Executive Committee is busy discussing the IGU's deeper involvement in the meetings and programmes of the ISC (International Science Council), CIPSH (International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences), GeoUnions, UN-GGIM (United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management), UN-GGIM Geospatial Societies, and High-Level Forum on UN-GGIM this year. These are important for the progress of the IGU, as well as being the duty as a formal member of each of them. We may not always have sufficient fund or necessary expertise within the Executive Committee, but we are to fulfil our duty with the support of Commissions and Task Forces.

The first IGU Executive Committee meeting of this year is scheduled from 31 March-3 April at *Villa Celimontana*, Rome, Italy. The venue used to accommodate the IGU archive before it was transferred to the Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography in Leipzig, Germany. An important agenda item related to the 34<sup>th</sup> IGC will be how to activate the General Assembly in light of the IGU 'purposes' as noted above. Commission and Task Force chairs, national committee chairs and, in fact, anyone reading these Remarks are welcome to send me questions, comments or proposals for discussion at the EC meeting. Towards the end of the EC meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April evening, the EC members will join the local GeoNight event there. GeoNight, i.e. a night dedicated to promotion

of geography, started in 2017 in France, and is now spreading worldwide. For further information, please visit <http://www.eugeo.eu/nuitgeo-geonight.html>. Why not think of participating in GeoNight yourself?

**Yukio Himiyama,**  
*President of IGU*

## **Vérsion Francaise**

De nombreuses conférences géographiques internationales, régionales ou thématiques auront lieu dans le monde entier en 2020. La plus importante d'entre elles sera le 34e Congrès international de géographie (CIG) à Istanbul, en Turquie. Depuis 1871 à Anvers, en Belgique, le CIG est devenu l'événement le plus important pour la communauté géographique mondiale. Selon les dernières informations de son comité organisateur, il est probable que nous disposions d'environ 1 800 résumés provenant d'une centaine de pays et de régions. Compte tenu du cadre géopolitique délicat de la Turquie et de la forte tension socio-économique et environnementale mondiale, ces chiffres sont vraiment remarquables. Je pense que nous avons de bonnes chances de faire de ce CIG une conférence fascinante et mémorable, qui se caractérise par des niveaux de performance élevés à la lumière des "objectifs" de l'UGI. À cette occasion, je voudrais attirer votre attention sur nos statuts, qui nous fournissent des lignes directrices et des conseils lorsque nous faisons quelque chose pour la communauté mondiale de géographie. <https://igu-online.org/organization/statutes/>

Les statuts de l'UGI précisent que les "objectifs" de l'UGI sont les suivants :

1. de promouvoir l'étude des problèmes géographiques ; (session parallèle, conférence principale)
2. lancer et coordonner des recherches géographiques nécessitant une coopération internationale et promouvoir leur discussion et leur publication scientifique ; (session parallèle, conférence principale)
3. assurer la participation des géographes aux travaux des organisations internationales compétentes ; (conférence principale, assemblée générale, réunion de commissions)
4. faciliter la collecte et la diffusion de données et de documentation géographiques dans et entre tous les pays membres ; (assemblée générale, réunion de commissions)
5. promouvoir les réunions de l'Union géographique internationale, les conférences régionales entre les congrès géographiques internationaux et d'autres réunions en vue de la réalisation des objectifs de l'Union (assemblée générale, réunion des commissions)
6. de participer à toute autre forme appropriée de coopération internationale ayant pour objet de faire progresser l'étude et l'application de la géographie ; (assemblée générale)
7. promouvoir la normalisation ou la compatibilité internationale des méthodes, de la nomenclature et des symboles utilisés en géographie. (Assemblée générale)

Les parenthèses ont été ajoutées ici pour montrer comment les éléments du congrès, c'est-à-dire les sessions parallèles, les conférences principales, l'assemblée générale et les réunions de travail des commissions, peuvent contribuer à chaque "objectif" de l'UGI. Les sessions parallèles peuvent être classées dans les "objectifs" 1 et 2. Les conférences principales comprennent des conférences

données par d'anciennes dirigeantes d'organisations universitaires telles que le CIUS, l'UGGI et l'UISG. L'assemblée générale est avant tout le rassemblement des représentantes nationaux/les, mais toutes les participantes inscrites au congrès peuvent y assister et se joindre à la discussion, et les présidentes des commissions sont particulièrement encouragées à s'y joindre. Les commissions, les groupes de travail et les comités nationaux peuvent prendre la tête des contributions aux "objectifs" 4, 5, 6 et 7 par le biais de sessions parallèles, de conférences principales, de l'assemblée générale et des réunions de travail des commissions. Ainsi, le 34e CIG peut devenir une occasion inestimable d'atteindre les "objectifs" de l'UGI mentionnés ci-dessus si les participantes au congrès le souhaitent et agissent en conséquence.

Le développement de relations de coopération et mutuellement bénéfiques avec les autres organisations connexes, en particulier en ce qui concerne les objectifs 3, 4, 6 et 7, est de première importance pour le Comité exécutif, car il est responsable des relations extérieures et du rayonnement de l'UGI. Actuellement, le Comité exécutif est occupé à discuter de l'implication plus profonde de l'UGI dans les réunions et les programmes du CSI (Conseil international des sciences), du CIPSH (Conseil international de la philosophie et des sciences humaines), de GeoUnions, de l'UN-GGIM (Comité d'experts des Nations unies sur la gestion de l'information géospatiale mondiale), des sociétés géospatiales de l'UN-GGIM et du Forum de haut niveau sur l'UN-GGIM cette année. Ils sont importants pour le progrès de l'UGI, tout en constituant un devoir en tant que membre officiel de chacun d'entre eux. Nous n'avons peut-être pas toujours les fonds suffisants ou l'expertise nécessaire au sein du comité exécutif, mais nous devons remplir notre devoir avec le soutien des commissions et des groupes de travail.

La première réunion du comité exécutif de l'UGI de cette année est prévue du 31 mars au 3 avril à la *Villa Celimontana*, Rome, Italie. Le lieu utilisé pour accueillir les archives de l'UGI avant son transfert à l'Institut Leibniz de géographie régionale à Leipzig, en Allemagne. Un point important de l'ordre du jour du 34e CIG sera la manière de mobiliser l'Assemblée générale à la lumière des "objectifs" de l'UGI, comme indiqué ci-dessus. Les présidentes des commissions et des groupes de travail, les présidentes des comités nationaux et, en fait, toute personne lisant ces remarques sont invités à m'envoyer des questions, des commentaires ou des propositions à discuter lors de la réunion de la CE. Vers la fin de la réunion du CE le 3 avril au soir, les membres du CE se joindront à l'événement local de la GéoNuit. La GéoNuit, c'est-à-dire une nuit dédiée à la promotion de la géographie, a débuté en 2017 en France, et se répand maintenant dans le monde entier. Pour plus d'informations, veuillez consulter le site <http://www.eugeo.eu/nuitgeo-geonight.html>. Pourquoi ne pas penser à participer vous-même à la GéoNuit ?

**Yukio Himiyama,**  
*Président de l'UGI*



## 2) CHIPS CHAIRS, CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



### Call for applications to the CIPSH Chairs programme

#### **Introduction**

CIPSH, the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (Conseil International de la Philosophie et des Sciences Humaines), has established a programme of academic chairs, designed to highlight and encourage existing research networks of centres of research in the humanities and to attract greater attention to the humanities worldwide and enhanced recognition of their importance in contemporary society.

The aim is to endorse and publicize the establishment as academic humanities chairs of such networks, oriented towards a general theme and headed by one chairholder, at universities or other recognized research institutions; the chairholder will be supported by a team of several associates in the host institution and preferably also in one or more other institutions and, if possible, in one or more other countries. Ideally, the designated theme or project should be interdisciplinary in nature, and one or more of the supporting institutions should be located in a country or countries different from that of the host institution. The initial appointment of a chairholder will be for a period of five years, with the possibility of renewal following favourable evaluation.

The new CIPSH chairs are not intended to be in competition with already-existing programmes, namely UNESCO chairs; in fact, it would be possible, theoretically, for an individual and a centre to hold both at once. However, it is hoped that the humanities orientation of the CIPSH chairs, as well as other considerations, will attract a broad and diverse pool of distinguished applicants, and that the designation of “CIPSH Chair” will carry with it a special prestige of its own.

Applications are solicited ahead of a deadline of April 20<sup>th</sup> 2020, by 5:00 pm CET.

Selection to be completed by July 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, and the inauguration of the chairs to take place from August 1, 2020. The selection committee will consist of three members of the CIPSH Executive Committee and two outside consultants, with final evaluation of their decisions by the full Executive Committee.

#### **Guidelines and Procedures**

Individuals interested in directing a CIPSH Chair should obtain the approval of the relevant administrative officer (Dean, Chancellor, President, Director) of their institution and consult with colleagues at that institution and, preferably, at at least one or two other institutions with which

they would like affiliation in their project. If they receive favourable responses, they should then proceed to complete their application, following the outline in the Annex, below.

Completed applications should be sent by email to [emailcipsh@icphs.org](mailto:emailcipsh@icphs.org), addressed to the “CIPSH chairs programme 2020, c/o Secretary-General of CIPSH, Luiz Oosterbeek”, and a printed copy should be sent to the following address, before April 20<sup>th</sup> 2020, by 5:00 pm CET: 1 rue Miollis 75732 Paris Cedex 15, France.

Successful projects should encompass a wide international network, demonstrating past activities record and, ideally, it should be interdisciplinary in nature, with special attention being paid to the mission and goals of CIPSH (<http://cipsh.net>).

All projects will first be reviewed by a threemember committee of the CIPSH Board and two outside consultants, the recommendations of which will be reviewed by the entire Board in order to prepare an announcement by July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The institution of the CIPSH Chair holder will be asked to contribute 700 Euros per year to CIPSH and to provide for the time needed by the Chair holder and his or her collaborators to carry out the project. Affiliated institutions should also provide assurance that the time needed by their faculty/staff members who are participating in the project will be made available. It is to be hoped that additional funding from other sources, such as outside scholarly organizations, will be made available.

The Chair holder will be expected to prepare an annual report, to be reviewed by the CIPSH Chair Committee. CIPSH will reserve the right to terminate a Chair, upon decision of its Board following a recommendation of the CIPSH Chair Committee, if it deems the work in carrying out the project to be unsatisfactory. The normal duration of a CIPSH Chair will be five years. If, at the end of five years, the Chair holder wishes to renew the project, CIPSH will be open to that possibility on the basis of favorable evaluations.

### **Submission of Project Proposals**

This project outline indicates the information which is required in order for CIPSH to evaluate your proposal. Details are requested in order to analyse the importance of the project in the context in which it is proposed.

The proposal, not exceeding 10 pages, excluding annexes, should be presented in a separate document and not on this form.

#### ***A. INSTITUTIONAL DATA***

1. Project title:
2. Expected starting date:
3. Duration:
4. Domain(s) or discipline(s) concerned:
5. Name and full address of host institution(s):
6. Faculty(ies)/Department(s) concerned:
7. Executing institution:
  - a. Project leader/contact person (name, curriculum vitae)
  - b. Full address/telephone/fax/e-mail/website:
8. Partners (name and address of participating researchers and institutions):
9. Total project budget (€):
10. Funding sources – organizations, bodies, and amount
  - a. In cash
  - b. In kind

## ***B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION***

1. Domain(s) or discipline(s)
2. Summary of the project (150 words), indicating its correspondence to CIPSH's priorities
3. Context and justification (300 words)  
Analyse trends and issues surrounding the theme of the proposal. What difference will the project make in terms of capacity-building, transfer of knowledge, and strengthening links between universities / other higher education institutions and development bodies?
4. Objectives
  - a. Development objective (long term) – contribution to overall development goals taking into consideration social, economic and cultural development.
  - b. Specific objectives – not exceeding four short-term needs to be satisfied by the proposal.
5. Type of activity (several types of activity can be mentioned)
  - Postgraduate teaching programme
  - Short-term training
  - Research
  - Visiting professorships
  - Scholarships
  - Institutional development  
(including strengthening of information/library services, laboratories and so on)
6. Target beneficiaries
  - Students
  - Academics
  - Professionals
  - Other (specify)
7. Visibility and expected results at the national, regional and international levels
  - Quantitative and qualitative results clearly identified.
  - Please indicate how the visibility of the project activities will be ensured, for example, through publications, brochures and websites.
8. Implementation strategy – How will the project be implemented?
  - a. Management
  - b. Capacity-building
  - c. Sustainability
  - d. Linkages with other relevant activities at institutional, national, regional and international levels
  - e. How will benefits be sustained?
  - f. Transfer of knowledge
9. Proposed schedule of major activities  
There should be a clear link between the activities and the objectives to be achieved. The schedule should show activities, timing and expected outcomes.

## ***C. PARTNERSHIPS/NETWORKING***

The CIPSH Chairs Programme encourages partnerships (North-South-South) among institutions of higher education, NGOs, foundations, agencies, and public and private sector organizations or businesses. Please attach one or more letters of support from the head of the institution(s) or businesses concerned, explaining their willingness to cooperate and interest in doing so.

1. Participating partners: individual researchers and institutions (name and address of each)
  - a. Confirmed:
  - b. Proposed:
2. Other inter-university networks for partnership (name and address of each).

## **D. FUNDING OF THE PROJECT**

Please attach the supporting documents for each type of financing, for example, exchange of letters.

1. Total project budget – full details – categories of expenditure, etc.
2. Contribution of your institution
  - a. Budgetary provision (in €)
  - b. Services in-kind (in €)
3. Extrabudgetary resources to be mobilized
  - Please refer to the total project budget under D.1 and indicate items for which you will mobilize extrabudgetary resources.
  - Indicate donor funding source, purpose and amounts (€) – contributions proposed or approved by donors.
  - Potential funding sources (for example, UNDP, regional development banks, foundations, NGOs, national/bilateral donors, the public or private sector). Indicate those funding sources which your institutions/associations or the national authorities in your country are in a position to approach and those for which you request external support.

## **E. SUPPORT**

1. Institutional support  
Please note that the project should be presented by the Chair Holder, but Vice-Chancellors, Rectors or Presidents of the participating institutions can write support letters.
2. Other support  
Please specify.

## **F. ADDITIONAL DETAILS**

Please add any information relevant to the proposal which has not been covered by the above points.



## **3) NUIT DE LA GEOGRAPHIE**

### **3.1) VÉRSION FRANCAISE**

#### **Une 4<sup>ème</sup> édition de la Nuit de la Géographie qui s'exporte bien à travers le monde**

Forte de ses précédents succès, la Nuit de la Géographie (ou GeoNight, à l'international) revient pour une 4<sup>ème</sup> édition qui se déroulera le **vendredi 3 avril 2020**. Lancée en 2017 par le Comité National de Géographie (CNFG), avec le soutien d'EUGEO, la Nuit de la Géographie est une nuit

consacrée à la promotion de la discipline géographique. Le CNFG et ses membres, avec l'aide de l'APHG et de l'Association Fédérative des Etudiant.e.s en Géographie, se mobilisent pour assurer une communication nationale et internationale des événements.

L'objectif de ces manifestations est de mieux faire connaître et de mettre en valeur la géographie et les géographes. Pour cela, divers événements sont proposés pour présenter les regards du géographe sur le monde, leurs spécificités mais surtout leur grande acuité alors que les enjeux territoriaux se multiplient. Dans l'ensemble, les manifestations sont gratuites et ouvertes au grand public. Les événements ont lieu le soir et la nuit de manière à accueillir un public varié et non seulement académique, et pour mettre l'accent sur les aspects insolites, parfois ludiques, sans doute méconnus, de la géographie.

En 2018, des événements furent organisés dans toute l'Europe. Près de 80 événements ont eu lieu. 25 manifestations se sont réparties dans toute la France mais aussi 37 en Italie, 12 en Hongrie, sans parler des autres villes et associations au Portugal, en Espagne, en Grèce, en Pologne. En 2019, l'engouement n'est pas retombé, loin de là. Placé sous le thème « Nuits de terrains / Terrains de nuit », la 3<sup>ème</sup> édition qui a eu lieu le 5 avril 2019, a rassemblé, à l'échelle nationale, des milliers de personnes de Brest à Pau de Dunkerque à Strasbourg, de Lyon au Havre en passant par Paris et d'autres nombreuses villes de l'hexagone. Les géographes et leur public se sont réunis dans des lieux variés, à l'université bien sûr, dans les halls et dans les salles de cours, dans des équipements culturels ou de l'ESS, dans des cafés, et aussi dans la rue. Les comités d'organisation ont été très variés et spécifiques à chaque lieu. Parfois, l'évènement était organisé par une association d'étudiants de licence ou master, parfois par des enseignants du secondaire, par des enseignants de classes supérieures ou de l'université ou des écoles, des laboratoires de recherche, le plus souvent dans des partenariats combinant élèves, étudiants, enseignants du secondaire et du supérieur, personnels administratif ou de recherche, tous bénévoles et engagés dans la promotion de la géographie. Cette diversité dans les partenariats est sans aucun doute une chance qui permet à tous de faire le lien entre des instances qui parfois se méconnaissent. Les activités proposées ont été aussi très nombreuses et parfois surprenantes, en tout cas avec à chaque fois un grand succès : il faut citer le karaoké géographique à Paris, ou le *comedy club* à Dunkerque pour la géographie-spectacle, le *memory* ou les quizz pour la géographie-connaissance, la nécessaire synthèse d'une présentation de la thèse en 3 images. Mais il y a eu aussi de nombreuses conférences, soit spécialisées sur un thème pour toute la soirée, soit au contraire très différentes pour exprimer la diversité de la géographie. La diversité des événements proposés au grand public contribue aussi à susciter l'intérêt et la curiosité du grand public.

Sur le plan international, l'évènement est lui aussi devenu incontournable dans de nombreux pays européens où des milliers de personnes participent aux manifestations comme c'est le cas en Italie, au Portugal, en Hongrie, en Grèce et en Espagne. De nombreux autres pays (par exemple, l'Irlande, la Lituanie, la Croatie et l'Allemagne, entre autres) ont activement contribué à cette 3<sup>ème</sup> édition de la GeoNight en organisant de nombreux événements. Cette édition a aussi vu l'organisation de deux concours photographiques ouverts au grand public, un national et un européen, et qui vu le nombre de contributions reçues, fut une belle réussite. Enfin, en partenariat avec l'ONG CartONG (<https://www.cartong.org>), 17 mapathons ont été organisés à travers le monde (en Guyane, à Madagascar, au Sénégal, au Bénin et au Togo, entre autres) et avec comme intérêt de faire participer le grand public à la production de données géographiques et cartographiques.

Le public, plusieurs milliers de personnes à travers l'Europe et au-delà, composé notamment de jeunes et de très jeunes peut-être futurs géographes, a donc répondu présent indiquant ainsi qu'il

y a une véritable demande sociale pour une géographie ouverte sur le monde à l’instar des trois précédentes éditions de la Nuit de la Géographie et en attendant la nouvelle édition du 3 avril 2020. Pour cette année, des discussions sont actuellement en cours pour organiser des événements en Nouvelle-Zélande, en Chine, en Inde et dans de nombreux autres pays à travers le monde.

La Nuit de la Géographie est donc devenue un événement plébiscité et qui prend son envol à l’international. L’UNESCO, consciente de la portée culturelle que représente cet événement, est intéressée par la Nuit de la Géographie. Ainsi, nous travaillons activement à un label UNESCO de cet événement. Cette labélisation ajouterait une reconnaissance significative à la promotion des valeurs de la géographie et des géographes, et nous avons besoin de votre aide et soutien pour y parvenir. Tous les événements, toutes les manifestations peuvent y trouver leur place, il s’agit à chaque fois de découvrir et de faire découvrir toutes les facettes de la géographie. Comme lors des trois précédentes éditions, le CNFG espère un public toujours nombreux et qui fait sienne une géographie pour comprendre la société mais aussi pour s’y engager.

Pour plus d’informations : [www.cnfg.fr](http://www.cnfg.fr) ou nous nous contacter : [nuitdelageo@cnfg.fr](mailto:nuitdelageo@cnfg.fr)

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### **3.1) English Version**

A 4th edition of the Nuit de la Géographie which is being exported all over the world.

Building on its previous successes, the Nuit de la Géographie (or GeoNight, internationally) returns for a 4th edition which will take place on Friday, April 3, 2020. Launched in 2017 by the National Geography Committee (CNFG), with the support of EUGEO, the Night of Geography is a night dedicated to the promotion of the discipline of geography. The CNFG and its members, with the help of the APHG and the Association Fédérative des Etudiants.e.s en Géographie, are mobilising to ensure national and international communication of the events.

The aim of these events is to make geography and geographers better known and promoted. To do this, various events are proposed to present the geographer's view of the world, their specificities but above all their great acuteness at a time when the territorial stakes are multiplying. On the whole, the events are free and open to the general public. The events take place in the evenings and at night so as to welcome a varied and not only academic audience, and to highlight the unusual, sometimes playful, and no doubt little-known aspects of geography.

In 2018, events will be organised throughout Europe. Nearly 80 events took place. 25 events took place all over France, but also 37 in Italy, 12 in Hungary, not to mention other cities and associations in Portugal, Spain, Greece, Poland. In 2019, the craze has not waned, far from it. Under the theme "Nuits de terrains / Night Fields", the 3rd edition, which took place on 5 April 2019, brought together thousands of people from Brest to Pau, from Dunkirk to Strasbourg, from Lyon to Le Havre, via Paris and many other cities in France. The geographers and their audiences met in a variety of places, at the university of course, in halls and classrooms, in cultural or SSE facilities, in cafés, and also in the street. The organizing committees were very varied and specific to each place. Sometimes the event was organised by an association of bachelor's or master's students, sometimes by secondary school teachers, teachers from higher education or university or schools, research laboratories, most often in partnerships combining pupils, students, secondary

and higher education teachers, administrative or research staff, all volunteers and committed to the promotion of geography. This diversity in partnerships is undoubtedly an opportunity for everyone to make the link between bodies that sometimes do not know each other. The activities proposed have also been numerous and sometimes surprising, in any case with each time a great success: we should mention the geographical karaoke in Paris, or the comedy club in Dunkirk for the geography-show, the memory or the quizzes for the geography-knowledge, the necessary synthesis of a presentation of the thesis in 3 images. But there were also many conferences, either specialized on a theme for the whole evening, or on the contrary very different to express the diversity of geography. The diversity of the events proposed to the general public also contributes to arouse the interest and curiosity of the general public.

On an international level, the event has also become a must-attend event in many European countries where thousands of people attend events, as is the case in Italy, Portugal, Hungary, Greece and Spain. Many other countries (e.g. Ireland, Lithuania, Croatia and Germany, among others) have actively contributed to this 3rd edition of GeoNight by organising numerous events. This edition also saw the organisation of two photo competitions open to the general public, one national and one European, which, given the number of entries received, was a great success. Finally, in partnership with the NGO CartONG (<https://www.cartong.org>), 17 mapathons were organized around the world (in Guyana, Madagascar, Senegal, Benin and Togo, among others) with the aim of involving the general public in the production of geographic and cartographic data. The public, several thousands of people across Europe and beyond, including young and very young people who may be future geographers, responded to the event, indicating that there is a real social demand for a geography open to the world, as in the three previous editions of the Night of Geography and in anticipation of the new edition on 3 April 2020. For this year, discussions are currently underway to organise events in New Zealand, China, India and many other countries around the world.

The Nuit de la Géographie has thus become a popular event that is taking off internationally. UNESCO, aware of the cultural significance of this event, is interested in Geography Night. Thus, we are actively working on a UNESCO label for this event. This label would add significant recognition to the promotion of the values of geography and geographers, and we need your help and support to achieve this. All events, all events can find their place here, it is a question of discovering and making people discover all the facets of geography. As in the three previous editions, the CNFG hopes for an ever-growing public that embraces geography in order to understand society but also to get involved in it.

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### **3.3) Versione Italiana**

#### **La “Notte della Geografia” 2020 in Italia**

Cari colleghi, cari appassionati della geografia, anche nel 2020 la Geografia italiana, con il Comitato Italiano UGI e in rete con comunità e comitati nazionali in Europa, partecipa alla Notte Europea della Geografia: promossa da EUGEO e supportata dall'Unione Geografica Internazionale, come ormai noto, è una costellazione di eventi sincroni che coinvolgeranno *team*, laboratori, associazioni e semplici appassionati nella serata/nottata del 3 aprile 2020.

Da spazi più classicamente accademici a quelli più sociali e aperti alla città, vogliamo impegnarci, con il concorso di idee e iniziative gestite localmente, a rendere possibile un'affascinante edizione italiana distribuita in tutta Italia!

Questo evento mira a migliorare la visibilità e l'incisività della geografia e dei geografi nei confronti del grande pubblico e dei media, comunicando meglio il sapere geografico e la valenza della Geografia per la formazione a "tutto tondo" dei cittadini. Un evento che ci aiuti a rendere la ricerca geografica più accessibile, contribuendo a valorizzare il nostro lavoro scientifico, didattico e di terza missione. Vi invitiamo quindi a presentare proposte per eventi che avete in animo di realizzare, tenendo conto dei seguenti suggerimenti – che saranno condivisi anche negli altri Paesi che vorranno aderire – per la presentazione di proposte di iniziative.

### **Requisiti delle iniziative**

Gli eventi proposti, autofinanziati, dovrebbero essere **liberi e aperti a tutti i cittadini**, nella misura in cui gli spazi disponibili lo consentono; dovrebbero avvenire la sera del 3 aprile o durante la **notte** tra il 3 e il 4 ed essere rivolti a un pubblico **non solo accademico**. Nello spirito dell'iniziativa vi è anche il suggerimento a presentare la disciplina pure in modo "non usuale", evidenziando aspetti di conoscenza, di riflessione sulla realtà contemporanea e di prospettiva, aspetti ludici, elementi connessi alla qualità della vita, al viaggio, alla scoperta, alla relazione con varie culture e esperienze, agli usi dello spazio, al senso e alla qualità dei luoghi... l'elenco non può certo essere esaustivo, ma contiamo che lo "spirito" sia chiaro a tutti e condiviso.

Alcuni degli eventi potranno tenersi in ambienti chiusi (aule, laboratori, locali pubblici, *pub* ecc.) in modo da favorire lo scambio con incontri di ogni tipo: dai più accademici (**conferenze, esposizioni, tavole rotonde** ...) a quelli d'intrattenimento (**buffet, giochi geografici multi sensoriali, performance, proiezioni** ...). Gli organizzatori possono anche decidere di presentare luoghi di lavoro legati all'istruzione geografica e ai suoi strumenti, dai "musei" della geografia ai software GIS o alle nuove tecnologie, come anche "visioni" e nuove progettualità per il territorio, o altro ancora.

Altri eventi potranno svolgersi all'esterno: ad esempio si potrebbero organizzare piccole **escursioni** in campagna e **passeggiate urbane** con diverse finalità: analisi di percezione, analisi comparativa, disegno e mappatura, interviste, fotografia ... Ciò avverrà durante la serata e/o la notte, per mostrare come cambiano gli spazi, il loro uso e le modalità attraverso le quali vengono percepiti. In una parola, come "cambia" la loro geografia!

L'**obiettivo** è, ancora una volta, quello di mettere in evidenza la **creatività dell'iniziativa locale** e la varietà di **persone, istituzioni, associazioni che possono sentirsi interessate e che desiderano essere alla base della costruzione di questo evento**.

L'iniziativa, che può configurarsi anche nell'ambito della Terza Missione degli Atenei e può essere segnalata sotto questa voce con il riconoscimento dell'Associazione dei Geografi Italiani, mira al coinvolgimento più ampio possibile di persone che normalmente non incontrano, nella loro esperienza quotidiana, la geografia "accademica", ma che possono essere interessate alla prospettiva culturale e di consapevolezza che la disciplina può offrire a tutti i livelli. L'incontro tra persone e la condivisione di questi aspetti sono al centro dell'iniziativa!

Quest'anno sono particolarmente sollecitati (anche se non si tratta di un tema obbligatorio o vincolante) eventi tesi a porre in risalto l'impegno dei geografi e dei singoli cittadini per migliorare il

livello di sostenibilità economica, sociale e ambientale e per mitigare gli effetti dei cambiamenti climatici.

INFORMAZIONI UTILI:

**Scadenza per la presentazione della proposta:** 16 febbraio 2020

Gli eventi per i quali si valuterà opportuno l'inserimento (vi sarà un minimo vaglio rispetto al tema e all'organizzazione) verranno inseriti in un apposito sito web, in una pagina specifica che gli organizzatori gestiranno direttamente.

Sarà disponibile un semplice questionario per comprendere la percezione della Geografia da parte del pubblico e i suoi "desiderata"; il questionario potrà – del tutto facoltativamente – essere sottoposto ai partecipanti sia durante l'iniziativa che nei giorni immediatamente successivi.

**Data di svolgimento:** venerdì 3 Aprile 2020 (durante la serata o nella notte tra 3 e il 4)



## 4) REPORTS OF RECENT GEOGRAPHICAL INITIATIVES

### 4.1) International Symposium on Place Names (Clarens (South Africa) from 18 to 20 September 2019).

**The conference team**

**Organizing Committee**

**Symposium Coordinator: Carla Bester** (Department Sudafrican Sign Language and Deaf Studies, UFS, University of Free State).

**Symposium Assistant & Short Course Coordinator:**

**Jani de Lange** (Department South African Sign Language and Deaf Studies, UFS)

**Prof. Theodorus du Plessis** (Department South African Sign Language and Deaf Studies, UFS)

**Prof. Peter E. Raper**, Executive member of scientific and organizing committee

**Scientific Committee**

**Herman Beyer** (Namibia)

**Paulo Márcio Leal de Menezes** (Brazil): Common Vice-Chair Joint IGU/ICA Commission on Toponymy)

**Peter Jordan** (Austria): ICA Chair, Joint IGU/ICA Commission on Toponymy

**Lucie A. Möller (RSA):** Research Fellow, Unit for Language Facilitation and Empowerment, UFS

**Cosimo Palagiano** (Italy): IGU Chair, IGU/ICA Commission on Toponymy

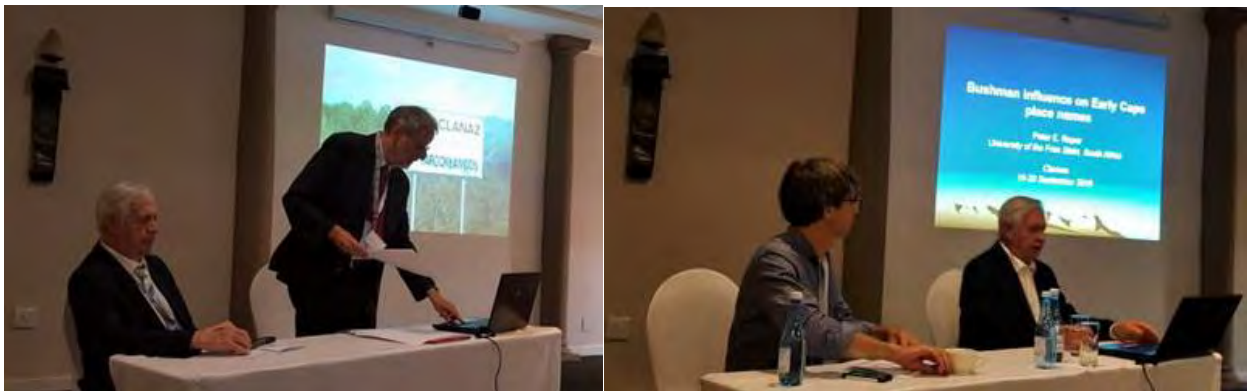
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**Theodorus du Plessis** (RSA); Director, Unit for Language Facilitation and Empowerment, UFS



*The group of participants*

The International Symposium on Place Names was held in Clarens (South Africa) from 18 to 20 September 2019. The theme chosen this year was: recognition, regulation, revitalization: place names and indigenous languages. After the welcome greetings of Prof. Theo du Plessis and Peter Jordan, the latter on behalf of the IGU-ICA Joint Commission on Toponymy Prof. Jordan illustrated the "Current geographical research directions in toponymy": the toponymic research (i) in cartography gives the obvious importance of place names for map reading and in the various choices a map editor has when defining the place-names system of a specific map, (ii) in geography geographical spaces and geographical features as human constructs have become the prevailing paradigm in this science. Jordan highlights some major research currents such as looking at place names as mediators between human and space.



*Peter Raper Chair and Peter Jordan speaking - Peter Raper presenting*

Riemer Reinsma seeks to locate toponymy in the indigenous languages in Zimbabwe and beyond. He briefly examines some of the theory that anchors toponymic research in the region and beyond.

Emphasis will be in theme such as oral cartography, indigenous languages and conservation, politics and power, as well as other issues of the 21<sup>st</sup> century that will influence research in toponymy in Zimbabwe and elsewhere.

Frédéric Giraut argues that three types of political contexts conduct to neotoponymic production: revolution, conquest and boosterism (commodification and place branding).

Palesa Khotso focus attention on Roma in Lesotho and its inhabitants Basotho. At Roma, like in almost all towns and villages in Lesotho, there are no boards indicating place names, because they have been eradicated together the history and the culture they carried. The study recommends to preserve and conserve indigenous place names in Roma town and perhaps other Lesotho towns and villages.

Helena Liebenberg looked the VOC (early *Dutch East India Company*) Dagregisters of the Cape of Good Hope, daily journal in which important events were meticulously recorded. By disseminating this series of Cape archival documents covering the VOC Period (1652-1795) one is able to follow the tracks of a wealth of not only indigenous place names, but also the names of indigenous tribes and their captains and chieftains by VOC officials during expeditions into the unknown and vast interior and as far as Mozambique along the Eastern Cape coastline.

Jani de Lange presented a paper about the *Dictionary of Southern African Place Names*, which identifies 735 names with a NBICL (Non-Bantu Indigenous Click Languages): These names can provide guidance in an inclusive restoration process. The focus specifically falls on the restoration of NBICL place names.



*A.M. Rieger presenting – Introduction to African Sign Language*

Lucie Möller presents a well-known method to uncover the origins and meanings of ancient indigenous place names, which works from translated toponymic texts, especially those taken from toponymic cluster formation in a region. This method of detecting, through translated toponyms, previously unknown or historically ‘lost’ names contributes to a base of cultural language artefacts. Peter Raper pointed out that the diversity of Bushman language and the proliferation of orthographic rules applicable to modern language preclude the restoration of Bushman place names, unless the standardised traditional conventions applicable for centuries to the individual extinct language are employed.

Riemer Reinsma tries to identify all different regional linguistic characteristics in the nicknames and tries to relate them to specific existing locations. Two factors may be supposed to have played a part in making some really existing locations inspirational: 1) their remoteness, and 2) their agrarian character, But a third factor must be considered: the linguistic distance between regional languages concerned and the standard language.

Zvinashe Mamvura examines the influence of the social realities obtained in the European society on the system that the Europeans used to assign names to places in Salisbury, Rhodesia.

Reet Hiiemäe describes the historical epidemics and their consequences (e.g. outbreak or stopping of plague (in Estonian *katk*), burial places) are often preserved in combination of oral tradition and associate landscape toponyms (actually 95 % of plague lore accounts contain toponyms). The author draws parallels with more recent cases of epidemics (e.g. AIDS, Ebola), showing that similar narrative mechanisms have a rather universal character that becomes visible also in less mythological context.

Frédéric Giraut focuses on the 2018 International Symposium on African Contemporary Place Naming in Niamey, an initiative for an African Neotponymy Observatory in Network, which was launched conjointly by the University of Geneva and Niamey, with the support and participation of many African and European Toponymists.

Marie Rieger remembers the exploration of Ooskar Baumann in the of Usambara mountains in 1888 and 1890, with the aim of creating a map that was actually published together with two travelogues containing the names of more than 200 geo-objects. Reviewing the list today, a number of names came down to us unaltered, e.g. Bumbuli, Magamba, Mlalo,. Others have adjusted their spelling, but are still recognisable, whereas other changed considerably. Rieger will conduct a study in order to trace stability and change in the official Usumbara's toponomasticon.

Sindiso Zhou et al. trace the place-naming pattern in Bulawayo's *We need New Names*, their reading of which indicate that people not only need new names in the post-colonial state dealt with in the text, but also in the places, which need to be named to reflect what has become of them following the political, cultural, social and especially economic decay that has taken place in the country.

SL Ntuli explains that through the course of history, some of South African landscape names have been subjugated by foreign languages, moving some of them almost into oblivion. The focus of the study is on the coastal belt of KwaZulu-Natal, mainly the North Coast. Theodorus du Plessis referred to South



African Committee for Constitutional Review which has recently recommended that South African Sign Language (SASL) be declared the country's 12<sup>th</sup> official language and that the constitution be amended accordingly.

Johan Lubbe presented a paper on the role of political, cultural and linguistic factors in the naming, preservation and renaming of indigenous street names and suburbs in

Bloemfontein. He distinguishes three main periods, each characterised by a dominant ideology: 1) 1846-1945: A British imperialistic and English-orientated period; 2) 1945-1994: a white Afrikaner nationalistic and Afrikaans-orientated period; 3) Post 1994: A black African nationalistic and English-orientated period.

### **Post Conference Excursion**

During the excursion the scenic view of Golden Gate National Park was admired, with view of the amazing rock features that are close to the road and herds of wild game.

In the Basotho Village it is possible to learn how the Basotho people have evolved from way back in the 1600's up until present time. It is possible to visit their homes and to learn some of their culture. Early, Middle and Late Stone Age sites are of considerable interest (*photos below*)



### **4.2) IGU-AGLE COMMISSION AGRICULTURAL GEOGRAPHY AND LAND ENGINEERING CONFERENCE: BOGOR, 22-24 OCTOBER 2019.**

The Third International Conference of the International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission on Agricultural Geography and Land Engineering (AGLE) was held in Bogor, Indonesia, October 22-24, 2019. Over 150 Scholars from China, Japan, Sweden, France, Singapore, Australia and Senegal gathered at Bogor Agricultural University and shared with their studies in the fields of urbanization, rural and agricultural development as well as land use.

The conference “Rethinking the Impacts of Urbanization on Agriculture and Land Use” focuses on analysis of agricultural and rural development trends and investigate the relationship between urbanization and land use with a critical assessment of current world’s demographic mobilities. Prof. Yansui Liu, chairman of IGU-AGLE commission gives a keynote speech titled "Rural Revitalization and Land Use Strategy in China". The commission members Prof. Guy Robinson from University of Adelaide, and Prof. Hans Westlund from Royal Institute of Technology give keynote speeches respectively titled "The geography of Agriculture 4.0: The challenge facing farming in the digital age", "Amenities and their role for rural development in the post-urban age". Prof. Ernan Rustiadi from Bogor Agricultural University and Dr. Didit Okta Pribadi from Indonesian Institute of Science give keynote speeches titled "Identifying and Managing the new Formation of Mega Urban Region in an Emerging Monsoon Asian Country", "Land property Right Distribution and its Effect on the Effectiveness of Spatial Policies for Protecting Rice Fields in Urbanized Areas".



Opening ceremony at the IPB International Convention Center, Bogor, Indonesia

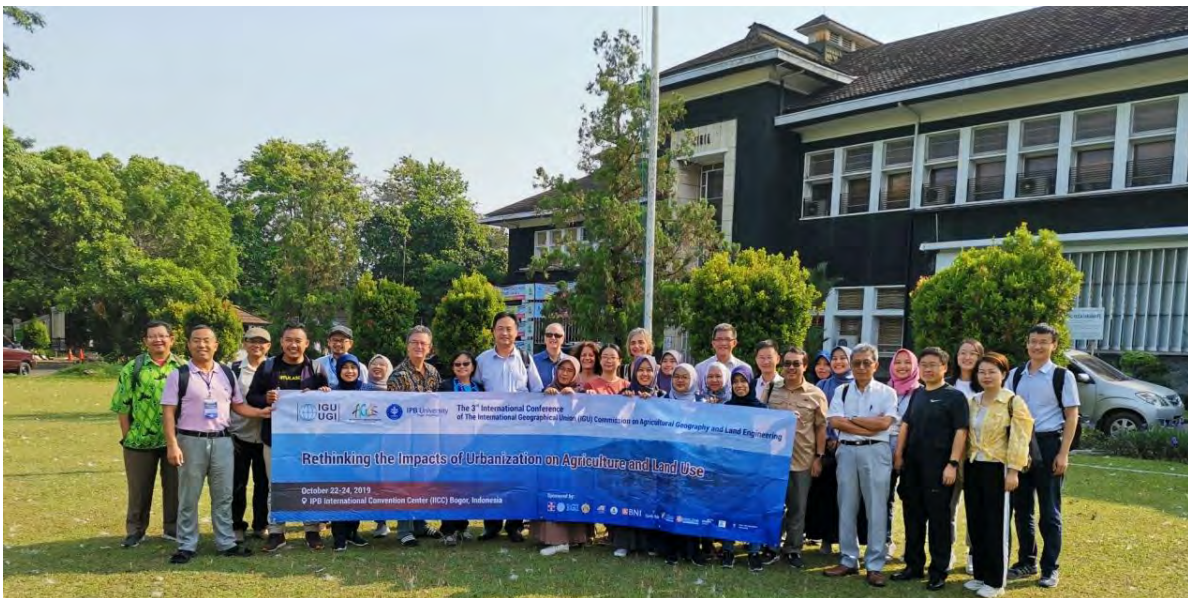
This conference is the third conference of the IGU Commission on Agricultural Geography and Land Engineering which was formally established in late 2016.

During the conference, the executive committee meeting of the IGU-AGLE commission was also held to discuss the commission activities in the future. The president of IGU, Emeritus Prof. Yukio Himiyama joined the meeting and gave advices to the committee members to pursue a better commission development.



*From the left: Prof. Yuheng Li, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Prof. Guy Robinson, University of Adelaide; Prof. Yukio Himiyama, president of IGU; Prof. Yansui Liu, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Prof. Hans Westlund, Royal Institute of Technology; Prof. NOUGAREDES Brigitte, Joint Research Unit Innovation and Development in agriculture and food.*

The fourth IGU-AGLE commission conference will be held in early June 2020 in Montpellier, France.



*Campus gathering before field excursion*

#### **4.3) COUNCIL MEETING OF THE ASIAN GEOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION 2019, BEIJING, 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2019.**

On Nov. 1st, 2019, Council Meeting of the Asian Geographical Association (AGA) was held at Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China.

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Dahe Qin, who is President of the Asian Geographical Association, Director of Academic Committee of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Former Administrator of China Meteorological Administration. At first, he extended his warm welcome to all the participants present and gave a brief review on the establishment of the Asian Geographical Association. Then, he introduced invited guests and representatives from member organizations of AGA and announced the agenda of the meeting.



Firstly, Prof. Michael Meadows, Former Secretary-General of the International Geographical Union, was invited to announce the outcome of elections of AGA Executive Committee 2019-2023 as honorary teller. After elections conducted by way of e-ballots in May, the AGA Executive Committee consists of the following 8 members: Prof. Dahe Qin from China was elected as President, Prof. Yuji Murayama from Japan, Prof. Suresh Chand Rai from India, Prof. Ahmet Ertek from Turkey, Prof. Kanat Baigarin from Kazakhstan, Prof. Lai Vinh Cam from Vietnam and Prof. Chul-Sue Hwang from Korea as Vice Presidents, Ms. Xuanzi Zhang from China as Secretary and Treasurer.

Secondly, Ms. Xuanzi Zhang gave detailed introduction to the AGA Statutes, which comprises the name, working language, objectives and mission, activities, membership and the structures of the AGA. After that, the Statutes were approved unanimously by the AGA Council.

Thirdly, Dr. Gulomjon Umirzakov from Uzbekistan read the letter of membership application on behalf of Geographical Society of Uzbekistan to join the AGA, which was accepted after unanimous vote by the Council. As of October 2019, the number of the AGA members has reached up to 24.

Fourthly, AGA Council has adopted the proposals on establishing the working groups, including Young Geographer Working Group initiated by Prof. Min Chen from China, Working Group on Cultural Geography chaired by Prof. Je-Hun Ryu from Korea and Working Group on Disaster Mitigation and Education proposed by Prof. Muhammad Baiquni from Indonesia.

Fifthly, Prof. Lai Vinh Cam from Vietnam presented the bid to host the 5th Asian Conference on Geography (5th ACG) on behalf of Thai Nguyen University, Vietnam and briefly introduced transportation, accommodation of the host city and various support from the local organizer. As a result, the AGA Council reached a unanimous agreement that the 5th ACG will be held at Thai Nguyen University, Vietnam in October 2021.

At last, Dr. Adel Sepehr from Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran made a presentation on the IAG Regional Conference on Geomorphology (IAG-RCG 2020). He invited the AGA to join the event as co-sponsor and warmly welcomed Asian geographers to participate in the conference, to be held from Oct. 26th -28th, 2020 in Mashhad, Iran.

After the Meeting, the AGA Council members attended the opening ceremony of the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Geographical Society of China & China Conference on Geography 2019 on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, which attracted more than 3000 participants from home and abroad, and participated in an international session “Geography and Sustainability” on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, where AGA representatives presented their recent research and exchanged their academic ideas with the participants from China and other countries outside Asia.

During the Conference, the Business Meeting of AGA Executive Committee Members 2019 convened on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

After the conference, a two-day field excursion was arranged in Tianjin and Beijing on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, and about 30 AGA colleagues took part in the event.

The Asian Geographical Association is an international, non-governmental, no-political and non-profit scientific organization. It was formed and run voluntarily by geographical associations in Asian countries and regions. Initiated by the Geographical Society of China, the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Conference on Geography (ACG) was inaugurated in Shanghai, China in 2015. In 2016 and 2017, the 2<sup>nd</sup> ACG and the 3<sup>rd</sup> ACG were held in Sapporo, Japan and Jeju, Korea respectively. In December 2018, 23 geographical associations across Asia were gathered in Guangzhou and co-founded and established the Asian Geographical Association during the 4<sup>th</sup> ACG. The missions of the AGA are to provide platforms and network of academic exchanges and research collaborations for Asian Geographers, to stimulate the development of geography in Asia, and to promote sustainable development of Asia.



Group photo of AGA colleagues in front of the Monument to the 100th Anniversary of the Geographical Society of China, Tianjin

Provided by Xuanzi Zhang, Guoyou Zhang  
The Geographical Society of China

#### **4.4) 110<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF CHINA, BEIJING, 1ST-3RD NOVEMBER 2019.**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Geographical Society of China (GSC) & the China Conference on Geography 2019 was held at China National Convention Center (CNCC), Beijing, China and Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences (IGNSRR) from November 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Under the theme of “Innovation, Development and Glory - Theory and Practice of Chinese Geography”, the event attracted about 3000 participants from more than 20 countries of the world.



The anniversary celebration kicked off on the morning of Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at CNCC. The opening ceremony was chaired by Prof. Bojie Fu, Director of Supervisory Committee of the GSC, Academician of Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS). At first, Prof. Fahu Chen, President of the GSC, Academician of CAS, Director of Tibetan Plateau Research, CAS, made a warm welcome speech on behalf of the GSC. Then, the invited guests representing national and international scientific organizations as well as executives on behalf of “sister organizations” of the GSC from home and abroad delivered congratulations successively, including Prof. Zhongli Ding, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress, Vice President of the CAS, Prof. Jun Song, Secretary of Party Committee, Secretary of Secretariat of the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST), Prof. Michael Meadows, Former Secretary General of the International Geographical Union (IGU), Prof. Dahe Qin, President of the Asian Geographical Association (AGA), Director of Academic Committee of CAS, Academician of CAS, Prof. Huijun Wang, President of the Chinese Meteorological Society, Academician of CAS, Prof. Shengkui Cheng, President of the China Society of Natural Resources and Prof. Yuji Murayama, President of the Association of Japanese Geographers. The remarks were followed by congratulatory videos from the leadership of two renowned geographical societies with long history as well – one by Prof. Joe Smith, Director of the Royal Geographical Society with Institute of British Geographers (RGS-IBG), the other by Prof. Nikolay Kasimov, First Vice President of the Russian Geographical Society.

After the opening ceremony, 11 reputable geographers were invited to give keynote lectures during the plenary session, including *Development of Geographical Society of China & Development of*

*Chinese Geography* by Prof. Fahu Chen, *Arctic Lakes in the Anthropocene: Using the Past to Better Predict the Future* by Prof. John P. Smol (Canada), *The Evolution of Real-Time Interactive GIS: A Framework for Meeting International Health and Sustainable Development Goals* by Dr. Douglas Richardson (USA), *The Geography of Discontent and the Revenge of the Places that Don't Matter* by Prof. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose (Spain), *United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Historical Tasks of Geography* by Prof. Bojie Fu, *Geographical Conditions and National Strategy* by Prof. Dadao Lu, *The Second Tibetan Plateau Scientific Expedition and Research* by Prof. Tandong Yao, *Research on Big Earth Data in Support of Sustainable Development Goals* by Prof. Huadong Guo, *Spatial Organization Pathway for Territorial Function-structure: Discussion on Implementation of Major Function Zoning Strategy in Territorial Spatial Planning* by Prof. Jie Fan, *Changes to Geographical Research in the New Era* by Prof. Changqing Song, *Great Geopolitical Game between China and United States in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* by Prof. Debin Du.



Apart from keynote lectures, a total of 61 scientific sessions were organized and more than 1300 scholars presented their research, which focused on the key and hot issues of the discipline as well as the strategic demands of the state, covered different and various categories of research including theories and approaches, comprehensive research of geography, in particular the human-land relationship system, integrated research, and some specific themes such as “Belt and Road Initiative” and beautiful China construction and sustainability. To promote international cooperation, five international sessions were arranged during the conference, such as “Geography and Sustainability”, “Research and Cooperation among Young Geographers from Developing Countries”, “Comparative Study on Sino-Japanese Geography”, etc.

One of the highlights of the conference - the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of *Acta Geographica Sinica* was held on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at IGNSRR. The Most Influential Paper Award and the Outstanding Contribution Award were presented to the scholars and the editors respectively, moreover, several important rankings by the journal – such as ranking on the citations, the most downloaded papers as well as top organizations with the largest number of published papers were also announced.

In addition, the Council Meeting of the Asian Geographical Association 2019 convened on the same day at IGNSRR. The AGA Council adopted the statutes, approved the membership application from the Geographical Society of Uzbekistan to join the AGA and decided the 5th Asian Conference on Geography will be held at Thai Nguyen University, Vietnam in 2021.

### **China Conference on Geography**

In 2001, the Geographical Society of China inaugurated its first National Annual Conference on Geography. Then the annual conferences successively took place in Shanghai, Beijing, Wuhan, Guangzhou, Lanzhou, Nanjing, Changchun, Urumqi, Kaifeng and Chengdu. The Annual Conference 2009 was held in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of the GSC and the Annual Conference 2016 convened conjointly with the 33rd International Geographical Congress. After the discussion by the Standing Committee of the GSC, to build a higher quality, multifunctional and internationalized brand scientific event, since 2018, the GSC Annual Conference on Geography was given a new name “China Conference on Geography”, abbreviated to CCG. In 2018, the 1st CCG convened in Xi’an, and more than 4000 geographers worldwide participated in the conference. The year 2019 remarks the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the GSC. The 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Geographical Society of China (GSC) & the China Conference on Geography 2019 was scheduled on November 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 in Beijing

Provided by Xuanzi Zhang, Guoyou Zhang

### **4.5) 41<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN GEOGRAPHERS, DELHI 28-30 DECEMBER 2019.**

*21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges of Agriculture, Health and Development in India with Special Focus on Tribal Areas*  
**(December 28–30, 2019)**

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The Department of General and Applied Geography, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, M.P. organised *41<sup>st</sup> Indian Geography Congress & National Conference* on *"21<sup>st</sup> Century*

*Challenges of Agriculture, Health and Development in India with Special focus of Tribal Areas, during 28-30 December 2019.*

### **Inaugural Ceremony**

The Conference began with the Inaugural Ceremony held on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 10.30 am. In the Opening Ceremony Prof. R. P. Tiwari, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, M. P was the Chief Guest, Prof. N. C. Gautam, presided over the function, Prof. Rana Pratap, President Elect (NAGI) and Prof. S. C. Rai, Secretary General (NAGI) graced the dais. Prof. R. B. P. Singh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Patna University, was the Guest of Honour, and Prof. R. P. Mishra, Convener, 41<sup>st</sup> IGC (NAGI) welcomed the guest and introduced the theme of the conference.



*Inaugural Ceremony*



### **Release of Souvenir and Books**

On this very occasion, the Souvenir & Abstract Volume of 41<sup>st</sup> IGC & National Conference was released by the Dignitaries on the Dias. Besides, two books entitled "Million Cities of India", edited by Bhoogol Ratna, Prof. R. P. Mishra, and "Land Resources: Processes, Degradation and Evaluation", edited by Prof. H. S. Sharma and Prof. S. Padmja were also released.

### **Felicitation and Honour**

Prof. Gopal Krishan, Chandigarh was honoured with Bhoogol Ratna Award by the Association, while Prof. R. K. Rai, Sagar and Prof. H. N. Mishra, Prayagraj was awarded Bhoogol Vachaspati Award. On this very occasion, Prof. Raghvendra P. Tiwari, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, was also honoured and felicitated by NAGI. The felicitation of Former Heads was also done by Department of General & Applied Geography. Felicitations of Prof. S. C. Rai, Prof. Abha Lakshmi Singh, Prof. R. P. Mishra and Dr. Akhtar Ali by CLUMA, Hyderabad.

**Three Memorial Lectures** were delivered as follows:

- *Prof. Moonis Raza Memorial Lecture* delivered by Prof. Sachidanand Sinha, CSRD, JNU, New Delhi on 28.12.2019 at 12:30 pm.
- *Prof. A. N. Bhattacharya Memorial Lecture* delivered by Prof. R. N. Mishra, Retd. Professor of Geography, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur on 28.12.2019 at 5.00 pm.
- *Prof. C. P. Singh Memorial Lecture* delivered by Prof. Shri Kamal Sharma, Retd. Professor, Dept. of General & Applied Geography, Doctor Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, M.P. on 29.12.2019 at 2.30 pm.

### **Panel Discussion**

Panel discussion on "*Climate Change: Impact and Adaptation in Tribal Areas*" was held on **29<sup>th</sup> December 2019** at 5:30 pm. In this event, **Prof. H. S. Sharma**, Jaipur, was the chairperson and **Prof. H. N. Mishra**, Prayagraj, **Prof. Y. G. Joshi**, Ujjain and **Prof. R. S. Yadav**, Varanasi were the Panelists. They highlighted that level and nature of human interference on the planet which is responsible for large scale climatic extremities and the tribal and marginal areas are the worst affected with that. They felt the urgent need at individual and community level along with governmental efforts to cope with these extremities and suggested way for adaptations and environmental sustainability.

### **N.P. Ayyar Young Geographer Award**

The presentation of shortlisted five contestants for N.P. Ayyar Young Geographer Award was held on 29.12.2019 at 5:00 pm. Prof. Suryakant, Chandigarh chaired while Prof. Salauddin Qureshi, Aligarh and Prof. A. P. Mishra, Varanasi were members of the Jury. Ms. Sujayita Bhattacharjee, Mumbai received the Best Paper Award in the Valedictory function held on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 at 2:30 pm.

### **Technical Sessions & Paper presentations**

We received a total of 450 abstracts on wide range of themes of the Congress. After the thorough review of abstracts/papers by the Abstract Review Committee, 421 abstracts were accepted for their presentation and placed them in the Souvenir & Abstract Volume. Nearly 500 delegates including Eminent Geographers, Scientists and Research Scholars from more than 20 states and abroad, participated in the Congress. About 350 papers were presented in 40 Technical Sessions during the three days of the event. The Technical Sessions covered the wide range of themes with

a major focus on emerging challenges of agriculture, health and development in the context of climate change particularly in tribal areas.

### **Meetings**

The first NAGI Executive Committee Meetings was held on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 5:30 pm, while second meeting of NAGI Executive Committee was held on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 8:30 am. Prof. B. Hemamalini was elected as President of NAGI for the year 2019-20. The NAGI General Body Meeting was held 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 6:30 pm. Prof. S. Rai put the Annual report of NAGI in the General Body meeting.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to the Hon,ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Raghvendra P. Tiwari for his kind patronage, Prof. S. C. Rai and entire NAGI Executive Committee for their support and members of Local Organising Committee for successfully hosting 41st Indian Geography Congress at Sagar, M.P.

Prof. R.P. Mishra, Convener



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## **9) FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

*(more information in the Home of Geography website, Events 2019)*

**9.1) ACLA Conference in Seoul, 18-20 November**

**9.2) Disaster, Marginalised Regions Conference, Katmandu, 8-14 December**

**9.3) 41<sup>st</sup> Indian Geography Congress, December 28-30, Central University, Sagar (India)**

