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## e-Newsletter – January 2022

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### ***From the President's desk...***

*This year promises to be truly a landmark one for the IGU as we celebrate our centennial in the beautiful city of Paris. So much has happened in the last 100 years and - despite obvious technological progress - we find ourselves in a world, with more than four times as many people as in 1922, facing critical environmental, political, economic, and health crises. Given such challenges, there has never been a more important 'Time for Geographers'.*

*The IGU plays a pivotal role in enabling geographers to collaborate, and it is pleasing to note that the IGU family continues to grow; following a recent General Assembly by e-ballot, geographers from the United Arab Emirates are full members of our global community.*

*As we celebrate 100 years of IGU, let us redouble our efforts and bring our considerable skills to bear in addressing the dynamic and complex problems facing the planet. There is no discipline more appropriately situated than our own to confront these challenges, and our centennial congress represents a real opportunity for us to reflect on a century of successes and commit to applying our talents towards a more sustainable future. See you in Paris!*

Michael Meadows

President IGU

Cape Town, January 27, 2022

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## Call for the World Science Forum 2022

### Thematic Session Proposals

December 5-9 2022, Capetown, South Africa

The next [World Science Forum](#) will take place in Cape Town with the theme

**‘Science for Social Justice’**

**The IGU community could (should) make a contribution here.**

Please send your proposals to [Michael Meadows](#) who will coordinate the IGU proposals. (Deadline: [February 20, 2022](#)).

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## 2022 International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development (IYBSSD)

On December 2, 2021, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2022 be the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development (IYBSSD). It will be **officially inaugurated with an opening conference June 30 – July 1 2022** at UNESCO headquarters in Paris, and various events and activities will be organized around the world until 30 June 2023. [More information](#)

The IGU, as well as the ISC and many other scientific organizations, sees it as important and supports it. The IGU Executive Committee welcomes proposals of relevant events and activities. Please send your proposals to [Barbaros Gönençgil](#)

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## International Data Week’s SciDataCon 2022

Data to Improve our World

## June 20-23 2022 - Seoul, Republic of Korea

Proposals are invited for sessions at International Data Week's [SciDataCon 2022](#) on **Data to Improve our World**.

SciDataCon is a conference for peer-reviewed research and practice presentations, which covers all aspects of the role of data in research, society, and policy. It is **supported by the ISC CODATA and the WORLD DATA SYSTEM**.

As well as the core themes of data science and data stewardship, Open Science, and FAIR data and services, SciDataCon shares high-level themes with International Data Week. International Data Week will incorporate hybrid (virtual and in-person) and fully virtual sessions.

**Deadline for proposals:** [February 14, 2022](#)

Proposals on the website of [SciDataCon 2022](#)

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## Sixth Edition of the GEONIGHT

April 1, 2022

This year marks the 6th edition of the “**Nuit de la Géographie/GeoNight**”, which was initially launched in 2017 by the CNFG and rapidly supported and promoted by EUGEO and IGU. Over the years, new countries have joined the adventure and hundreds of events have been organized worldwide to promote geography and geographers to so many people.

Despite the health regulations and strict measures put into place in many countries in the 2021 Geonight edition, 36 countries and several thousands of people participated in the GeoNight. This stresses the enthusiasm generated worldwide by this event.

Remember that the main goal of GeoNight’s events **is to promote geography and geographers to the general public** (and not only academics) one night/evening a year simultaneously around the world.

These events can be either organized in person or online. In case you decide to organize events online, various activities could be considered such as lectures, podcasts, posters/photos competition, virtual urban walks (using Google Street View, for instance), quizzes (using a video-conference platform), amongst others. Just be creative, as always!

[More information](#)

[Geo-night website](#)

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## IGU 100th anniversary CONGRESS

### Time for Geographers

July 18-22 2022 - PARIS



The call for abstracts has been very successful:

**more than 2,300 abstracts were submitted for more than 270 sessions.**

The majority of planned sessions will be on site. See the [list of sessions](#).

The social activities agenda is taking shape, as indicated [here](#)

[Registration to the congress is open](#) at standard rate **until March 31, 2022**

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The Lecture for the **IGU Commissions Excellence Award within the Paris IGC 2022** will be delivered by Distinguished Professor [C. Michael Hall](#), Canterbury University, New Zealand. The Excellence award was won by the IGU Tourism Commission in 2018, and finally, the lecture will be able to go ahead in Paris.

[For more information](#)

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## Workshop

### Smart and Resilient Local Governance

**June 13-14, 2022 - Gyor, Hungary**

*Organized by the IGU Commission Geography of Governance & West Hungarian Research Department of the Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Institute of Regional Studies, Gyor - Hungary*

The workshop addresses the aspects of the functioning of local governments in responding to challenges of the pandemic and climate crisis and the implications for the future of local governance.

Abstracts are especially welcome on the following topics:

- Local Government and the Response to Climate Emergency / Climate Change
- Local Government and the Response to Covid-19 Pandemic
- Smart Cities and Smart Local Governance

**Deadline for abstract submission** (no more than 250 words): **March 31, 2022**

[Workshop website](#)

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## IGU Thematic Conference

**Sustainability, Future Earth and Humanities:**

**Opportunities and Challenges**

**November 24-25 2022 - Mahendragarh (India)**

*Organized by the IGU Commissions on:*

- BIOGEOGRAPHY AND BIODIVERSITY
- GENDER AND GEOGRAPHY
- MODELING GEOGRAPHICAL SYSTEMS
- MOUNTAIN STUDIES
- GEO HERITAGE
- KARST
- HAZARD AND RISK
- AFRICAN STUDIES
- POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY
- IGU TASK FORCE FOR YOUNG & EARLY CAREER GEOGRAPHERS

*Local organizer: The Department of Geography, Central University of Haryana, Mahendragarh, India.*

In the face of the problems of the contemporary world, integrated analyses in the domains of Earth Sciences and Environmental Sciences with the help of understanding and data products from the Space Sciences, become critical for providing not only short-term problem solutions but long-term sustainability. This conference will increase the domain knowledge and understanding of the earth, environment, and space sciences from theoretical, observational, and model-based research outputs from various parts of the world.

**Key topics:** Earth & Environmental Sciences, Planetary Sciences, Biogeochemistry and Geochemistry, Climate Sciences, Ecology, Ocean Sciences, Space Sciences

**Deadline for abstracts and posters submission: [May 1, 2022](#)**

[Contact](#)

The conference website will be ready soon. Please consult in few days the [IGU website](#)

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## NEXT IGU COMMISSIONS' CONFERENCES

**IGU Commission on Tourism, Leisure and Global Change**

**Nordic Geographers Meeting 'Multiple Nordic Geographies'**

**February 7-10 2022, Joensuu (Finland)**

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

The call for abstracts is closed [Conference website](#)

**IGU Tourism Commission - pre-conference of the Paris congress**

hosted by the [Cultural Geography Group of Wageningen University](#).

July 15-17 2022, Wageningen (the Netherlands)

with the theme "*Time for Tourism Geographers*"

[For more information](#)

Chair: [Prof. Dr. Edward Hákon Huijbens](#)

### **IGU Commission on Political Geography - pre-conference of the Paris congress**

Supported by the Commission on political geography and geopolitics of the CNFG

July 15-17 2022, Paris (France)

Special focus on "*Space-Time Politic*"

Deadline for abstracts: 14 February 2022

[Call for papers \(French/English\), details, and contact information](#) (in the section "Evénements")

### **IGU Urban Geography Commission - post-conference of the Paris congress**

in collaboration with the Géographie-cités CNRS research unit

July 23-27 2022, Université de Paris, Campus Grands Moulins - Paris (France)

Special focus on *the comparative processes of urban restructuring through the prism of real estate projects in diverse urban settings, from regional towns to major financial centers.*

*Other regular topics of the commission:*

- 1. Cities as a driver of, and driven by, transformational change*
- 2. Cities, urban systems, and nation-states*
- 3. Urban areas under pressure of transformation*
- 4. Climate change, resilience, urban health, and well-being*
- 5. Governance, institutions, urban policy*

**Call for Papers:** See the [new website of the commission](#)

**Deadline for abstract submission:** 15th February 2022

**For the Early Career Researcher Award,** the deadline is 1st March 2022

### **IGU Commission on Geography of Governance - Annual Conference**

*Local Governance in a Time of Global Emergencies*

August 29-31 2022, Mexico City (Mexico)

**Deadline for abstract submission (no more than 200 words):** 15 March 2022

Conference [website](#)

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

October 20-22 2022, Cuenca (Spain)

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



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

Chair. [Professor Josep Ivars](#)

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## OTHER CONFERENCES

### **6th International Conference on Urban e-Planning**

April 11-12 2022, Univ. of Lisbon (Portugal)

Call for Papers: [Conference website](#)

### **II Ibero-American Biogeography Congress**

June 5-8 2022, Pola de Somiedo (Spain)

[Conference website](#)

### **Annual Congress of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS)**

June 6-11 2022, Nice (France)

Deadline: Abstracts & Full papers: 10 January 2022

[Conference website](#)

### **XVI Spanish Urban Geography Colloquium**

June 27-30 2022, Málaga-Melilla (Spain)

[Download the invitation](#)

### **XVII Iberian Geography Colloquium**

July 4-6 2022, Salamanca (Spain)

[Conference website](#)

### **XIX Spanish Congress on Geographic Information Technologies**

September 12-14 2022, Zaragoza (Spain)

[Conference website](#)

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## CALLS FOR CHAPTERS AND ARTICLES

### **Handbook on “Minority place-name standardization. A comparison of regulations and approaches in Europe”**

Common project of the Joint ICA/IGU Commission on Toponymy and the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance.

*The book attempts to compare regulations in the countries of Europe with autochthonous linguistic minorities on the background of ethnic and linguistic*



*structures, historical and political developments, the political landscape, governance structures, and external relations. Is minority place-name standardization part of the general standardization process or are there specific regulations? Is it a bottom-up or a top-down process and which administrative levels are involved? The book is also going to explain, to what extent these regulations satisfy linguistic minorities and help to facilitate the relations between majority and minority.*

The publication is planned by the end of 2023 in the book series "[Local and Urban Governance](#)", (Springer) edited by Carlos Nunez Silva, Chair of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance.

An intermediate project report will be presented at the IGU Centennial Congress in Paris, 18-22 July 2022, and a pre-conference workshop on the project will be organized in the framework of EuroCarto 2022 in Vienna (Austria), 18 September 2022

Information: [Peter Jordan](#) (Austria), Co-chair, Joint ICA/IGU Commission on Toponymy, Austrian IGU delegate

### **Geography and Sustainability (GEOSUS), Elsevier Journal**

The journal aims to serve as the focal point for developing, coordinating, and implementing interdisciplinary research and education to promote sustainable development through an integrated geography perspective. The journal encourages wider analysis and innovative thinking about global and regional sustainability by bridging and synthesizing natural and human sciences. The journal is **indexed in all major international databases**.

Editor in Chief: Prof. Bojie Fu, Vice-President of the IGU

[More information for publication](#)

**AUC Geographica (Acta Universitatis Carolinae Geographica)** is a scholarly academic journal continuously published since 1966 by Charles University in Prague (Czechia), that publishes research in the broadly defined field of geography: physical geography, geo-ecology, regional, social, political, and economic geography, regional development, cartography, geoinformatics, TICS, demography, and geo-demography. AUC Geographica also publishes articles that contribute to advances in geographic theory and methodology and address the questions of regional, socio-economic, and population policy-making in Czechia. The journal has been covered **in the SCOPUS database** since 1975.

[More information for publication](#)

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## **IGU Series Book - 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 Series Book - Edward Elgar Publisher

The International Geographical Union Series on Contemporary Geographies

Editors: Iain Hay et Michael Meadows

### Call for book proposals

Contacts:

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

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

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## Other IGU recent book

[Handbook of proximity relations \(2022\)](#)

Editors: **Andre Torre and Delphine Gallaud (ERSA)**

*Edward Elgar Publisher*

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## INSTITUTIONAL LIFE

### International Sciences Council (ISC)

#### new ISC regional presence in Latin America and Caraïbes

The office will be hosted by the Colombian Academy of Exact, Physical, and Natural Sciences during the 2022 – 2024 term. This Regional Focal Point will operate under the advice and guidance of a Liaison Committee, which is chaired by Enrique Forero (President of the Colombian Academy) and supported by Carolina Santacruz-Pérez

(ISC Science Officer).

An open call for nominations for candidates serving on the Liaison Committee will be published shortly. The essential roles and responsibilities of the regional presence include mobilizing active and continuous engagement of ISC Members in the region in the ISC's global strategy development and action planning processes as well as their participation in ISC global activities and projects.

[More information](#)

## DISTINCTIONS

### AAG - American Association of Geographers



Our IGU First Vice-President, **Pr. Iain Hay**, has been elected as one of the 2021 Fellows of the **AAG American Association of Geographers**.

The AAG Fellows is a program, started in 2018, to recognize geographers who have made significant contributions to advancing geography. This is a highly significant accolade and speaks to his outstanding contribution to our discipline. [Further information](#)

### Chinese prize 2021 of “National Advanced Collective for Poverty Alleviation”



The Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) undertook the scheme of third-party assessment of Targeted Poverty Alleviation (TPA) effectiveness and established for the first time, a national expert group on TPA third-party assessment.

**Pr. Yansui Liu** from the IGSNRR, CAS was commissioned to chair the national TPA third-party assessment project during 2015-2020. The group pioneered the evaluation index system, technical specification, and management system platform for China's

TPA third-party assessment. Between 2015 to 2020, more than 10,000 experts participated in the assessment survey of 603 counties, 5,380 villages, and more than 160,000 farming households in 22 central and western provinces, which is the biggest in scale and the broadest in scope in the world.

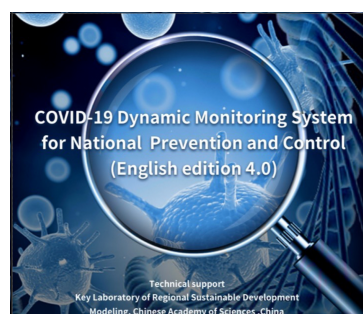
Their outstanding work won the prize of the

[“National Advanced Collective for Poverty Alleviation” from the State Council in 2021.](#)

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## NOTABLE PROJECT

### COVID-19 Dynamic Monitoring System for National Prevention



After the outbreak of COVID-19, by fully playing the advantages of the geographic specialty and GIS technology, **Pr. Yansui Liu and his group from the IGSNRR, CAS** rapidly developed [“COVID-19 Dynamic Monitoring System for National Prevention”](#),

It provided an important reference for the technical support and scientific decision-making of global and regional epidemic prevention.

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