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e-Newsletter – October 2021



*I write to you on the eve of the **26th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, so-called COP 26**, which takes place in Glasgow, UK.*

Some months ago, in collaboration with the Royal Scottish Geographical Society and the Royal Geographical Society, IGU hosted a virtual 'gathering' of representatives of national geographical societies and associations to discuss what geographers can offer at this time of environmental crisis.

*The outcome of those discussions is a declaration, signed by 79 global geography societies and organizations from 58 countries endorsing the **need for action on the climate and nature crises** (see below).*

As the dust settles on our 34th Congress, we begin to look forward to our Extraordinary Geographical Congress that will take place in Paris in July next year to celebrate 100 years since the formal establishment of the IGU. I hope very much to see as many of you as possible at this landmark event for our Union.

In the meantime, keep well and stay safe.

Michael Meadows

President IGU

Cape Town, October 27th 2021

Geographic declaration for the COP 26

The global geography community, **co-ordinated by the IGU, the Scottish Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Geographical Society, and the Royal Canadian Geographical Society**, is calling on world leaders to redouble their efforts and place the protection of nature and a liveable climate at the centre of the world's economics and politics. The global community of geographers has released a joint declaration in which Geography is highlighted as the unique discipline located at the intersection of the social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities that equips geographers to think systematically and across disciplines.

[Read more...](#)

Report of the IGC Istanbul 2021

The summer sun might well have shone brightly in Istanbul this past August as the IGU held its 34th International Geographical Congress, although – sadly – most of us could not be there to witness it directly and participated only by virtue of the computer screen. While the ongoing ravages of the pandemic continue to constrain international travel, more than 600 papers were presented at the Congress and the virtual platform facilitated a degree of interaction that – while no substitute for the intimacy (and joys) of actual meeting face-to-face – at least kept our geographical spirits up. Hats off to the local organizing committee, under the unflappable guidance of Barbaros Gönençgil, and to the incredibly professional performance from Dekon, the company employed to coordinate the logistics. Together the team delivered what was widely acclaimed as a very successful event that gave credit to the fact that it took place exactly 150 years since the very first International Geographical Congress in Antwerp, Belgium.

General Assembly

The Congress also hosted an online General Assembly, attended by representatives of 40 IGU member countries, and by the presidents of the IGU commissions.

Tribute to the late Professor RB Singh

The general assembly meeting opened by paying tribute to the late **Professor RB Singh, former IGU Vice-President, and incumbent Secretary-General** at the time of his passing on 22nd July 2021. RB, as we affectionately knew him in the IGU

executive, was truly a giant of Indian geography and a global champion for our discipline. His position has been filled temporarily by Barbaros Gönençgil, pending a formal nomination and election process in 2022, but the loss of RB leaves a huge chasm for us as an organization but especially for his wife and family and for his many students and colleagues at the University of Delhi. May he rest in peace.

IGU 100th anniversary CONGRESS

Time for Geographers

PARIS - July 18 - 22, 2022



The call for sessions is closed

The submission of abstracts will be launched soon

[More information on the submission process](#)

All information is available on the [Congress website](#)

NEXT IGU COMMISSIONS' CONFERENCES

International Workshop on Geography and Sustainability

Geography of the Anthropocene:

Transforming our world for sustainable development

23-24 November 2021 (Online)

The workshop aims to present the latest research progress on geography and sustainability and is expected to provide a valuable contribution to transforming our world for sustainable development. It brings together the most advanced researchers around the world, in collaboration with IGU commissions, to identify common challenges and discuss solutions to promote sustainable development through an

integrated geographic perspective.

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Registration is free. Deadline for registration: [18 November 2021](#)

[Registration](#)

IGU Commission on Tourism, Leisure and Global Change

Nordic Geographers Meeting 'Multiple Nordic Geographies'

7th – 10th of February 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 Commission on Geography of Governance - Annual Conference

Local Governance in a Time of Global Emergencies

29 - 31 August 2022 - Mexico City (Mexico)

Call for Papers: conference [website](#)

OTHER CONFERENCES

XVIII Meeting of Geographies of Latin America - EGAL and VIII National Congress of Geography of Public Universities of the Republic of Argentina

30 November- 4 December 2021, Córdoba (Argentina)

[Download the invitation](#)

International conference of GIScience: Basis and Trans/Interdisciplinary

Applications in cooperation with Iranian GIS and Remote Sensing Association.

12 December 2021 [contact](#)

30th International Cartographic Conference - ICC 2021

14-18 December 2021, Florence (Italy)

[Conference website](#)

XVII General Congress of the Spanish Association of Geography

14-17 December 2021, Ciudad de La Laguna / Tenerife (Spain)

[Conference website](#)

6th International Conference on Urban e-Planning

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

Call for Papers: [Conference website](#)

XVI Spanish Urban Geography Colloquium

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

[Download the invitation](#)

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](#)

XIX Spanish Congress on Geographic Information Technologies

12-14 September 2022, Zaragoza (Spain)

[Conference website](#)

CALLS FOR CHAPTERS AND ARTICLES

The Palgrave Handbook on *Zero carbon Energy Systems and Energy Transitions*

edited by Dr Geoffrey Wood (University of Stirling), Dr Vincent Onyango (University of Dundee), Dr Komali Yenneti (University of Wolverhampton) and Mariana Liakopoulou (NATO Association of Canada).

Deadline for chapters: [December 31, 2021](#) (Flexible)

Please contact komaliy@wlv.ac.uk

Urban Science and the Future of Sustainable Urban Systems

Cities Journal Special Issue, Guest Editors: Céline Rozenblat, Jose Lobo

The expected papers are of a theoretical and epistemological nature on the Science of Urban Systems, ideally illustrated with examples of applications of complex systems on cities.

Deadline: [30 November 2021](#) (possibly extended for 3 months)

All information available on the [Journal website](#)

Geography of the Anthropocene:

Transforming our world for sustainable development

Journal of Geography and Sustainability (GEOSUS) Special issue

<https://www.journals.elsevier.com/geography-and-sustainability>

Authors who plan to publish papers in this special issue should submit an abstract in English, including the title, author name, affiliation, postal address, e-mail, and 3-5 keywords with a maximum 300 words limit (excluding author information) to geosus@bnu.edu.cn.

Deadline for abstract submission: [31 December 2021](#)

Geospatial Cartography Applications, Cases, and Methods

published by *IGI Global*

Proposals abstracts Submission Deadline: [10 November, 2021](#)

Full Chapters Due: [23 January, 2022](#) [See the call](#)

Special anniversary issue of Geographical Research

Geographical Research is the internationally-refereed publication of the Institute of Australian Geographers Incorporated (IAG) created in partnership with Wiley, and 2022 heralds its sixtieth volume.

Deadline: [Friday 4 March 2022](#)

The platform of submission of the journal: [ScholarOne portal](#)

Calls for proposals for the IGU Honors & Awards in 2022

[Calls of the proposal for nominations](#) of the candidates for the following four IGU Honors & Awards in 2022 on behalf of the IGU Executive Committee.

The IGU Lauréat d'honneur, established to recognize individuals who have achieved particular distinction or who have rendered outstanding service in the work of the IGU or in international geography.

The IGU Planet and Humanity Medal, created to honor individuals (not necessarily geographers) who have made outstanding contributions to peace, human welfare, or sustainability.

The IGU Early Career Award in Geography, instituted to recognize excellence in research by scholars during the decade after completing their formal education in geography.

The IGU Award for Distinguished Geographical Practice, inaugurated to recognize

geographers whose work is notable for its adoption and responsible application by diverse communities in and outside the academy.

Nominations of the winners for all the IGU Honors & Awards in 2022, will be announced and presented at the 2022 Extraordinary International Geographical Congress in Paris, France.

The proposals must be made on the forms you find on the [IGU Online](#) clicking on the titles of each award. The completed form should be e-mailed to the Chair of the IGU Honours and Awards Committee, Emeritus Professor Ronald F. Abler of The Pennsylvania State University (USA) at rfa1@psu.edu to arrive **no later than 31 December 2021**. A brief resume for the nominee (no more than 5 pages) should be submitted at the same time.

Other calls

[Call for applications for the 2nd Spanish edition of the Geography Teaching Innovation Awards](#)

[ATTENTION: RISK POINT](#)

A collective reporting map to prevent disasters.

An initiative of the Spanish Association of Geography - AGE and AEGVD (GeoVoluntarios)

IGU Series Book - Springer Publisher

[Advances in Geographical and Environmental Sciences](#)

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IGU Series Book - Springer Publisher

[Perspectives on Geographical Marginality](#)

Editors: Walter Leimgruber, Etienne Nel, Stanko Pelc

This series Book is managed by the [IGU Commission on Marginalization, Globalization, and Regional and Local Responses](#).

The series Book is now indexed in Scopus.

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IGU Series Book - Edward Elgar Publisher

The International Geographical Union Series on Contemporary Geographies

Editors: Professor Iain Hay and Michael Meadows

Call for proposals for books

Contacts:

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

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

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Other IGU recent books

[La Habana: Atlas de la COVID-19 \(2021\)](#)

Coordinated by **Ricardo Remond Noa / Nancy de las Mercedes Pérez Rodríguez**

[Andean Flanks: Paleoeology, Critical Biogeography and Political Ecology of the Changing Climates of Neotropical Mountain Forests \(2021\).](#)

Authors: **Fausto O. Sarmiento and Elena V. Sarmiento**

UNTRM Press, Peru. eBook: Open source [DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.4961560](#)

[Handbook on cities and networks \(2021\)](#)

Editors: **Zachary P. Neal and Céline Rozenblat**

Edward Elgar Publisher

[Urban-Rural Transformation Geography](#)

Author: **Yansui Liu**

Springer: [Sustainable Development Goals Series](#)

[International Residential Mobilities](#)

[From Lifestyle Migrations to Tourism Gentrification \(2021\)](#)

Editors: **Josefina Dominguez-Mujica, Jennifer McGarrigle, Juan Manuel Parreño-Castellano**

Springer: book series (GTGC) [Geographies of Tourism and Global Change](#)

INSTITUTIONAL LIFE

IGU Geographer elected to International Science Council (ISC) Governing Board



Professor Maria Paradiso was nominated by the IGU and subsequently elected as a member of the ISC Governing Board.

Professor Paradiso is a long-standing supporter of the IGU and has worked incredibly hard over many years to promote our aims and objectives. She was founder and chair of our Commission on the Mediterranean Basin (winner of the Commission Excellence Award in 2016) and is currently chair of the Italian National Committee for the IGU. She is Professor of Economic and Political Geography at the University of Naples Federico II and chair of the Human Mobility, Governance, Environment, Space, Section of Academia Europaea (London). [Read more...](#)

AWARDS

2020 Prize for Science and Technology of Land and Resources (China)

On October 5, 2021, the “**Research on key technologies of comprehensive land consolidation in poverty-stricken areas around Beijing-Tianjin and its application in targeted poverty alleviation**” hosted by [Professor Yansui Liu](#), the Chairman of the *IGU Commission Agriculture Geography and Land Engineering Commission of the International Geographical Union (IGU-AGLE)* and the Fellow of The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), was awarded the first prize of 2020 Prize for Science and Technology of Land and Resources of the Ministry of Natural Resources of the People’s Republic of China.

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