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The forthcoming conference in New York, 8-17 August 2017 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names. In recognition of this milestone, the UNGEGN Bureau is planning a number of events to celebrate the work and achievements of UNGEGN and UNCSGN.

The works and achievements of the Group of Experts are considerable and very worthy of celebration. We recognize that the group’s achievements were made possible through the contribution of many stakeholders, supporters and names enthusiasts. We have therefore all reason to be proud of our work in UNGEGN and UNCSGN, in advancing the standardization of geographical names globally. Your contributions, great and small, have made the work of the Group of Experts successful.

We also recognize that some experts have devoted extraordinarily much of their life and work to UNGEGN and UNCSGN. The UNGEGN Bureau wishes to celebrate our former and current colleagues who have been instrumental in our achievements and helped make UNGEGN what it is today.

In this respect, the Bureau asks all experts for help in celebrating those of our colleagues you feel should be recognized for their significant contributions to UNGEGN and the UNCSGN Conferences. If you have one or more persons in mind, please email me at gammelt@hum.ku.dk and or the Secretariat at geoinfo_unsd@un.org with your nomination – no later than June 8, 2017.

Your nomination should contain a brief outline of the nominee’s contribution and significance to UNGEGN, UNCSGN and the standardization of geographical names at the national, divisional and global levels; alongside the nominee’s name, occupation, organization and approximate number of years with the Group of Experts. The outline should not exceed 400 words. If you also have a photo(s) of the nominee, you are very welcome to submit a high resolution electronic copy.

In addition – should you have any photos from previous sessions you feel encapsulates the work and atmosphere of UNGEGN, the Bureau is pleased to receive electronic copies through the stated email contact.

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