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WGE Session 2: Exonym use by countries (Chair: Paul Woodman, United Kingdom)

Helleland, Botolv (Norway): Norway – still going strong on the endonymy line

Woodman, Paul (United Kingdom): Toponyms and the definite article in English language text and speech

Batlle, Maria del Mar (Spain): Handling exonyms in Catalan: general use and criteria for standardizing

Boháč, Pavel (Czechia): List of Czech exonyms. Standardized forms, variants

Geršič, Matjaž; Kladnik, Drago (Slovenia): Colour in Slovenian exonyms

Crjlenko, Ivana (Croatia): Comments on the proposed list of criteria for the use of exonyms – Croatian perspective

Bölcsei, Andrea; Gercsák, Gábor; Mikesy, Gábor (Hungary): Use of exonyms in present-day Hungary

Jordan, Peter (Austria): Exonym use in Austria

Cekula, Zane (Latvia): Exonym use in Latvian

Watanabe, Kohei (Japan): Current use of exonyms in Japan

Liščák, Vladimír (Czechia): Endonyms and exonyms in Taiwan

Choo, Sungjae (Republic of Korea): Use of exonyms in Korea: results of a survey

WGE Session 3: General discussion and drafting a CP on the use of exonyms (Chair: Peter Jordan, Austria)

WGRS Session (Chair: Peeter Pall, Estonia): Besides a paper by Paul Woodman (United Kingdom) on “Romanization in a changing world”, discussion on the status of various romanization systems with a focus on the romanization of Arabic was held and a proposal to measure the implementation of UN-approved systems discussed.

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Working Group on Publicity and Funding

The meeting of the Working Group on Publicity and Funding was held on 20 April 2017, in Innsbruck, Austria, in conjunction with the Working Groups on Geographical Names as Cultural Heritage and Evaluation and Implementation (see below).

The Working Group on Publicity and Funding presented its progress report on the meeting. The main points being: Completed items since last WG meeting; Funding activities, including toponomy training courses, the Toponymic Terminology Database and translation of publicity material; Public outreach, in the form of the Information Bulletin, the UNGEGN website and social media efforts (e.g. facebook and twitter), Wikipedia information and the UNGEGN Media kit. An overview of recent and coming outreach in relation to the IGU/ICA Joint Commission on Toponymy, various onomastic and cartographic fora was also presented.

It was an interesting and instructive experience to have a joint meeting with the Working Group on Geographical Names as Cultural Heritage and the Working Group of Evaluation and Implementation. There is always much new knowledge to take in from such meetings – to see how the various UNGEGN Working Groups interact and what subjects are particularly important to individual WGs. It is my expressed hope that similar joint meetings will be held in the future.

Whilst I have the opportunity, I would like to thank Gerhard Rampl warmly for organizing the joint Working Group Meeting in beautiful Tyrol at Innsbruck University. Innsbruck University also deserves thanks for generously hosting the Joint Working Group Meeting. We all had a very productive, memorable and enjoyable meeting.

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