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Nomination of ICA Commission on Toponymy

Based on the ICA statute and a letter of ICA EC, Association of Surveyors of Slovenia is nominating the continuing Commission on Toponymy (ICA-IGU joint commission).

The proposed chair of Commission is Matjaž Geršič (Slovenia)



Gregor Klemenčič
President of Association of Surveyors of Slovenia



ZRC SAZU

International Cartographic Association
Thomas Schulz
Secretary-General and Treasurer

Date: 11. 1. 2023

Dear Mr. Schulz

I am writing this letter to apply for a Co-Chair position at the Commission on Toponymy (ICA-IGU joint commission). As requested, I am enclosing a nomination letter (prepared by the Association of Surveyors of Slovenia), terms of reference, and CV.

I understand the invitation for the candidacy done by the current president of the commission prof. dr. Peter Jordan as a demonstration of support and good work so far in the field of geographic name research.

I believe that my experiences and education will make me a competent person for the position. The main strengths that I have, which I will contribute to this position include:

- Managerial functions and skills (Chair of the Slovenian Government Committee for the Standardization of Geographical Names, Assistant Head of Anton Melik Geographical Institute ZRC SAZU).
- Participation in expert committees in Slovenia and abroad (United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN, WGE, ECSEED), Commission on Toponymy, International Geographical Union, Slovenian Association of Geographers, executive board member in charge of finances).
- Participation in scientific symposiums and meetings on the field of geographical name and cartography (Clarence 2015, Corfu 2013, Graz 2016, Hermagor 2014, Leipzig 2013, Ohird 2018, Paris 2022, Prague 2017, 2022, Quebec 2018, Riga 2018, Roma 2014, Vienna 2018, 2019, Windhoek 2017, Zagreb 2015).
- Researching skills - member (as a researcher, project leader, or finance project manager) of several project groups, e.g. research program Geography of Slovenia, research projects Microtoponyms in the Rába Valley; Standardization of hydronyms in the Register of geographical names; Creating, maintaining, reusing: border commissions as the key for understanding contemporary borders; Make This Land German ... Italian ... Hungarian ... Croatian! The Role of the Occupation Border in the Denationalization Policy and the Lives of the Slovene Population; Slovenian Exonyms and other.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Matjaž Geršič

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Education

- University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts, bachelor's degree in geography and history, 2010
- University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts, PhD in geography, 2016

Academic and research title

- Research assistant (2012–2017)
- Research associate (2017–)

Employment

- Kranj High School (2010–2012)
- Research Center of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (2012–)

Managerial functions and skills

- Chair of the Slovenian Government Committee for the Standardization of Geographical Names (2018–)
- Assistant Head of Anton Melik Geographical Institute ZRC SAZU (2018–)

Participation in expert committees

- United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN), head of the Slovenian delegation (2018–)
- UNGEGN Working Group on Exonyms (WGE), member (2013–)
- East Central and South-East Europe Division (ECSEED), UNGEGN, member (2013–)
- Commission on Toponymy, International Geographical Union, member (2013–)
- Commission on Land Use and Land Cover Change, management board member (2016–)
- Slovenian Association of Geographers, executive board member in charge of finance (2013–)

Awards

- Prešeren Student Award, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts, 2010
- Top award for advising research work, Slovenian Technical Culture Association, 2010
- Melik Award for Young Researchers (for outstanding achievements in researching geographical names), Slovenian Association of Geographers, 2017

Research visits

- Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, King Saud University, Faculty of Art, Department of geography, October 2022 – January 2023



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Confirmation

I confirm my willingness to be nominated by Slovenian Cartographic Association and serve to the International Cartographic Association as a Chairperson of the ICA Commission on Toponymy (ICA-IGU joint commission) in the 2023-2027 term.

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Commission on Toponymy (ICA-IGU joint commission) Terms of Reference

- Act jointly with IGU fostering the geographic and cartographic research on all fields involving toponymy;
- Disseminate the scientific knowledge on processing and use of toponyms within geography and cartography;
- Verify the use of other sciences' toponymy concepts, such as anthropology, linguistics and others, in favour of cartography and geography;
- Maintain contacts and scientific exchange with UNGEGN and ICOS, such as by organizing joint events;
- Support and encourage the elaboration and publication of gazetteers, toponymic data files and toponymic reference systems (such as EuroGeoNames);
- Organize regional joint IGU/ICA events (workshops, symposia and others) with IGU and ICA members;
- Participate in IGU and ICA Regional, Thematic and Main Conferences;
- Organize and maintain a website to facilitate contact between researchers in the field of toponymy and disseminate source material and literature available to the community and the general public alike;
- Organize and publish books, chapters and encourage paper publishing in specialized journals and the International Journal of Cartography.
- Establish a consortium of universities organizing training courses on toponymy.
- Publish a study book on Critical Toponomastics.
- Promote the representation of under-represented groups on the research agenda (e.g. female commemorative naming, indigenous names).