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INTRODUCTION

Dear Colleagues,
this newsletter briefly summarizes our sessions in Moscow Regional Conference in 2015 and also contains invitation to International Geographical Union Congress in Beijing 2016.

Regional conference of IGU in 2015 had been organized in Moscow altogether with celebration of 170 anniversary of Russian Geographical Society. It was very well organized scientific event that also confirmed respected position of geography within Russian society (well visible e.g. in excellent media coverage). Organizer surprised participants for example by greetings from space during opening ceremony (given by astronauts abased on ISS). As far as our sessions are concerned, we could listen to more than 30 papers, with some posters presentations as well. We were pleased by good standard of presented research outcomes, as well as nice diversity of countries participating and many new young scholars joining our sessions for the first time.

Main Commission activity during 2016 will be our sessions held in Beijing IGU Congress. We selected sessions' topics that should cover "hot and emerging" issues in governance, as well as those issues that are more "massively" debated in depth. We usually have quite a large number of sessions within IGU Congresses, so we suppose that this will be the same in a case of Beijing Congress. Many colleagues indicated their plans to participate in Beijing already in advance. We believe that our sessions will be very fertile exchange of knowledge and research experiences.

During these months, we are concentrated on our publication activities. We believe that a book on local government and urban governance in Europe, as well as a volume on African issues will be prepared and published this year. Papers originally presented during our events have been submitted to several journals, e.g. International Journal of E-Planning Research (IJEPR), Quaestiones Geographicae, Pravni vjesnik - Journal of Law and Social Sciences, among others. I am very grateful to all contributors to these publications and to all those involved in this work as editors or reviewers.



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The Commission will face changes in Steering Committee, as well as in a position of Commission Chair, due to the end of their second term “in office”. We suppose to enrich Steering Commission with new colleagues interested in issues of governance and prepared to participate in Commission activities. We will clarify our future plans in details after new Steering Committee will be complete within forthcoming months. Nevertheless, we suppose to organize one-two main events a year as before. Depending on interest with we suppose to organize additional smaller, more narrowly focused workshops, potentially with colleagues from neighbouring disciplines and other scientific associations. Publication initiatives also remain among our main tasks.

With best wishes

Ján Buček,
February 2016, Bratislava, Slovakia

IGU 2015 REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW – OUR SESSIONS

Besides our annual conference in Lisbon, our conference activities focused on sessions within IGU 2015 Regional Conference in Moscow. This event was organized by Russian Geographical Society, Russian Academy of Science and Lomonosov Moscow State University - Faculty of Geography. The venue was very symbolic - the main campus of Moscow State University, well-known tower building situated in a park above the Moscow River (in fact conference rooms were in new buildings opposite this monumental building). The conference main theme is **“Geography, Culture and Society for Our Future Earth”** and was held from 17 to 21 August, 2015. The conference had been very well organized, with all services provided at high standard, with typical hospitality and interest for needs of participants. We worked for two busy days, with 7 sessions with oral presentations and 4 posters. We enjoyed nice global participation of scholars, with more participants coming e.g. from China, India and of course hosting country - Russian Federation. Issues covered by presentations concerned actual developments in urban and rural governance, its intersection with planning, or interesting cases in studying environmental governance. Besides our great thanks to organizers in general, we would like to thank volunteering student Igor Sereda for very reliable technical assistance during our sessions in Moscow. Many thanks for all those participating, reviewing submitted abstracts, organizing and chairing sessions. When summarizing the programme, we cannot forget to mention very good plenary sessions organized by IGU and organizers.



List of submitted papers and posters:

Aparna ASHOK (India) - The Problematic of 'Good' Governance in Globalizing Urban Regions of India

P P BALAN (India) - Deepening Democracy and Local Development - The Case of Kerala

Rupali Phukan BHUYAN, Dibyalata DEVEE (India) - Impact Of Development Activities On The Tribal Communities: A Case Study Of Tapatoli Gaon Panchayat, Dimoria, Kamrup (M), Assam

Jan BUCEK (Slovakia) - Governance in national urban policy formation in Slovakia

Roger C. K. CHAN (China - Hong Kong) - State-Space and Urban-Regional Development in China

Bidisha CHATTOPADHYAY (India) - Urban reforms: A case for inequity

Subhra CHATTOPADHYAY (India) - Feasibility of Participatory Rural Governance in the Web of Representative Democracy – a Case Study from India

Jie FAN, Chen DONG, Guo RUI, Wang YAFEI (China) - Focusing on the major function-oriented zone: A new spatial planning approach and practice in China

Erica FERRER (Brazil) - Intentionally territories of risk and the government's responsibility to reduce indices of homicides

Boyang GAO (China) - Spatial governance and Local Response of Industrial Development[^] the rise of the Computer Industry in Chongqing

Tuyara GAVRILYEVA (Russian Federation) - Social problems of the indigenous people in the Russian Arctic

Olga GLEZER (Russian Federation) - Regional legislation as an institution of regional development in modern Russia and the role of legal geography

Ioan IANOS, Irina SAGHIN (Romania) - The Administrative Region and the Territorial Structuring in Romania

Lingyue LI (China) - The multi-scale new area strategy in transitional China: Evidence from Chongqing Liangjiang

Yun LI, Jianfa SHEN (China) - State Capacity for the Economic Re-territorialization in China since the 1980s

Ekaterina MIKHAILOVA (Russian Federation) - Enhancing Local Problem Solving: Governance Structures and Networking in Russian "Twin Cities"

Łukasz MIKUŁA (Poland) - City-region as a 'soft space' for spatial planning. Between local policies and metropolitan governance in the Poznan urban area

Virginia MUDAU (South Africa) - Future-orientation municipal waste management planning in Limpopo province, South Africa



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Zdeněk OPRAVIL (Czech Republic) - Suburbanization & Czech Spatial Planning: Opportunities And Threats For The Development Of Czech Towns And Municipalities

Hindenburgo Francisco PIRES (Brazil) - The Global Control Of Governance Of The Internet By Internet Corporation For Assigned Name And Numbers (Icann) - 1998-2015

Ekaterina ROMANOVA (Russian Federation) - The role of institutional support as factor of industry location on the example of Germany and Russia

Alexander SHENDRIK (Russian Federation) - The problem of identification and delimitation of “resource regions” for the purposes of regional policy

Jinping SONG, Huiran HAN, Chengfeng YANG, Enru WANG, Meng ZHANG (China) - Evolution of Jobs-Housing Spatial Relationship in Beijing Metropolitan Area: A Job Accessibility Perspective

Wei SUN, HU Wangshu, YAN Mei, LV Chen (China) - Influencing factors of firewood consumption of rural household in restricted development zones: a case study of the Nujiang Prefecture in Yunnan Province

Natasa Maria TATUI-VAIDIANU, Ioan IANOS (Romania) - Integrated maritime policy for the Black Sea

Kausila TIMSINA (India) - Spatial Planning of Water Resource Development in Bhutan

Muhammad WAFIQ (Indonesia) - Modelling Palembang City Development Direction, In 1994, 2006, 2013, And The Correlation With Government Policy

Xiaoxia XU (China (Hong Kong)) - Multi-scalar State Spatial Selectivity and Variegated Spatiality: a Reflection on China’s Hybrid SocialistMarket Economy

Chang-Dong YE (China) - Intensive Use of Industrial Land and its Spatial Differentiation in Guangzhou from Sector-based Perspective

Basic details:

2015 IGU Regional Conference - **“Geography, Culture and Society for Our Future Earth”**

Date: 17-21 August, 2015

Organised by: Russian Geographical Society, Russian Academy of Science and Lomonosov Moscow State University - Faculty of Geography

Conference Venue: Lomonosov Moscow State University

website: www.igu2015.ru



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INVITATION TO BEIJING IGU CONGRESS IN 2016

Our Commission is traditionally well presented within IGU congresses. We believe that it will be the same during forthcoming Congress in Beijing. 33rd International Geographical Congress of the IGU will be held from 21 until 25 August, 2016 in Beijing, at the China National Convention Center (within Beijing Olympic Green). Main programme of the Congress is scheduled since Monday to Thursday, with possibility to join pre- and post-congress excursions. The main theme of the 2016 Congress is *“Shaping Our Harmonious Worlds”*.

You are kindly invited to join our Commission (Geography of Governance is listed usually as C.13, or as C 12.13) sessions that offer opportunity to share your research progress in many usual fields our Commission is focusing for years:

- 1. Environmental governance – spaces, actors and powers**
- 2. In search for more inclusive governance**
- 3. Citizen e-participation in local governance**
- 4. Innovations in public sector, public administration and public services**

On behalf of Steering Committee and sessions reviewers we guarantee that we will allocate sufficient time during our sessions also to young scholars and PhD students.

Registration is opened already since September 2015. It includes possibility for full registration, as well as one day registration. Full registration covers attendance to all Scientific Meetings, lunches, tea breaks, abstracts of Congress papers and Welcome Reception. “Early” registration fees are 400 USD (200 USD for students, student ID is required). Registration fees paid since 15 April to 15 July 2016 are bit more expensive (460 USD for participant, 230 USD for student). On-line registration is required before submitting abstract. For those interested to take part, congress dinner will be held on 23rd August, charged for 80 USD/person (paid with registration fees). Organizers offer plenty of interesting excursions with various durations, including popular one day excursions (e.g. Great Wall, Tiananmen & Forbidden City etc.). For more details see IGC web-site providing large amount of useful information concerning all aspects of participation.

Please remember following deadlines:

Call for abstracts/papers: 15 September, 2015 - **15 February, 2016**

Evaluation of abstract/papers: 16 February, 2016 - 15 April, 2016

Registration:

15 September, 2015 - **15 April, 2016** for early registration

16 April 2016 - **15 July, 2016** for regular registration

After 15 July, 2016 for late registration



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There is possibility to obtain travel grants for attendance of the 33rd International Geographical Congress in Beijing, August 21-25 2016. Kindly address all correspondence and application on this matter to IGU Vice-President Professor Joos Droogleever-Fortuijn (email: J.C.DroogleeverFortuijn@uva.nl). Within selection process, preference will be given to young, or emerging scholars, in particular to those from developing countries. In this case, full participation in the conference, including the closing ceremony, is required.

Congress details:

2016 IGU International Geographical Congress „**Shaping Our Harmonious Worlds**“

Date: 21-25 August, 2016

Organised by: Geographical Society of China and International Geographical Union

Conference Venue: China National Convention Center, Beijing

e-mail: IGC2016@igsnrr.ac.cn

website: <http://www.igc2016.org/dct/page/1>

LATEST BOOKS PREPARED BY THE COMMISSION MEMBERS ON THE MARKET

Buček, J., Ryder, A. 2015. ***Governance in Transition***. Publisher: Springer Netherlands, 341 pages, hardcover ISBN 978-94-007-5502-4; eBook ISBN 978-94-007-5503-1, DOI 10.1007/978-94-007-5503-1.

<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9789400755024#aboutBook>

Silva, C. N., Buček, J. Eds. 2014. ***Fiscal Austerity and Innovation in Local Governance in Europe***. Publisher: Ashgate. 206 pages, ISBN 978-1-4724-3243-8.

<http://www.ashgate.com/isbn/9781472432438>.

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