

22nd (Business) meeting of the Exonyms WG
New York, UN-HQ 2 May 2019 8:15-9:30am
number of participants: 21

Activities since the last business meeting (Aug 2017) were reported:

1. The proceedings of the Prague meeting were published as a book (name and place vol 7)
2. Report on the WG meeting in Riga, September 2018.
3. Proceedings from Riga is about to be submitted to the printers to be published as a book (Name and Place vol.8). It should be ready for distribution by July 2019. There is no funds for further book publication (any source of money will be welcomed), but probably the future proceedings papers can be made available on the web.
4. Announcement on the next WG meeting: (12-14 or 19-21) March 2020 Ljubljana. Probably together with WG on terminology.
5. Website - addition of H. Sabbar's book on Nubian names. Decided to make no distinction between "active" members and "corresponding" members - all will be listed together without e-mail addresses.
If you have any materials on exonyms (e.g. gazetteer of exonyms) please send URL or file to Matjaz
6. Report of other activities of members on exonym: As presented in the main meeting, Poland produced a new edition of their exonym list, Finland produced a website on their exonyms.
7. Open discussion on accomplishment of the WG and questions still open: Peter Jordan provided a summary, and pointed out topics such as:
 - 1) exonym / endonym status of transboundary features
 - 2) Adaptation of names to various languages (endonymoids)
 - 3) Written or spoken exonyms (are exophones exonyms?)
 - 4) Are phonetic transcriptions exonyms? (change of written form for better expression of local pronunciation)
 - 5) Donor supplied exonyms
 - 6) Exonyms for features without endonyms
 - 7) History and changes of exonyms
 - 8) Does language / officiality matter? can exonyms exist within the same language?

other participants raised topics such as:

Examples of change of use from exonyms to endonyms (reduction of exonyms)

Difficulties in implementing past resolutions on exonyms

It was pointed out that practitioners would prefer "practical" (e.g. implementation of resolutions) rather than "theoretical" (e.g. definition) topics.

8. Announcements on upcoming toponymy events:
15-20 July Tokyo,JP: International Cartographic Conference
3-5 Sep Baia Mare,RO: 5th International Conference on Onomastics

18-20 Sep Clarens,ZA: 5th International Symposium on Place Names

6-8 Nov Vienna, AT: Symposium "place names and migration"

Mar 2020, Ljubljana: Exonym and Terminology Joint Working group meeting