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Exonyms**Report of the Working Group on Exonyms****Summary****

The report provides a description of the activities of the Working Group on Exonyms since the 2019 session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, held in New York from 29 April to 3 May 2019. The twenty-second meeting of the Working Group, a business meeting, was held in New York on 2 May 2019 as a side event of the 2019 session. During the meeting, among other things, a summary of as yet unresolved issues regarding exonyms was presented. For the twenty-third meeting, a workshop was planned to be held in Ljubljana from 19 to 21 March 2020, hosted by the Anton Melik Geographical Institute. Regrettably, the meeting had to be cancelled at the last minute, owing to movement restrictions put in place in response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

In the meantime, in the middle of 2019, a book was published containing 17 full papers of the 19 papers presented at the twenty-first meeting of the Working Group, held in Riga from 24 to 26 September 2018. The book, entitled *The Classification of Exonyms*, is volume 8 of the series Name and Place – Contributions to Toponymic Literature and Research, published by Verlag Dr. Kovač.

* [GEGN.2/2021/1](#).

** The full report was prepared by the Convener of the Working Group on Exonyms, Kohei Watanabe. It will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2021/78/CRP.78, in the language of submission only, at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd_session_2021/.

