

# **ICOS Working Group on Toponymy**

**Business meeting  
in the framework of the  
4<sup>th</sup> (new) UNGEGN Session**

1 May 2025, 13.15-14.30

# Provisional Agenda

- (1) Opening
- (2) Adoption of the Agenda
- (3) Aims of the WG
- (4) Membership
- (5) Activities organized or co-organized by the WG (August 2024 – end of 2025)
- (6) Proposals for activities
- (7) Other matters
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Aims of the WG

# General aim

to promote research on toponymy with a holistic approach, i.e. from the perspectives of all sciences engaged and relevant in onomastics.

## In detail

- (1) Propose and organize sessions on place names in the framework of relevant conferences and congresses;
- (2) Organize symposia on toponymy in cooperation with local host institutions;
- (3) Develop, support and cooperate in toponymic research and book projects;
- (4) Cultivate international cooperation with relevant global organizations like the International Cartographic Association (ICA) and the International Geographical Union (IGU) represented by the Joint ICA/IGU Commission on Toponymy, as well as the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN).

The Working Group has a registered membership, a chair and a vice-chair.

Its members are members of ICOS or will gradually assume ICOS membership.

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Membership

# ICOS Working Group on Toponymy, registered members (by 1 May 2025)

## Europe

Austria:

**Akbari, Fatemeh**  
**Jordan, Peter**  
**Stani-Fertl, Roman**

Croatia:

**Crljenko, Ivana**

Czechia:

**Mácha, Přemysl**  
**Michalec, David**

Estonia:

**Alas, Marit**

Finland:

**Suviranta, Sami**

France:

**Gautier, Laurent**  
**Koch, Florian**  
**Rangel Vicente, Montserrat**  
**Sauvant, Michel**

Germany:

**Zschieschang, Christian**

Greece:

**Hionidis, Pandeileimon**

Hungary:

**Bölcskei, Andrea**  
**Reszegi, Katalin**  
**Wendl, Dávid**

Ireland:

**Mac Giolla Chomhghaill, Aindí**

Italy:

**Caiazzo, Luisa**

**Palagiano, Cosimo**

**Rieger, Marie A.**

Lithuania:

**Skorupa, Pavel**

Poland:

**Bijak, Urszula**

**Zagórski, Bogusław R.**

Romania:

**Bartos-Elekes, Zsombor**

**Felecan, Oliviu**

**Gînsac, Ana-Maria**

**Rusu, Mihai S.**

Russian Federation:

**Herzen, Andrey A.**

**Herzen, Olga**

Slovakia:

**Harvalík, Milan**

Slovenia:

**Geršič, Matjaž**

Spain:

**Garcia Quera, Núria**

**Tort i Donada, Joan**

Sweden:

**Neumüller, Kristina**

**Petrulevich, Alexandra**

Switzerland:

**Racca, Sara**

Ukraine:

**Nasakina, Svitlana**

**Redkva, Yaroslav**

United Kingdom:

**Alphey, Tristan**

**Baker, John**

**Parry, Rhian**



## Africa

Algeria:

**Atoui, Brahim**

**Bouhadjar, Souad**

South Africa:

**Du Plessis, Theodorus**

**Loth, Chrismi-Rinda**

Zimbabwe:

**Mamvura, Zvinashe**

**Pfukwa, Charles**

## North America

Canada:

**Beaulieu, Marc-Alexandre**

**Ferland, Yaïves**

United States:

**Momma, Haruko**

**Wade, David**

## South America

Brazil:

**Santos Andrade, Karylleila dos**

## Asia

China:

**Perono Cacciafoco, Francesco**  
**Wu, Shiyue**

China-Taiwan:

**Kang, Peter**

Republic of Korea:

**Kim, Sun-Bae**

## Australia and Oceania

Australia:

**Birtles, Susan**  
**Tent, Jan**

New Zealand:

**Matthews, Philip**

Elected Chair:

**Peter Jordan**

(Austrian Academy of Sciences,  
Institute of Regional and Urban  
Research, Austria  
University of the Free State,  
Faculty of Humanities)





Elected Vice-Chair:  
**Chrismi-Rinda Loth**  
(University of the Free State,  
Department of South African Sign  
Language and Deaf Studies,  
South Africa)



# Agenda item 5

Activities  
organized or co-organized by the WG

August 2024 – 1 May 2025



# 28<sup>th</sup> ICOS Congress

## Helsinki/Helsingfors, Finland

19-23 August 2024



**Tuesday, 20 August 2024, 08.30-15.00**

**Symposium: Minority place-name regulations in Europe**

(Chair: Peter JORDAN)

**Papers presented by**

Peter JORDAN (Austria)

Peeter PÄLL & Tiina LAANSALU (Estonia)

Aindí MAC GIOLLA CHOMGHAILL (Ireland)

Guy PUZEY & Ruairidh TARVET (United Kingdom)

Zsombor BARTOS-ELEKES (Romania)

Joan TORT I DONADA (Spain)

Yaroslav REDKVA & Michael LUKASHCHUK (Ukraine)

Rita BARANAUSKIENE & Ilona MICKIENÈ (Lithuania)

**To be published in the Congress Proceedings 2025**



# 35<sup>th</sup> IGU Congress Baile Athá Cliath/Dublin, Ireland

24-30 August 2024



# **29 August 2024: Session “Bi- or multilingual place names as markers of national, regional and local space-related identity”**

(Chair: Peter JORDAN)

## **Papers presented by**

Tadeusz SIWEK (Czechia)

Anna Maria PIOLETTI & Marta FAVRO (both Italy)

Antonio VIOLANTE (Italy)

Hak-khiam TIUN (Taiwan)

Kaisa Rautio HELANDER (Norway)

Norbert PAP, Marianna ÁCS, Péter REMÉNYI & Máté KITANICS  
(all Hungary)

Peter JORDAN (Austria)

Jonathan CHERRY & Gerry O'REILLY (both Ireland)

Zénaïde DERVIEUX (France)

Rassem MOHI-ELDEN KHAMAISI (Israel)

Wenchuan HUANG (Taiwan)

Guilia FERRANTE (Italy)

**A selection of papers will be published as a themed issue of  
Onoma (Onoma 61/2026)**

1 May – end of 2025



# **EuGeo 2025 Vienna [Wien]**

## **“Geographies of a Changing Europe”**

**8-11 September 2025**



**9 September 2025, 9.00-10.30, 11.00-12.30:**  
**Session “Place names between cultural heritage and cultural change”**

(Chair: Peter JORDAN)

**Papers to be presented by**

Katalin RESZEGI (Hungary)

Rhian PARRY (United Kingdom)

Souad BOUHADJAR (Algeria)

Gabriel MORENO-DELGADO (Spain)

Branimir VUKOSAV (Croatia)

Ivana CRLJENKO (Zagreb)

Florian KOCH, Laurent GAUTIER, Matthieu LLORCA (all France)

Donata DOROTA WYSOCKA et al. (Poland)



# 32<sup>nd</sup> International Cartographic Conference, Vancouver, Canada

“Mapping the future: innovation, inclusion, and  
sustainability”

16-22 August 2025





# Eighth International Symposium on Place Names (ISPN) 2025, Clarens, South Africa

“Harmonising toponymic heritage: balancing  
standardisation and local diversity”

26-29 November 2025



**Organized by**

the **Department of South African Sign Language and Deaf Studies** at the University of the Free State (RSA),

in partnership with

- the **Joint ICA/IGU Commission on Toponymy**
- as well as the **ICOS Working Group on Toponymy**.

**Call for papers already closed.**

**Registration by [kongresETFB@ufs.ac.za](mailto:kongresETFB@ufs.ac.za)**



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## Proposals for activities

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Other matters

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Closure

**Thank you for attending!**

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