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ROMANO-HELLENIC DIVISION

International scientific symposium
Place Names as Intangible Cultural Heritage
Florence [Firenze] – Italy, 26th - 27th March 2015

Venue:
Auditorium of the Italian Army Unified Circle
Via della Scala, 68 – Florence



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Accademia della Crusca (Italy), Italian Geographic Military Institute, Government of the Tuscany Region



PROGRAMME

26 March 2015

10:00' – Registration of participants.

10:40' – Opening session

- Cesare Alimenti, Deputy Commander of Italian Geographic Military Institute – Italy
- Anna Marson, Tuscan Regional Minister for Spatial Planning and Landscape – Italy
- Alberto Nocentini, Accademia della Crusca – Italy
- Carlo Alberto Mastrelli, Emeritus professor of the University of Florence – Italy.

11:30' – First session: Prolegomena

- Andrea Cantile, Chair of the UNGEGN Romano-Hellenic Division – Italy
Place names as intangible cultural heritage: introduction to the symposium.
- Helen Kerfoot, Honorary Chair of the UNGEGN – Canada
UNGEGN, National Names Authorities and cultural heritage.
- Peter Jordan, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Convenor, UNGEGN WG on Exonyms – Austria
Geographical names as part of the cultural heritage – some general thoughts.

12:45' – Presentation of the Tuscany Region

- Maurizio Trevisani and Umberto Sassoli, Tuscan Regional Ministry for Spatial Planning and Landscape – Italy
Place names of Tuscany. From the cartographic sources to diachronic database.

13:00' – Lunch

14:20' – Photo of the participants in the garden of the Italian Army Unified Circle.

14:40' – Second session: Genius loci, identity, safeguard and preservation of the place names

Chair, Leif Nilsson, UNGEGN WG on Geographical Names as Cultural Heritage, University of Uppsala – Sweden

- Cosimo Palagiano, Emeritus professor of the “Sapienza” University of Rome, Accademia dei Lincei – Italy
Genius loci and identity.
- Enzo Caffarelli, University of Roma Tor Vergata – Italy
The place name in the complexity of transonymic processes. A cultural-historical heritage to be safeguarded and preserved beyond its primary referentiality.
- Alberto Nocentini, University of Florence, Accademia della Crusca – Italy
Toponymy as source of (pre)history: our oldest river names.
- Elena Dai Prà, University of Trento – Italy
Territoriality and toponyms. Borders and bordering in Trentino historical maps.
- Discussion

16:20' – Coffee break

16:40' – Third session: Place names standardization and cultural heritage

Chair, Helen Kerfoot, Honorary Chair of the UNGEGN – Canada

- Leif Nilsson and Annette Torensjö, Co-convenors, UNGEGN WG on Geographical Names as Cultural Heritage – Sweden
Place-names as intangible cultural heritage - the example of Sweden.

- Élisabeth Calvarin, UNGEGN, Chair of UNGEGN French-Speaking Division – France
The toponymic heritage of Ile-de-France through public transport.
- Marta Montilla Lillo, Instituto Geográfico Nacional – Spain
Situation and developments in the standardization of geographical names in Spain.
- Andreas Hadjiraftis, President of the Permanent Committee for the Standardization of Geographical Names – Cyprus
Toponymic Standardization in Cyprus, Geographical Names - Intangible Cultural Heritage.
- Discussion

18:30' – Closing

20:00' – Social dinner

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9:20' – Fourth session: Historical and geographical point of view (first part)

Chair, Cosimo Palagiano, Emeritus professor of the “Sapienza” University of Rome, Accademia dei Lincei – Italy

- Laura Cassi, University of Florence, Society for Geographical Studies – Italy
Geographical aspects of place names research. An overview.
- Giuliana Biagioli, University of Pisa – Italy
A cultural heritage: Toponymy in Tuscany. An historical, geographical and linguistic enquiry with GIS support.
- Matteo Massarelli, University of Florence – Italy
Cultural heritage and landscape in Tuscan toponymy with special reference to the West Coast.
- Nicola Gabellieri, University of Genova – Italy
A changing identity: from an agrarian and manufacturing region to a multi-function territory.

10:40' Coffee break

11:00' – Fourth session: Historical and geographical point of view (second part)

- Stefano Piastra, University of Bologna – Italy
The Projection Overseas of a Toponym. The Placename 'Ravenna' in the USA.
- Alessandro Camiz, Sapienza University of Rome – Italy
On the origin and persistence of praedial toponyms in Central Italy.
- Furio Ciciliot, Savonese Society of National History – Italy
The Historical Toponymy Project: materials for studying a territory.
- Graziano Ferrari and Gabriele Tarabusi, National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology, and Nicola di Novella, Naturalist – Italy
A territory speaking as people: the dialects in place names.
- Andrea Masturzo, University of Bergamo – Italy
Cartography and toponymy: the denomination of the African territory in Italian colonial experience.
- Discussion

– Closing of the International symposium and conclusions.

13:00' – Lunch

14:30' – Sightseeing tour: Florence from Piazzale Michelangelo (by reservation).