

September 2010 NEWSLETTER

Dear Colleagues

Please find below the September 2010 newsletter for the IGU-Commission on Local and Regional Development .

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1. Activities Report

The Commission on Local and Regional Development annual meeting was framed within the IGU Regional Conference in Israel, July 12-16. The venue for the Conference was the Dan Panorama Hotel in coastal Tel Aviv. The program was diversified and together with one joint session with the Commission on Marginalization, Globalization and Regional and Local Response with Local Development there were altogether 18 papers.

Sessions of the Commission on Local Development

Tel-Aviv, July 2010

SESSION 1: REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT: SOCIAL, BEHAVIOURAL AND POLICY ISSUES

Chair: **M. Sofer**, Israel

C. Vázquez, J.M. Martínez

Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha, Spain

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL CAPITAL: FINDINGS AND INSIGHTS IN CASTILLA-LA MANCHA REGION (SPAIN)

J. Kolejka

Academy of Sciences of Czech Republic, Czech Republic

POST-INDUSTRIAL LANDSCAPE – PHYSICAL CHANGES AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES

T. Sorensen

University of New England, Armidale, Australia

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT IN MARKET ECONOMIES

L.M. Korytny, L.A. Bezrukov

V.B. Sochava Institute of Geography SB RAS, Irkutsk Russia

SIBERIA AS THE MAIN WEALTH OF RUSSIA

SESSION 2: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE RURAL SPACE I

Chair: **J. Banski**, Poland

R. Nurkovic

The University in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION OF RURAL AREAS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

A. Vaishar, M. Woods, **M. Stastna**, H. Mrazkova

Mendel University Brno, Czech Republic, Aberystwyth University, Institute of Geography and Earth Sciences, UK

EUROPEAN RURAL REGIONS IN THE ERA OF GLOBALIZATION: THE SOUTH MORAVIA CASE STUDY

J. Bernard, T. Kostelecký

Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic

CAN WE MEASURE THE INFLUENCE OF ENDOGENOUS DEVELOPMENT FACTORS IN SMALL RURAL MUNICIPALITIES?

SESSION 3: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE RURAL SPACE II

Chair: **T. Sorensen**, Australia

L. Mendes Barbosa

Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil

BETWEEN OLD AND NEW PARADIGMS: CLIENTELISM TRADITION, LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM OF ONE MILLION RURAL RAINWATER CISTERNS (P1MC) IN THE MIDDLE JEQUITINHONHA, MINAS GERAIS, BRAZIL

M. Sofer, L. Applebaum

Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INEQUALITY IN THE RURAL SPACE IN ISRAEL

K. Czapiewski

Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland

SUCCESSFUL RURAL AREAS – IDENTIFICATION OF CREATIVE FACTORS

S. Sao

University of North Bengal, India

POLICIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL STONE WORK INDUSTRY: CASE STUDY IN EASTERN INDIA

SESSION 4: REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Chair: **S. Sao**, India

J. Banski

Polish Academy of Science, Warsaw, Poland

THE INFLUENCES OF EU BORDER ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT – AN EXAMPLE OF

BORDERLAND OF THE LUBLIN REGION

V. Vozenilek, H. Kilianova, S. Fabbro, J. Burian, J. Svobodova, J. Iliopoulou-Georgudaki

Palacky University, Olomouc, Czech Republic, University of Udine, Italy, University of Patra, Greece

GEOGRAPHIC APPROACHES IN STRATEGIC SPATIAL PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT IN DIFFERENT NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

R. Khamaisi

University of Haifa, Israel

DEVELOPMENT OF A DIRECTORATE FOR MANAGING LOCAL INDUSTRIAL AREA IN ARAB LOCALITIES IN ISRAEL

T. Sorensen

University of New England, Armidale, Australia

COMMUNITY SURVIVAL IN A GLOBAL WORLD: AN AUSTRALIAN PERSPECTIVE

SESSION 5: Joint Session MARGINALIZATION, GLOBALIZATION AND REGIONAL AND LOCAL RESPONSE WITH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: **K. Czapiewski**, Poland

C. Chen, **D. Lopez-Carr**

University of California, Santa Barbara, CA, USA

FROM SUBJECTS TO CITIZENS: EMPOWERING LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN AN AGE OF GLOBALIZATION

P. Churski, A. Borowczak

Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznan, High School of Humanities and Journalism in Poznan, Poland

EFFICIENCY OF INTERVENTIONS CO-FINANCED BY EU STRUCTURAL FUNDS IN WIELKOPOLSKA IN YEARS 2004-2006

P.Y. Baklanov

Pacific Institute of Geography FEB RAS, Vladivostok, Russia

THE PACIFIC RUSSIA: PROBLEMS AND FACTORS OF A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The following congress internet site contains all the information about the congress:

<http://www.igu2010.com/siteFiles/3/61/64555.asp>

2. Future conferences

A. The 2011 **annual meeting** of the Commission will be held in Seoul. It will take place within the framework of the Third Global Conference on Economic Geography: Space, Economy and Environment, which will be held on 28 June - 1 July 2011, COEX, Seoul. The commission proposed theme for its sessions, and which could also serve the conference is a simple one:

"Local development in a Globalized World - Issues and Implications". We had this experience in the past when we had our annual meeting in the previous Global Conference on Economic Geography in Beijing 2007. We are glad that two members of the commission's steering committee are on the International Advisory Committee of the conference: Prof. Bjorn Asheim and Prof. Michael Storper.

Please submit abstracts (300-500 words) online at www.space-economy.org. While submitting please specify the IGU Commission on Local Development as the destination of your abstract. A copy of the abstract can be sent to me as well at: soferm1@mail.biu.ac.il

Abstract due: Jan. 31, 2011

Registration due: March 31, 2011

<http://www.space-economy.org/conference/>

The updated timetable of the Commission on Local Development activities: 2011-2014

Theme	Comments	Place	Month	
Local development in a Globalized World - Issues and Implications.	Commission annual meeting	Seoul	June 28 – July 1	2011
To be decided.	IGU International Congress	Köln	August 26-30	2012
To be decided.	Commission annual meeting	Belo-Horizonte, Brazil	To be decided	2013
To be decided.	IGU Regional Conference	Krakow	To be decided	2014

B. Corresponding members should be aware, that the IGU has moved to have three regional conferences, rather than one, between the four-yearly IGU Congresses. Next year, there will be a regional conference in Santiago, Chile. The Köln Congress in 2012 will be followed by meetings in Kyoto (2013), Krakow (2014), Moscow (2015), and Beijing in 2016.

(1) IGU Regional Conference, Santiago, Chile, 2011

A regional IGU Conference is to be held in Santiago, Chile in late 2011.

Date: November 14th-18th, 2011.

Venue: Liberator Bernardo O'Higgins Military School, Santiago, Chile.

Theme: 'United and Integrated with the World'.

Further information on the conference, its organization and sub-themes can be found on the website :www.igi2011.cl

(2) 32nd IGU International Congress, Köln, Germany, 2012

The 32nd IGU Congress will be held in Köln, Germany.

Date: August 26th-30th, 2012.

Venue: University of Cologne, Köln, Germany.

Theme: 'Down to Earth'

The 32nd International Geographical Congress will 'focus scientific attention on the core themes of humanity'. Further information on the conference, its organization and sub-themes will become available on the website: www.Cologne2012.de

C. Other conferences

(1) XIV Congress of the Russian Geographical Society, Saint-Petersburg, Russia, 2010

Date: November 22nd-26th, 2010.

Venue: Saint-Petersburg, Russia.

Website: <http://int.rgo.ru/> [English language version of the Congress website.]

Please see the website for more details of the Congress. You may also contact Keeniya Ivanenko at: kseniya.ivanenko@rgo.ru.

(2) European Association of Geographers Congress, Athens, Greece, 2011

Date: June 2nd-5th, 2011.

Venue: Titania Hotel, Athens, Greece.

Theme: 'Geography: Your World – A European Perspective'.

Website: www.eurogeography.eu

The European Association of Geographers – EUROGEO – in collaboration with the Laboratory of Geography of the National Technical University of Athens, Greece (NTUA), is organizing its annual meeting for 2011 in Athens, Greece. The scope of the Congress is for original and innovative papers to be presented which will substantially improve, in a theoretical, conceptual or empirical way, the quality of research, learning, teaching and application in geography, as well as in promoting the significance of geography as a discipline.

The deadline for abstract submission is: January 31st, 2011.

3. Publications

The outcome of last year annual meeting in Warsaw was a special volume of the Journal Rural Studies edited by Jerzy Banski. Rural Studies Volume no. 20 carried the title: ***Socio-Economic Disparities and the Role of Local Development*** and contained 9 of the papers that were presented in that meeting. Those who are willing to receive a copy of the journal may approach Jerzy Banski: jbanski@twarda.pan.pl

We are following last year's success and Jerzy Banski is editing another volume of Rural Studies of selected refereed papers presented at the sessions in the meeting in Tel-Aviv, July 2010.

4. Relevant information

A. Collaboration with other commissions:

In the past we have collaborated with other commissions, particularly in operating the annual meeting. Recently, two commission heads have approached us, suggesting a future cooperation, again on the basis of a joint annual conference. The two commissions are:

1. **Sustainability of Rural Systems**
2. **Marginalization, Globalization, and Regional and Local Responses**

I'll be happy to receive your opinions on this matter, and I expect people to suggest topics that could suit and deserve such cooperation. Write to me to the following address: soferm1@mail.biu.ac.il

B. I would like to have a section in the newsletter titled **NEWS FROM OUR COLLEAGUES**. These may include announcements regarding forthcoming conferences, conference reports, new books and other publications, educational programs, etc. So I hereby submit a request to one and all to send us news that you think may be relevant to our activities, and wish us to spread among our members. We are particularly interested to hear about research in the realms of Local Development, program and courses that are taught in universities and research institutions, conferences that are being organized, new publications relevant to the field of local development, and other issues of interest that you would like to share with us.

There are some areas where the Commission has not made much progress. We should be adopting a correspondent structure to make sure that colleagues interested in what we do will be able to receive such information. We would like to increase the number of corresponding members. Names of potential corresponding people are welcome. [soferm1@mail.biu.ac.il]

Please spread the news about the commission among all those persons you might think may have interest to take part in the LD commission's future sessions. Also, please let me know if we can add any of your colleagues to the mailing list, perhaps new members in your department or others you meet at conferences interested in our activities.

C. The information in this newsletter will be uploaded to the Commission's web site at: <http://www.biu.ac.il/soc/ge/igucomld/>

For IGU updates check the Home of Geography website:

<http://www.homeofgeography.org/>

With best wishes,

Michael Sofer

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