

October 2011 NEWSLETTER

Dear Colleagues

Please find below the October 2011 newsletter of the IGU-Commission for Local Development.

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1. Activities Report

The Commission on Local and Regional Development annual meeting was framed within the Third International Conference on Economic Geography, in Seoul, South Korea, 28 June - 1 July. The venue for the Conference was the COEX conference centre. The program was based on two sessions of which the papers details are shown below.

Sessions of the Commission on Local and Regional Development

Seoul, 28 June- 1 July, 2011

Session 1: Local development in the rural space				
Chair of session: Professor Jerzy Banski				
Restructuring of the rural-urban fringe of the Tel-Aviv Metropolitan Area: Revitalizing agricultural settlements and their activities	Sofer	Michael	Israel	Head of IGU Commission on Local Development, Department of Geography and Environment, Bar-Ilan University, Israel
Local development in a globalized world: how much of the rural areas are local or global? The case of the French "Poles d'Excellence Rurale"	Ceapraz	Ion Lucian	France	Polytechnic Institute LaSalle Beauvais, research unit PICAR-T (Processus d'Innovation, Compétitivité dans l'Agriculture et la Ruralité & Territoires), France
Information technology and the knowledge economy in France's rural areas: Firms,	Moriset	Bruno	France	University of Lyon, France

networks, and regional development				
Spatial difference of coordinative development of urban and rural areas and its mechanism in Gansu Province, China	Shi	Peiji	China	Dean, College of Geographic and Environmental Science Northwest Normal University, China
Session 2: Local and regional development in a globalizes world				
Chair of session: Professor Michael Sofer				
Localism in the face of globalization processes	Banski	Jerzy	Poland	Deputy Head of IGU Commission on Local Development, Institute of Earth Science, Maria Curie-Sklodowska University in Lublin, Poland
Towards quantum regional policy: Effective local development under uncertainty	Sorensen	Anthony	Australia	Division of Geography and Planning, School of Behavioural Cognitive and Social Science, University of New England, Australia
Local development in a globalized world	Derban	Galina	Russia	Altay State Technical university named after I.I. Polzunov, Russia
Infrastructure, accessibility and resources – changes in the school system and in the level of education in the Mazovia region (Poland) in the 1970-2002 period	Czapiewski	Konrad	Poland	Institute of Geography, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland

Besides these sessions various issues of local development were spread all over the conference sessions. We are glad that two members of the commission's steering committee

were on the International Advisory Committee of the conference: Prof. Bjorn Asheim and Prof. Michael Storper. Bjorn himself was very active in the plenary sessions.

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

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

2. Future conferences

A. The 2012 **annual meeting** of the Commission will be held in Cologne, Germany. It will take place within the framework of the 32nd International Geographical Union congress under the theme ***Down to Earth***. The dates are: **26-30 August 2012**. **Venue:** University of Cologne, Cologne (Köln), Germany.

We follow past experience when we had our annual meetings in the IGU Congress in Glasgow in 2004, in the IGU Congress in Tunis 2008 and in the IGU Regional Conference Tel-Aviv in 2010.

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

<https://igc2012.org/frontend/index.php>

Please submit abstracts (up to 300 words) online at:

https://igc2012.org/frontend/index.php?sub=12&ses_id=693dcfe3f627816e3df7c9a51db88391

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@biu.ac.il

Abstract due: 15 December 2011

Online registration for the IGC 2012 will open on **2 November 2011**

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

Year	Month	Place	Comments	Theme
2012	August 26-30	Cologne	IGU Congress	Down to earth
2013	August	Kyoto *	IGU Regional Conference	To be decided
2014	To be decided	Belo-Horizonte, Brazil	Commission annual meeting	To be decided

* I would like to inform all the corresponding members about a planned field trip to Vladivostok that we are organising in 2013 in association with the Pacific Geographical Institute of the Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, located in Vladivostok. The trip will be attached to the IGU regional conference in Kyoto. Additional details will be offered as we advance with the organisation of the meeting in Kyoto and this specific field trip.

Prof. Atsushi Taira will assist the commission in organising the meeting in Kyoto. If you have any early requests and comments you can write to me or directly to Atsushi:

taira@ed.kagawa-u.ac.jp

The home page of this congress is: <http://www.igu-kyoto2013.org/>

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

D. IGU Regional Conference, Santiago, Chile, 2011

A regional IGU Conference is to be held in Santiago, Chile next month. Jurek Banski took charge to manage the sessions of the Commission on Local Development that will be held in this conference.

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: <http://www.ugi2011.cl/>

3. Publications

A. We are following the outcome of 2009 meeting 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. The volume is being edited at present and should be out soon.

Those who are willing to receive a copy of the journal may approach Jerzy Banski: jbanski@twarda.pan.pl

Corresponding members who are willing to inform other members of any new publication, concerning issues of local development, written by them or any other scholar are welcome to send me the details and I'll take care to diffuse the message and the details among our members.

B. Our member Tony Sorensen is a co-editor of the Australasian Journal of Regional Studies, the journal of the Australia and New Zealand Regional Science Association. He is looking for quality articles on regional analysis and development. The content need not be Australia and New Zealand specific and can be largely theoretical. His email address for journal copy is Tony.Sorensen@une.edu.au.

4. Relevant information and news

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. You are welcome to offer cooperation with other commissions as well. Write to me to the following address: soferm1@biu.ac.il

B. I raise again my request. 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.

We would like to increase the number of corresponding members. 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. Names of potential corresponding people are welcome.

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/>

The latest newsletter has been published in July 2011.

Also check the new web site of the IGU

<http://www.igu-online.org/>

With best wishes,

Michael Sofer

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