

2nd Circular

Symposium GeoNames08

Geographical names as part of the cultural heritage

Vienna, 19-21 May 2008

Austrian Academy of Sciences, Theatersaal, 1010 Wien, Sonnenfelsgasse 19

Dear colleagues,

We are happy to say that our 1st circular received wide response and that more than 60 colleagues and experts from 23 countries have formally registered for our symposium. We also received many interesting paper proposals and I would like to thank all of you, who have engaged themselves in this competition. An advisory and papers committee composed of representatives of all DGSD countries undertook the effort to discuss the programme and approved the programme structure as you find it enclosed.

When you find yourself in this **final list of papers**, please send me (peter.jordan@oeaw.ac.at) an **abstract** in the length of ca. 200 words by 30 April 2008, should you not have already done so. This is to support the work of session moderators, who will still be nominated.

We plan to publish the **proceedings** of our symposium in the well-established book series "Wiener Schriften zur Geographie und Kartographie" (series editors Wolfgang Kainz, Karel Kriz, Andreas Riedl) at the University of Vienna. Should you be interested in having your paper included into these proceedings, please, send me a notice also by 30 April. This will bring us into the position to calculate the volume and to define the maximum length of a paper as well as to provide you with guidelines for authors. Delivery of your complete paper will then be requested by 30 June 2008. The volume is to be published by the end of 2008.

The one-day **excursion** on 21 May around Lake Neusiedl will start at 8 a.m. and end at appr. 7 p.m.

All participants having requested **hotel room reservation** will be served according to their wishes and informed about their hotel under separate cover.

I would also like to draw your attention to the **subsequent meetings** of the UNGEGN Working Group on Pronunciation and the UNGEGN Working Group on Terminology on 22nd May 2008 at the same venue. Please, ask the convenors of these working groups for more details (WGP: Dónall Mac Giolla Easpaig dmacgiollaepaspaig@pobail.ie; WGT: Staffan Nyström staffan.nystrom@raa.se)

Detailed information including a structured schedule of the GeoNames08 symposium and everything necessary to know about the venue will be disseminated to all registered participants at the beginning of May.

With kind regards

Peter Jordan