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Message from the Chair

by ETIENNE PIGUET

Dear colleagues,

Here is the 2nd Newsletter for 2013!

I want to thank all of you for your engagement during this very rich year. I also would like to remind you to use the opportunity of conferences and talks related to population geography to circulate e-mail lists for people to register as corresponding members of our commission.

Finally, I am happy to announce that our website

www.hss.adelaide.edu.au/socialsciences/igu/

is now fully operational and I would like to thank most heartedly the Adelaide team around Prof. Graeme Hugo for their excellent work in maintaining the site!

Conference Report: 7th International Conference on Population Geographies, Groningen, June 2013

by ETIENNE PIGUET

The conference was hosted by the University of Groningen. It was supported - among others - by the IGU Commission on Population Geography.

Keynote speeches were given by Sarah Harper "Re-thinking Global Ageing"), Cristina Martinez-Fernandez ("The impact of demographic change on local labour markets") and Martin Bell on the IMAGE project - Internal Migration Around the Globe.

Special sessions addressed the issues of Population Decline, Healthy Ageing, Global Population Growth, En-

vironmental Change and Migration, Highly Skilled Migration between the Global North and South, Arctic Population Geography, Internal Migration of Graduates and Regional Labour Markets.

All documents are still available here: <http://www.rug.nl/research/ursi/events/icpg2013/programme>

The 8th International Conference on Population Geographies will take place in 2015 in Brisbane, Australia.

Conference Report: IGU Kyoto Regional Conference, August 2013

by ETIENNE PIGUET

The conference was well attended: The total number of participants, including both pre-registration and on-site registration, was 1,434 persons. If the number of participants from sponsor companies/organizations were added, this number would amount to approximately 1,500 persons. Such an attendance is more than previously expected, and it seems fairly high for an IGU Regional Conference.

Seven specific sessions on topics related to population geography were organized by the commission

1. Transnational migrants and the cosmopolitan possibilities of the city Chair: Prof. B. Yeoh
2. Population migration and climate change (1) Chair: Prof. Hugo
3. Population migration and climate change (2) Chair: Prof. Piguet
4. Population change and social impacts (1) Chair: Prof. Shen
5. Population change and social impacts (2) Chair: Prof. Shen
6. Population change and social impacts (3) Chair: Prof. Shen
7. Population change and social impacts (4) Chair: Prof. Shen

Three additional sessions welcomed general contributions in the field of population geography.

All documents are available here: <http://oguchaylab.csis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/IGU2013/index.html>

Conference Report: EUGEO, Rome, Italy, September 2013

by ETIENNE PIGUET

The fourth EUGEO Congress took place in Rome, Italy, 5-7 September 2013, at the University of Rome La Sapienza and at the Societa Geografica Italiana (Villa Celimontana) under the title "Europe, what's next? Changing geographies and geographies of change".

Several sessions touched upon issues related to population geography. Prof. Piguet participated in a session on Recent development in global changes and human mobility organized by Armando Montanari. See the abstracts here: <http://www.eugeo2013.com/component/content/article/36-call-for-papers/88-s26>

Full program: <http://www.eugeo2013.com/>

Conference Report: Comment questionner les liens migrations et développement dans les Afriques du centre et de l'ouest – Dschang (Cameroon) November 2013

by ETIENNE PIGUET

The conference was hosted by the University of Dschang under the scientific responsibility of Pierre Kamden and Nathalie Kotlok. It was supported - among others - by the IGU Commission on Population Geography.

Les migrations font débat dans les sociétés de départ, de transit et d'arrivée. Elles sont soit intimement liées à l'amélioration des conditions de vie des uns et aux profits de quelques autres, soit aux déplacements forcés, aux drames humains ou aux exploitations issues d'un temps que l'on pourrait espérer révolu. Ces ambivalences lient de fait les migrations internationales à la question du « développement » que ce colloque ambitionne de revisiter en explorant entre autres les rapports modulés que les migrants entretiennent à l'ordre institutionnel et aux dynamiques socio-spatiales qu'ils incorporent ou modifient à diverses échelles et de différentes manières. Cette approche s'opèrera dans une perspective comparative féconde des travaux de terrains divers, aussi bien d'Afrique de l'Ouest que d'Afrique du Centre.

Future Conferences

by ETIENNE PIGUET

Krakow 2014 (18-22 August) – Regional IGU Conference

Corresponding organizer: Slawomir Kurek. Details: <http://www.igu2014.org/>

The theme of the conference is "Changes, Challenges, Responsibility".

Registration for the conference started on 1 November 2013.

Six session proposals on POPULATION GEOGRAPHY were accepted and included in the official call for papers:

Session 1: Processes of population change and migration

Organizers: Jianfa Shen, Department of Geography and Resource Management. The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, E-mail: jianfa@cuhk.edu.hk
Yu Zhu, School of Geography, Fujian Normal University, China, E-mail: zhu300@fjnu.edu.cn

Abstract: Different countries, regions and cities are experiencing different paces and patterns of population change and migration. Some countries and regions are experiencing rapid population growth and urbanization while others are facing population decline. They are driven by profound social and economic changes in the recent decades and the demographic change will also affect social and economic development in various parts of the world. There is continued need to examine the divergent population change and migration processes, as well as policy implications. The aim of this session is to examine emerging trends of population change and migration in different countries, regions and cities. Each paper can focus on a particular case and all participants can exchange and compare the processes, patterns and policy options of population change and migration in different parts of the world.

Session 2: Education migration within and across the global world

Organizer: Darren Smith, University of Loughborough, E-mail: d.p.smith@lboro.ac.uk

Abstract: Education-led forms of migration within nation states and across international borders are increasingly being investigated as a major component of

population redistribution (Findlay et al., 2012). In this session, we seek papers that demonstrate the diversity of migration flows and processes that are influenced by education-related decision-making and aspirations. Papers are sought which shed light on the following dimensions of education migration: sub-national, international or global movement of consumers of education (i.e. pupils, students) and / or providers of education (e.g. teachers, academics, policy makers) in formal (creches, nurseries, schools, education) and informal settings.

Session 3: Population migration and Climate change

Organizer: Etienne Piguet - University of Neuchâtel - Etienne.piguet@unine.ch

Abstract: The amount of empirical research focusing on the link between environmental degradation and forced migration in order to forecast the migratory consequences of global warming has risen significantly in recent years. The variety of empirical methods used by researchers is impressive, ranging from qualitative interviews and historical analogies to questionnaire surveys and highly sophisticated statistical methods. This session will attempt at an overview of recent empirical results as well as at a critical assessment of different methodologies. This session will be an opportunity to collect and compare empirical results in different parts of the world.

Session 4: Reurbanization in Europe – Comparing Trends and Driving Factors

Organizer: Paul Gans, University of Mannheim, e-mail: paulgans@uni-mannheim.de

Abstract: In Germany cities have improved their image as places to live. After decades of decline large German cities with at least 100,000 inhabitants have registered population growth since the beginning of the 21st century. Nevertheless this reinforcing trend does not apply to all large cities. There is a remarkable diverging development within the urban system with growth on the one hand and decline on the other hand which influences the perspectives of future city development. The aim of the session is to examine emerging trends in recent years in European countries and to compare driving factors. What factors fuel this polarization between the cities? In which combination do factors on the local (e.g. economic structure, education facilities, urban projects, urban development path), on the regional (e.g.

innovative capacity and competitiveness of enterprises, promotion of trade and industry) or on the national (e.g. migration policies, consequences of the economic crisis, demographic change) level influence the population development of cities?

Session 5: Migrations: internal and international. Spatial patterns and models.

Organizer: Alina Potrykowska – The Government Population Council of Poland - a.potrykowska@stat.gov.pl

Abstract: The geographical pattern of internal and international migration flows has changed rapidly over the last few years and it is still changing. In view of the uncertainties about the benefits and drawbacks of rural-urban migration, detailed investigations should be undertaken of the causes and effects of differing migration streams. New flows have developed within the more developed countries. Moreover, this should also be done for international migration streams, which are generally from lesser to more developed countries where economic opportunities are greater, but the growing number of refugee movements has complicated the patterns. This session will focus also on migration and human mobility in contemporary modernization crisis, and conceptual geographical aspects of territorial dynamics.

Session 6: Spatial patterns of fertility

Organizer: Sławomir Kurek– Pedagogical University of Cracow, Institute of Geography - sgkurek@up.krakow.pl

Abstract: Geographical variations in fertility levels exist across continents, countries and regions. Many countries are currently experiencing significant reductions in fertility with many underlying causes of this phenomenon. Fertility decline below the replacement level leading to ageing populations is one of the most important contemporary demographic problems in Europe. In terms of theoretical background the changes in the level of fertility can be explained by the concept of the second demographic transition (SDT) and its regional disparities within particular countries may result from different timing in the spread of value orientations associated with SDT. The changes in fertility patterns may proceed differently in large cities, suburban zones or rural areas. Different levels of fertility in terms of

individual regions may therefore be the result of many complex variables, related to the specific of the study areas in terms of their socio-economic situation as well as cultural differences, namely the level of education, economic activity, the availability of institutional forms of care and education for children, job opportunities for women, the availability and price of housing, the social environment and prevailing attitudes about family, religion and ethnicity). The aim of this session is to discuss geographical patterns of fertility at different scale (macro, mezo and micro), in Europe and in the world as well as to focus on the underlying causes of fertility decline and its consequences.

Conferences in 2015 and 2016:

- Moscow 2015 IGU - regional conference <http://www.igu2015.ru/> .
- 8th International Conference on Population Geographies 2015 – Brisbane - Australia
- Beijing 2016 IGU – International Geographical Congress

Minutes of the «Business meeting» - IGU Commission on population geography (CPG)

by ETIENNE PIGUET

Thursday August 8th 2013 – Room “K” – Kyoto Intern. Conference Center– Kyoto – 17:30pm

Participants from the steering committee: Etienne Piguet (chair), Jianfa Shen (vice-chair), Brenda Yeoh, Alina Potrykowska.

All corresponding members were invited to attend the BM by e-mail a few days in advance and about 10 were present.

The meeting starts with a round of presentation of each participant.

E. Piguet reports on the Commissions chairs meeting with the IGU executive committee of Wednesday 7th.

Steering committee

Nikola Sander (Wittgenstein Centre (Vienna)) is the new secretary of the Commission and member of the Steering committee. She published the first 2013 Newsletter a few weeks ago. Thanks a lot to her!

Correspondents

The "correspondents" (or "corresponding members") of the commission – currently (Aug. 2013) around 230 individuals - are all persons interested in the activities of the commission and registered to receive the Newsletter. As decided last year in Köln, members are encouraged to more systematically circulate lists during PGC sponsored sessions to allow participants to register as correspondents. This was done recently in Groningen and Kyoto.

Other commission are more restrictive and consider as "corresponding members" only individuals who do indeed regularly attend IGU conferences. This seems not to be necessary in the PGC.

The issue of the e-mail addresses of the corresponding members is raised during the meeting : a proposal is to make the list available on the website in order to help building a network (with an opt. out. for those who do not wish to be listed). The steering committee will examine this issue.

Newsletter

The first Newsletter 2013 was published in June. The second is scheduled for the end of the year. All commission members are invited to send information to Nikola for the Newsletter (an e-mail will be sent shortly).

Website

The website is maintained by Graeme Hugo at the University of Adelaide. The website presents a list of steering committee members + archived Newsletter and relevant documents and announcements: <http://www.hss.adelaide.edu.au/socialsciences/igu/>

Budget

The Commission is entitled a 1000\$ budget by the IGU. For 2013, the proposal is to use the budget in the following way:

- Sponsored drink at the 7th International Conference on Population Geographies, Groningen, The Netherlands, 25-28 June 2013 (corresponding or-

ganizer: Clara Mulder) – 500 Euros – The Logo of the Commission was printed on the program and IGU was mentioned at the opening ceremony. A special table with PGC members publications & membership list was set up in the lobby of the conference www.rug.nl/frw/icpg2013.

- Possibly – if the conference is confirmed - the sponsoring (with the remaining funds) of the Colloque "Comment questionner les liens Migrations et Développement dans les Afriques de l'Ouest et du Centre ?" at Dschang University (Cameroon) 6-9th November 2013 <http://calenda.org/220560>

Proposals for 2014 are welcome!

International Workshop on Encountering Urban Diversity in Southeast Asia: Class and Other Intersections

by BRENDA YEOH

15-16 May 2014, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore

Jointly organised by the Asia Research Institute and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore, in conjunction with the International Geographical Union's Commission on Population.

The unprecedented pace and scale of economic, political, social and demographic change in Southeast Asia in recent decades has brought about an increase in levels of population mobility, the complexity of their spatial patterning, and the diversity of the groups involved. While the primary source of newcomers into cities are low and high end labour migrants, other newcomers, such as marriage and student migrants, together with emerging subcultures and complex socio-economic shifts within already established ethnic and religious communities, are also contributing to growing social diversity. Within this context, spaces such as schools, workplaces, transit places, community events and food centers become sites where people of different backgrounds and distinct identities based on social differentiation must co-exist and interact with others.

In recent years a growing body of literature has sought to document and analyse these emerging constellations of difference and encounter in the everyday spaces and places of global cities. Much of this work has focused on the implications on growing cultural diversity and interactive, prosaic negotiations that have resulted from increased migration flows. Yet the ways in which these flows are producing new forms of intersecting social and economic class relations across city, national and transnational scales has, up to this point, received less attention. As feminist scholars have illustrated, class, in conjunction with gender, nationality, sexuality, race and ethnicity, are also crucial ways through which people experience social life, which is always embedded within material conditions and power.

We explore and question the possibilities of changing social relations within these configurations of diversity by taking into account the structural factors and material constraints which shape and could potentially be shaped by these forms of co-existence. One purpose of this conference is to bring together scholars interested in rethinking and retheorising the production and performance of class relations in an era of growing transnational mobility and urban diversity in non-Western contexts. With an eye towards further unsettling understandings of economic class categories and relations, the organizers are particularly interested in fostering an expanded conversation on the ways in which economic and social categories of class produce, inform, complement and contradict one another within the urban contact zones of the region.

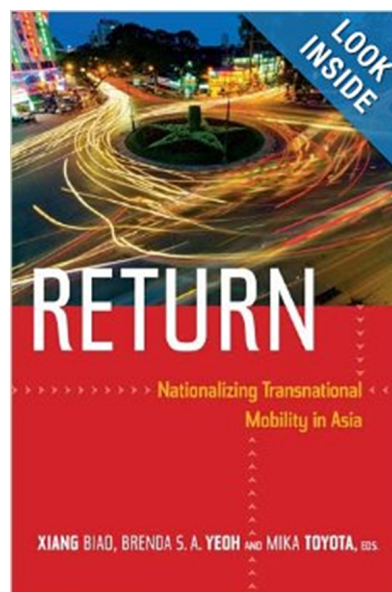
In this workshop, we bring into productive conversation how people live with diversity and the myriad ways in which this transform, constitute and spatialise class in Southeast Asia's dynamic and rapidly changing cities. Aside from paper submissions, we also welcome presentations of photography, documentary films (20 minutes or less) and interactive online and other multi-media projects.

Please contact Dr Ye Junjia (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, email: jiageog@gmail.com) or Dr Maureen Hickey (Asia Research Institute, NUS, email: arimhh@nus.edu.sg) if you are interested in participating in this international workshop.

New Publication: Return: Nationalizing Transnational Mobility in Asia

by BRENDA YEOH

By Biao Xiang, Brenda S. A. Yeoh and Mika Toyota (editors)



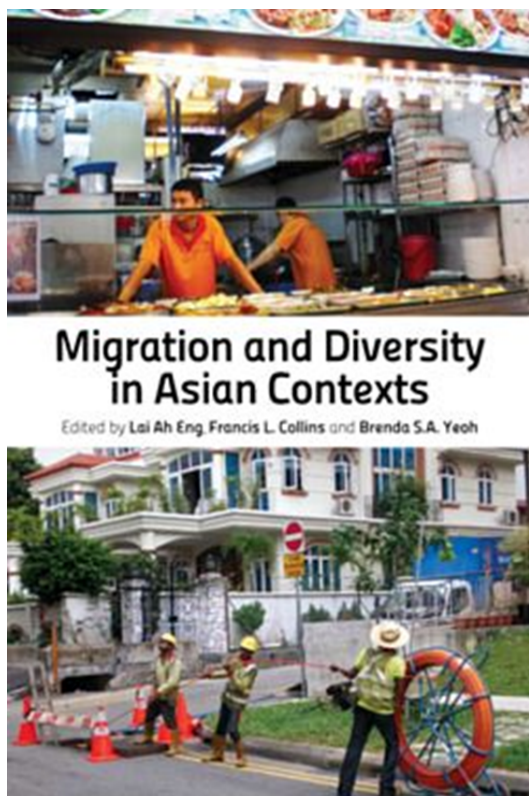
Since the late 1990s, Asian nations have increasingly encouraged, facilitated, or demanded the return of emigrants. In this interdisciplinary collection, distinguished scholars from countries around the world explore the changing relations between nation-states and transnational mobility. Taking into account illegally trafficked migrants, deportees, temporary laborers on short-term contracts, and highly skilled émigrés, the contributors argue that the figure of the returnee energizes and redefines nationalism in an era of increasingly fluid and indeterminate national sovereignty. They acknowledge the diversity, complexity, and instability of reverse migration, while emphasizing its discursive, policy, and political significance at a moment when the tensions between state power and transnational subjects are particularly visible. Taken together, the essays foreground Asia as a useful site for rethinking the intersections of migration, sovereignty, and nationalism.

Contributors: Sylvia Cowan, Johan Lindquist, Melody Chia-wen Lu, Koji Sasaki, Shin Hyunjoon, Mariko Asano Tamanoi, Mika Toyota, Carol Upadhyaya, Wang Cangbai, Xiang Biao, Brenda S. A. Yeoh.

New Publication: Migration and Diversity in Asian Contexts

by BRENDA YEOH

By Lai Ah Eng, Francis Leo Collins, Brenda Yeoh Saw Ai, (editors)



This volume makes an important and unique contribution to scholarly understandings of migration and diversity through its focus on Asian contexts. Current scholarship and literature on processes of migration and the consequences of diversity is heavily concentrated on Western contexts and their concerns with "multiculturalism", "integration", "rights and responsibilities", "social cohesion", "social inclusion", and "cosmopolitanism". In

contrast, there has been relatively little attention given to migration and growing diversity in Asian contexts which are constituted by highly distinct and varied histories, cultures, geographies, and political economies.

This book fills this significant gap in the literature on migration studies with a concentrated focus on communities, cities and countries in the Asian region that are experiencing increased levels of population mobility and subsequent diversity. Not only does it offer analyses of the policies and processes of migration, it also addresses the outcomes and implications of migration and diversity – these include a focus on multiculturalism and citizenship in the Asian region, the emerging complex forms of governance in response to increased diversity, discussions of different settlement experiences, and the practices of everyday life and encounters in increasingly diverse locales.

Call for Manuscripts - ARI-Springer Asia Series - Research on Religion, Migration and Cities.

by BRENDA YEOH

Please see pages 8 and 9 for details.

IGU Krakow Travel Grant Application Form

by MICHAEL E MEADOWS

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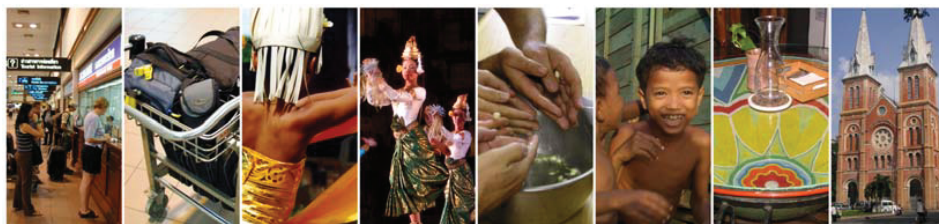
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Religion Section

Section editor: **Michael Feener**, National University of Singapore.

Associate editors: **Nico Kaptein**, Leiden University, **Joanne Waghorne**, Syracuse University, and **Kenneth Dean**, McGill University

Religion is a key aspect of life across Asia. Indeed, Asia has some of the largest concentrated communities of adherents of particular religions, such as Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism. At the same time, traditional religious communities, forms, structures and identities are being influenced and reshaped by the forces of capitalism, secular modernity, sectarian negotiations, and transnationalism. Similarly, Asian diasporic communities balance an adherence to religious traditionalism with an openness to secularism and religious conversion. The Religion section of the Asia series welcomes manuscripts that document and theorize these multifarious changes in religious constituencies and identities.

Migration Section

Section editor: **Brenda Yeoh**, National University of Singapore.

Associate editors: **Dick Bedford**, University of Waikato, **Xiang Biao**, Oxford University, and **Rachel Silvey**, University of Toronto

Across all the countries of Asia, migration has had a long and complex history. In Asia today, migration continues to be one of the most important and influential phenomena with varied and far-reaching consequences. Current scholarship has responded with new themes, establishing new sites of study, and creating new inter-disciplinary approaches in the extensive and myriad field of migration studies, including multiple and reverse migrations, diversity, cultural negotiations, local impact, and public policy. The Migration section in this series offers a scholarly venue for exciting new work on migration in Asia.

Cities Section

Section editor: **Tim Bunnell**, National University of Singapore

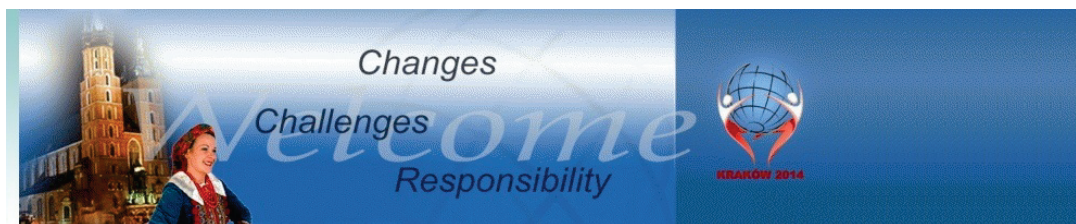
Associate editors: **Abidin Kusno** and **Michael Leaf**, University of British Columbia, and **D. Parthasarathy**, Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay

By most definitions, Asia is the urban centre of the world. There are almost as many urban dwellers in Asia as there are in the rest of the world combined, and more than half of the world's most populous cities are found in the region. While it is possible to identify shared problems and challenges facing many of these cities in an era of globalization, it is also important to be attentive to Asia's urban diversity. Asia is a site of varied urban forms and phenomena, aspirations and opportunities. The Cities section offers a forum for scholars exploring cultural, economic, environmental, political and social dimensions of diverse cities and urban regions in Asia. This includes studies ranging from ethnographic accounts of specific urban sites to macro-scale analyses of inter-Asian city connections. Studies of particular cities as well as comparative or thematic approaches are welcome.





International Geographical Union 2014 Regional Conference: Krakow, Poland



Krakow IGU Travel Grant Program

The International Geographical Union (IGU) announces the availability of travel grants to help defray the costs of participation in the 18 - 22 August 2014 Regional Conference in Krakow, Poland. Please note that, due to limited availability of funds, the IGU Travel Grants provide only a partial contribution to registration, transport and accommodation. A **maximum** of US\$1000 will be awarded to successful candidates.

In selecting applicants to receive awards, preference will be given to young (or emerging) scholars and, in particular to those from developing countries. Because the funds available for this awards program are extremely limited, all applicants will be required to find the balance of the costs of participation; applications for 100% support cannot be funded.

Although not a strict requirement, a letter of endorsement from the chair of an IGU Commission or Task Force or from the chair of the applicant's National Committee for the IGU will be helpful in support of the application. Contact details of these individuals are available on the IGU website www.igu-online.org Applications should be accompanied by proof of registration, a soft copy of the abstract of your paper and any endorsement letters; all documents must be submitted directly to the IGU Secretariat by email to: mmeadows@mweb.co.za

Completed applications (including endorsement letters) are due at the IGU Secretariat **no later than 17th March 2014**. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their requests on or about 30th April 2014. Awards are paid to successful applicants **in cash** on arrival for the conference in Krakow in US\$ dollars.

Direct any questions regarding IGU Travel Grant applications to: mmeadows@mweb.co.za



Krakow 2014 Travel Grant Application
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Participation in the Krakow Conference and Related Events

In addition, please provide a written statement (one page maximum length) describing your plans for participating in the Krakow Regional Conference, including the title of the presentation you intend to give, the meetings of IGU Commissions and Task Forces in which you will participate, if you intend to take part in any pre- or post-congress excursions *etc.* Include a brief statement of the benefits you expect to realize from your participation in the conference.

Complete details regarding the conference, including how to register and how to submit an abstract, are available in the Second Circular and Call for Papers at <http://www.igu2014.org/>

Send your full application, together with supporting documentation, to the IGU Secretariat, details below, to arrive not later than **17th March 2014**. Late applications cannot be considered.

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