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WELCOME

Dear Colleague,

This newsletter arrives later than usual and I apologize for this delay. I wanted to give you the latest news about the major event next year, the IGC in Glasgow. Unfortunately the information, which was announced for end of July did not yet arrive and so I kindly ask you to check the conference homepage (<http://www.meetingmakers.co.uk/igc-uk2004/index.html>) from time to time.

In Glasgow the IGU will also assess the work of the Commissions and discuss a possible continuation or change in their work. If you want to contribute to this discussion and share your ideas with us, please send me an email. I am happy about any suggestions.

I am looking forward to see you in Prague or next year in Glasgow,

Doris Wastl-Walter

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The planned and confirmed future commission meetings are:

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| 2003 | PRAGUE (Czech Republic), September 19-20 |
| 2004 | GLASGOW (UK), at the next IGC, August 16-20 |

FUTURE CONFERENCES

Prague, Czech Republic, September 19-20, 2003

“Territorial Administration and Public Policy: restructuring of big government, welfare state aspirations and local economies”

IGU commission “Geography and Public Policy” holds a meeting in Prague organized by Charles University, Faculty of Science, Department of Social Geography and Regional Development (local organizer is Petr Dostál). Some of the papers to be presented at the meeting are as follows:

- *Metropolitan government re-considered: reflections on recent developments in the government and administration of large cities* by Max Barlow (Canada)
- *Czech municipalities and regions and the EU economic and social cohesion policy* by Jiří Blažek (Czech Republic)
- *Territorial administration and local self-government in Kosova* by Doris Wastl-Walter (Switzerland)
- *Changes in local public economy in Slovakia* by Ján Buček (Slovakia)
- *Metropolitan integration and ghettos in South Africa* by A. Christopher (South Africa)
- *Geography of public administration in the Czech Republic: did necessary fundamental changes take place?* by Petr Dostál and Martin Hampl (Czech Republic)
- *Globalisation and the need for developing “workable” forms of city regional governance: a North American – European perspective* by T. Herrschel and P. Newman (Great Britain)
- *Trans-national border interregional alliances in Europe: are national boundaries of regional identities fading away?* by J. Markusse (The Netherlands)
- *Actors of local development: mayors of municipalities in rural areas* by R. Perlín (Czech Republic)
- *The agenda of territorial restructuring of local government in Israel: myths and realities* by E. Razin (Israel)
- *Mismatch of geographical development and governmental space: the case of Brussels* by P. Saey (Belgium)
- *Poverty, empowerment, and decentralization* by B. Smith (Great Britain)
- *Suburbanisation processes in Prague agglomeration* by L. Sýkora (Czech Republic)

Glasgow, UK, August 15-20, 2004

The 30th Congress of the International Geographical Union (IGU): “One Earth - Many Worlds”

The Congress theme of “One Earth - Many Worlds” seeks to be all-inclusive of physical, human and environmental concerns, and to demonstrate the role of modern communications in geographical education. Within the main theme there will be the following sub-themes:

- Geography and Sustainability
- Environmental Innovation
- Global Trends - Local Challenges
- Resource and Hazard Management
- Environmental Sensitivity
- Communication and Diversity
- Implications of the Knowledge Economy

The programme for the Congress will be based strongly on providing the best possible opportunity for the 32 Commissions and various specialised Study Groups to meet. The strength of the IGU lies in its specialisms and diversity, and the Congress will celebrate this. There will also be a strong emphasis on fully integrating Commission meetings with keynote sessions and presentations by internationally eminent speakers. We expect the Congress to celebrate leading aspects of world geography and concern with the environment. There will be five plenary lectures including presentations by Professor Peter Haggett (16 August) and Professor Will Graf (20 August).

The British Cartographic Society's international peer review journal, **The Cartographic Journal** (<http://www.maney.co.uk/cartographic.html>), will be producing a special issue, 'Why maps matter', devoted to the links between geography and cartography. Maps are clearly important for many areas of geography, whether as a tool (in demographics, environmental monitoring, etc.), as part of GIS, or as a cultural artifacts (e.g in geopolitical discourse, national identity, expressions of sense of place, etc.). Our commission is invited to nominate one of its members to write a review paper exploring the importance of cartography to the commission's theme. The paper may either provide a general review of the significance of cartography in the field of geography and public policy, or explore a specific issue of current importance. Papers should be no longer than 6,000 words. The draft paper is demanded by October 2003. If you are interested, please contact the Prof. Dr. Doris Wastl-Walter: (dwastl@giub.unibe.ch)

The Commission on Geography and Public Policy will also participate in the Congress programme at Glasgow. If you are interested to chair a session or to present a paper, please let us know.

For further information on the Glasgow Conference please visit the following webpage: <http://www.meetingmakers.co.uk/igc-uk2004/index.html>

CONFERENCE REPORT

Lisbon (Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian), Portugal, April 9-11, 2003
“Public Administration, Public Policy and Governance: challenges & innovations”

The conference addressed contemporary developments in Public Administration and Public Policy in a period of growing convergence in administrative structures and processes towards new forms of governance. The opening and closing sessions were co-chaired by Doris Wastl-Walter and Carlos Nunes Silva, respectively chair of the Commission and conference organizer. The program was structured in 4 sessions and included also the Commission's business meeting. The conference started on April 9 afternoon with an excursion/study visit to the historical centre of Lisbon and overview of the policy adopted by the municipality for this particular area. In total were presented, in the 4 working sessions, 14 papers, involving 21 authors from 12 countries with multidisciplinary backgrounds.

The theme of the two first panels was concerned with **“Institutional innovation and new forms of governance”**. The main challenge put to the conference participants in these two panels was the discussion of the most recent transformations in the way government, at different levels, is (re)organised and how it deliver public policy. Or, by other words, the main objective was to identify and discuss in which way traditional forms of government are giving place to forms of governance and what geographical consequences result from that and in what sense does the territory affect the development of these new forms of organisation in the public administration sector.

In the first panel, chaired by Doris Wastl-Walter, were presented four papers: *Policy change and institutional reform in the public sector. Causes and consequences of changes in the mode of governance* by Maria Asensio Menchero (Instituto Nacional de Administração, Oeiras), *Constitutional change and governance in the English regions* by Sarah Ayres & Graham Pearce (Aston Business School, Aston University, UK), *Decentralising the 'unified' British Civil Service: lessons from Northern Ireland* by Paul Carmichael (University of Ulster, School of Policy Sciences, UK) and *European urban policies and domestic responses towards a model for evaluating implementation performance in different urban areas* by Charalampos Koutalakis (Humboldt University, Institute of Social Sciences, Berlin, Germany).

The second panel, chaired by Piet Saey, included three papers: *Developing options for decentralisation and local government in Kosovo* by Doris Wastl-Walter (University of Bern, Department of Geography, Switzerland), *Changing approaches to urban governance in post-apartheid South Africa: a critical appraisal* by Brij Maharaj (University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa), *New local partnerships in the context of prevailing structures* by Markku Kiviniemi, Ella Mustakangas and Hilikka Vihinen (University of Helsinki, Department of Political Science & MTT Economic Research, Finland).

The theme of the third and fourth panels was “**Governing Cities and Regions**”. The main challenge put to the conference participants in the two panels was to discuss recent developments in the governance of cities and regions and in specific sectors which, like the first theme, was addressed in different and stimulating ways.

The third panel, chaired by Hans Thor Andersen, included three papers: *Organising connectivity as the key to multi-level governance. The case of metropolitan planning* by William Salet (University of Amsterdam, AME, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Netherlands), *Brussels: the contradictory results of multiple governmental re-scaling* by Piet Saey (University of Ghent, Department of Geography, Ghent, Belgium) and *Governing Metropolitan Lisbon* by Carlos Nunes Silva & Stephen Syrett (University of Lisbon, Department of Geography, Portugal & Middlesex University, London, UK)

In the fourth and final panel, chaired by William Salet, were presented four papers: *Globalization of the commercial property market and changing urban governance in Lisbon* by Anders Lund Hansen & Eric Clark (Lund University, Department of Social and Economic Geography, Sweden), *Understanding the causes of citizen satisfaction with the municipal services: the expectancy-disconfirmation model* by Gregg Ryzin (City University of New York, School of Public Affairs, New York, USA), *Entrepreneurial welfarism* by Hans Thor Andersen & John Jorgensen (University of Copenhagen, Department of Geography, Denmark) and *Regulation of regional employment in Denmark, since the mid 80ties. A case of fragmented, decentralised multi-layered governance* by Peter Abbas & Frank Hansen (University of Copenhagen, Department of Geography, Denmark).

The IGU Commission Meeting took place after the second panel and participants were informed, by the Commission chair, about past activities and perspectives for the near future, especially the next conferences, being given particular emphasis to the 2004 World Congress in Glasgow.

A more detailed conference report, the full program and abstracts are on-line and can be download from the IGU-CGPP web page (<http://www.qiub.unibe.ch/sg/igugapp/index.html>). Most of the papers presented were or will be submitted soon, by the respective authors, for publication in international refereed academic journals.

Carlos Nunes Silva - University of Lisbon

PUBLICATIONS

Special Issue of Acta Universitatis Carolinae – Geographica, Vol. 37, Number 2, 2002

This special issue is published by Karolinum Publishers of the Charles University Prague. It is a collection of some of the papers presented at the 2000 meeting of the IGU commission "Geography and Public Administration" held in Prague titled "**Development and Administration of the Economic Base of Capital Cities and Metropolitan Areas**". The contents of the special issue is as follows:

1. *Development and administration of capital cities and metropolitan areas: an introduction* (Petr Dostál)
2. *The economic dimension of metropolitan government: recent reform proposals in Toronto* (Max Barlow)
3. *Transactional systems, territoriality and the example of Brussels: reflections on the notion of the economic base of metropolitan areas* (Pieter Saey)
4. *Accountability in metropolitan government: the case of Greater London* (Brian Smith)
5. *Global competition, sustainable development and civil society: major challenges for urban governance and their reflection in local development practices in Prague* (Luděk Sýkora)
6. *The transformation of basic functions of Bratislava after 1989: trends and spatial consequences* (Pavol Korec)
7. *The role of local self-government during post-socialist period: the case study of Bratislava* (Ján Buček)
8. *Moscow: economic changes and migration of population* (Irina Malakha)
9. *Metropolitan areas and transformation of regional organisation in the Czech Republic* (Petr Dostál and Martin Hampl)
10. *System of Czech local government financing as a framework for local development: twelve years of trial and error approach* (Jiří Blažek)
11. *Second housing at the edge of Prague metropolitan area: a SWOT analysis* (Jiří Vágner)

Forthcoming:

„New Challenges in Local and Regional Administration“

A team of leading scholars from throughout the world join together in this volume to discuss the changes and challenges for administrative structures at the beginning of the 21st Century. Focusing on democratization movements, flexibilization tendencies, on the inclusion or exclusion of minority groups, and on the restructuring of transitional or emerging states, it provides a differentiated spatial overview of key problems currently faced in public administration. Offering a wide range of regional case studies from Eastern and Western Europe, the Middle East and Africa, it tests current theories and concepts of government and governance, space and place and society and community. In doing so, it offers valuable insights and makes policy implications.

Editors: Max Barlow, Concordia University, Canada and Doris Wastl-Walter, University of Bern, Switzerland. Publisher: Ashgate

Forthcoming:
“Rights to the City”, Home of Geography Publication Series, Vol. 3

The third volume in the Home of Geography Publication Series includes the presentations held at the “Rights to the City” conference of the IGU Commissions on Geography and Public Policy and Political Geography, which was held in Rome, from May 29 – June 1, 2002.

The 29 contributions of scholars from multiple disciplines interested in questions of governance, justice and rights in urban areas around the world discuss the following proposition: contemporary changes in economies and governance are creating increased inequality leading to a retrenchment of rights. Social groups within cities differentially experience the effects of these changes. The volume tentatively offers the following themes as foci of discussion:

- Evaluation of urban social, economic and political trends;
- Evaluation of competing theories and conceptualisations of justice and rights;
- Changing governance structures;
- New political movements, sites, and agents;
- Differential access to spaces of the city;
- New scalar linkages that change the relationships between cities, states and the international scale.

Cities have been sites of dramatic changes in recent decades. Contemporary changes in economies and governance are creating increased inequality leading to a retrenchment of rights. Social groups within cities differentially experience the effects of these changes. In the third volume of the Home of Geography Publication Series, the focus is on theoretical perspectives on rights and justice and on the politics and social geographies of inclusion and exclusion. The volume particularly considers policy, finance and property as agents structuring the spaces of the city. It also examines city spaces as spaces of representation and public spaces in cities.

While cities have been associated with dynamism for a long time, recent trends related to globalisation, migration, and economic and political restructuring have contributed to a sense that the pace of change has increased. Some of these changes include:

- Increased inequality, exclusion, and social isolation;
- Changes in governance structures that increase the roles of non-profit, voluntary, and private sector service providers;
- New political movements and forms of protest;
- Bifurcated labour markets;
- Changing relationships between urban, national, and international scales.

In combination, these trends have transformed the relationships between urban residents, and between residents and governance structures. These new relationships, in turn, have important implications for the opportunities provided in cities and for the ability of a diverse citizenry to gain access to the city's resources. Thus we are brought to reconsider questions of social justice and the rights to the city.

ICSU-TWAS-UNESCO VISITING SCIENTIST PROGRAMME

Based on the outcome of an external review carried out in 2001, the "Joint Lectureship and Professorship Programmes" cosponsored by the International Council for Science (ICSU), the Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific

and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) have been merged into a single programme called "Visiting Scientist Programme". The new programme supports visits to institutions in developing countries, especially those located in Least Developed Countries.

The programme is conducted within the framework of follow-up to the World Conference on Science held in Budapest, Hungary in 1999, organized jointly by UNESCO and ICSU, in collaboration with TWAS, at which the importance of strengthening science capacities in developing countries was underscored.

The objective of the programme is to provide institutions and research groups in the South, especially those with limited outside contacts, with the opportunity to establish long-term links with world leaders in science and so help develop capacity-building in their country.

Under the programme, prospective host institutions can invite internationally renowned experts in areas of science other than mathematics and physics to lecture. The visiting scientist will be expected to interact closely with faculty and students of the host institution with the aim of strengthening its existing activities and/or assisting in the establishment of new lines of research. The visiting scientist could also deliver lectures and seminars to research students, supervise students, conduct research and discuss future collaborative partnerships.

The visit should have a minimum stay of one month at the host institution. Applications to renew successful visits will be considered in the following year(s). An economy round-trip fare and additional travel expenses of the visiting scientist, plus an honorarium of US\$500 is provided by the sponsoring organizations, while the host institution is expected to cover local expenses.

On completion of the visit, the visiting scientist and host institution should provide a comprehensive report outlining the impact the visit has had on the educational and research programmes of the host institution.

Institutions wishing to be considered for this programme should fill in a request form, which can be downloaded from http://www.ictp.trieste.it/%7Etwas/vis_sci.html. As the programme is striving towards providing equal opportunities, nominations of women will be particularly welcomed. Only persons who have attained international recognition in their fields of science will be considered for support under this programme.