

Commission on Geographical Education

2010 Report to the IGU Executive

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Honorary Members: Margaret Robertson, Australia; Sarah Bednarz, United States; Hartwig Haubrich, Germany; Joseph Stoltman, United States, and John Lidstone, Australia.

2. Mailing list of Corresponding Members

A review of membership was carried out in 2010, with over 150 people removed from our list. In June, 2010 the revised list contained 366 members, with the following distribution of membership for those countries identifiable as having four or more members: United Kingdom (79), United States (28), Australia (24), Germany (18), New Zealand (18), Finland (17), Singapore (11), South Africa (10), The Netherlands (9), Czech Republic (9), Italy (9), Japan (8), Israel (7), Hong Kong (5), Denmark (5), Poland (4), France (4), Belgium (4), Canada (4), Greece (4). A good number of correspondents had Google, hotmail and yahoo e-mail accounts. We expect to add 50 new members from Turkey and Europe after a successful conference meetings and the 2010 Olympiad in Taiwan.

3. Dates, titles, locations, and number of participants of CGE meetings in 2010

January 19th – 22nd, 2010. *Positioning Geography: Strategic Issues in Geographical Education*, University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand. There were 81 participants from 11 countries, plus 9 delegates in virtual sessions.

July 8th -10th, 2010. *Representations of cultural differences through geographical education*, Commission on Geographical Education conference at Fatih University in Istanbul, Turkey. 95 geographers gathered in Istanbul from 23 countries.

July 12th -16th , 2010. *Bridging Diversity in a Globalizing World*, the IGU Regional Conference in Israel. The meetings organised by the Commission on Geographical Education had up to 40 delegates to hear 30 papers on themes related to *Teaching and Learning in Geography*.

4. Meetings with participation of the Commission on Geographical Education in 2011.

IGU CGE Symposium entitled *Curriculum Making in Geography*. Institute of Education, University of London. April 18th - 20th. The meeting follows the Geographical Association's Annual Conference. An outline of the Symposium theme is given at www.igu-cge-uk.webs.com/londonsymposium2011.htm

IGU Santiago Regional Conference meeting *United and Integrated with the World*, 14th - 18th November, 2011. We hope to see Commission participation in Conference at Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins Military School, Santiago, Chile. See <http://www.ugi2011.cl/>

Other meetings to which Commission members have been invited:

Spatial orientation, maps and geo-information in education. German Association of University Lecturers in Geography Symposium, Ludwigsburg. April 7th - 8th, 2011. University of Education, Ludwigsburg, Germany.

No Passports Required. AAG Centre for Global Geography Education Workshop at the AAG in Seattle, 12th - 13th April 2011. Seattle, Washington, USA. See <http://www.aag.org/cs/annualmeeting>

Geography: Your World – A European Perspective. EuroGeo Annual Meeting and Conference. June 2nd - 5th, 2011. Titania Hotel, Athens, Greece. See <http://www.ntua.gr/MIRC/EUROGEO/index.html>

Geoinformation in Education. June 4th-8th, 2011. Salzburg, Austria. See www.gi-forum.org/learning

MAPS FOR THE FUTURE: CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND INTERNET, Joint ICA and Laboratory Cedete Symposium. June 30th – July 1st, 2011. University of Orleans, Paris, France.

Putting Critical Thinking on the Map. ESRI Education Users Conference. July 9th - 12th, 2011. Hilton Hotel, San Diego Bayfront, California, USA. See www.esri.com/educ

Spatial Thinking and Geographic Information Sciences, September 14th-16th, 2011. University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

5. Collaborative efforts with other IGU Commissions or Task Forces and with other international unions and organizations

The *Positioning Geography* Conference organized in January 2010 was a collaborative venture that involved joint sessions with [IGU Commission on Gender and Geography](#), [IGU Commission on the Geography of Tourism, Leisure and Global Change](#) and the International Network for Learning and Teaching Geography.

The *Representations of cultural differences through geographical education* in Turkey was in collaboration with the [European Association of Geographers](#) or EUROGEO.

The Commission worked with the *Bridging Diversity in a Globalizing World* Conference organizers to develop a program of 24 papers at the [IGU regional conference](#) in Tel Aviv, the Commission participated in the session.

At both the Turkish and Israeli conferences the Commission promoted the AAG's [Centre for Global Geography Education](#) outreach program called *No Passports Required*.

The Commission worked with the IGU's [Olympiad Taskforce](#) to promote and deliver the IGEO highly successful Geography Olympiad in Taipei. In the biggest Olympiad to date, 27 countries had representatives, and the Team from Singapore was the overall winner.

6. Newsletters and other publications of the Commission on Geographical Education in 2010

The Commission publishes three newsletters every year in March/April, July/August and December. The Newsletters advise colleagues of conferences, research opportunities, regional activities and publications. The first newsletter in 2010 was published in April (14 pages), the second in August (19 pages) and the third in December (26 pages).

Joop van der Schee maintains the Commission website at <http://www.igu-cge.org/about.htm>. The website is a popular and accessible portal to Commission publications, activities and research work. The Commission's three major contributions to international education are included on this site. The documents are the:

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INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION ON GEOGRAPHICAL EDUCATION FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY
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The most important publication of the Commission is the journal in [International Research in Geographical and Environmental Education](#) (IRGEE) which is edited by two members of the Commission, John Lidstone and Joe Stoltman, and now published by Routledge. IRGEE appears in four issues annually and runs to about 360 pages a year; 2010 is the nineteenth year of publication. The journal publishes editorials, research papers, forums on geographical education and reviews.

Papers from the *Positioning Geography: Strategic Issues in Geographical Education* are published in the [New Zealand Geographer](#) Vol. 66, no. 3, pp. 179-202. Three papers will also appear in [International Research in Geographical and Environmental Education](#) (forthcoming).

30 papers from the *Representations of cultural differences through geographical education* Conference in Turkey will appear as an edited edition of reviewed papers.

Newsletter 6 of the Commission describes six on-going research projects of interest to the Commission (<http://www.igu-cge.org/newsletters/IGU%20CGE%20Newsletter%20No%206%20December%202010.pdf>). These projects produce a number of interim papers that appear in conference proceedings.

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