

Notes from IGU CGE Business Meeting on Monday 6th August 2018 in Quebec Conference

Attendees: All attendees of Quebec conference

1. Called to order at 15:45 by Clare Brooks (Co-Chair)
2. **Introductions**
 - a. Clare explained the CGE Business meeting and introduced key agenda for today
3. Clare led a discussion about **Update on program of work**
 - a. Increase the visibility & development of CGE network – Clare introduced the newly designed the Commission’s website put together by Katy (from Switzerland) and David (from Sweden) and asked all attendees to visit the new website and provide their ideas and suggestions to make it better. Clare also introduced the Commission’s Facebook page and Twitter and informed that Katy has been working on Wiki. Katy, David, Victor and Xi Miao are taking forward developing podcast for geography education community. Clare expressed appreciation to Jongwon (Secretary) for its newly revised format of newsletter and informed that it has 915 contacts.
 - b. Quality of geography education research – Clare introduced an email from Joop, informing that Chinese and Dutch colleague have pointed out that water management was not mentioned in the Charter and suggesting that the description of water management should be added in the Charter. Thus, Clare raised this issue and received positive responses from the attendees. Clare added that Joop had a suggestion for water management in a few sentences to be added.
 - c. Danny who has been in charge of translation of the Charter informed that the new layout of the Charter has been ready for new translation. English, Chinese, Spanish, German, Portuguese and Russian version of the Charter has been already done. There has been promises for Japanese, Slovenian, Czech, Korean, and Flemish and Dutch translation for the Charter. Danny also invited more translation volunteers.
 - d. Diversifying possible outlet of research – particularly the Commission has interest in how to support early career researchers in geography education. Clare asked for ideas to support them.
4. **AOB**
 - a. Clare addressed that having this conference connected with iGeo is really great idea and suggested that we should continue this effort in future.
 - b. History of the Commission – Draft of the history of the Commission which Norman and Joe has initiated is currently on the website and the Commission would like to include other aspects of history and welcome any input from the members. Clare explained that the CGE was awarded as the Commission of the Year at the 2016 Congress in Beijing and will give a talk on Wednesday morning to celebrate to the award. The history of the Commission file was well used.
 - c. Sibylle Reinfried suggested that Lucerne Declaration should be updated and Clare agreed with this idea and promised that she would talk it with the Steering Group.
5. Clare shared information about **the update of schedule of events**
 - a. Clare shared information about conference in Prague Czech Republic 2020 and expressed concerns IGU congress in Turkey 2020. Clare informed the IGU executives that since some members of the Commission were quite uncomfortable traveling Turkey, the Commission would not be well represented for the meeting in Turkey.
 - b. Mary Fargher shared information about London conference in April 15-17 2019 including conference theme (‘Recontextualising Geography’) and deadline of abstract submission (31 October), etc.
6. Closing

- a. Bob Sharp suggested one activity for all attendees – “Identify one major take away from this conference in one short sentence”
 - b. Clare expressed their special thanks to the conference organizers and volunteers for their efforts to create a successful conference.
7. Meeting adjourned 4:30 PM

Notes recorded by Jongwon