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Welcome to Newsletter #5

Dear friends and colleagues,

This year's commission's main event, the CGE 2018 conference will be held in Québec City from August 3rd to 5th, 2018. The main theme of the conference — Appreciating similarity: sharing understanding — will be an opportunity to reflect upon and foster global understanding through geography education. From July 31 to August 6, the 2018 International Geography Olympiad (iGeo) will also be holding its activities at Université Laval. Immediately following the CGE International Conference, from August 6 to 10, are the joint meetings of the 2018 IGU Regional Conference, Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG), and the Annual Conference of the National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE). These joint meetings will offer a range of sessions in geography education, field trips, workshops and other opportunities for social engagement. In addition to this extraordinary gathering of geographers, the location of the conference is worth the visit. Québec is a UNESCO World Heritage City, and the Université Laval is North America's oldest French-language university. The CGE 2018 International Conference promises to be an exceptional opportunity for global dialogue among geography educators. See more details below in the **IGU CGE Conference News**.

In addition, the IGU-CGE website has been completely re-designed. It has not just an updated structure and content, but since it's now a Wordpress site, it includes features such as an easy to find RSS feed, the possibility to subscribe to the newsletter directly on the site and a news-blog. We would like to express our thankful appreciation to Kathrin Viehrig of this wonderful redesign work for the community. Moreover, the IGU-CGE now also has a Twitter account ([igu_cge](#)).

Clare Brooks, Chew Hung Chang and Jongwon Lee





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IGU-CGE Treasurer's report

As Commission Treasurer, Michael Solem manages a checking account held at the United States Senate Federal Credit Union in Washington, DC. On March 1, 2018, the account balance was USD 4,928.21. The most recent transaction was a USD 76 for a HostStar domain supporting the Commission's website.

Research in Geography Education

A reminder also for any new research in geography education to be added to our web-based template to collect and collate information on Geography Education MA, MEd, EDD and PhD theses around the world. Creating this collection will greatly enhance our knowledge about geographical and environmental education. The on-line spreadsheet can then be made available for researchers through the IGU-CGE website. We hope that all geography educators with the help of the regional representatives would be able to contribute information on the existing Geography Education theses. (Geography Education Collection: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nrbVzveqZWDWWdouJfnKAK-ctHDdKwOdt7xxt34mee8/viewform?usp=send_form)



Joop van der Schee was awarded by the Royal Dutch Geography Society (KNAG) for his academic work and his support for geography education in the Netherlands. The silver medal was given in a KNAG meeting with 1000 Dutch geography teachers.

IGU CGE Conference News

Université Laval, Québec, Canada, August 3-5 2018, CGE International Conference

Geography education researchers and practitioners from all over the world are invited to participate in the International Geographical Union's Commission on Geographical Education (CGE) 2018 International Conference to be held in Québec City from August 3rd to 5th, 2018. <https://cge-cag2018.ca/>

Québec, Canada, August 6-10 2018, 2018 IGU Regional Conference

This is a joint conference of the 2018 IGU Regional Conference, Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG), and the Annual Conference of the National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE). These joint meetings will offer a range of sessions in geography education, field trips, workshops and other opportunities for social engagement. <http://uqi2018.ulaval.ca>

London 15-17 April 2019 CGE Meeting

The Commission is working with the UK Committee for IGU-CGE to organise the 2019 meeting, the theme of which will be 'Recontextualising Geography'. The collaboration between the Commission, the UK

Committee and the UCL Institute of Education is likely to take place in April 2019. More information will be available in due course.

Other Conferences

Geographical Association (UK) Annual Conference and Exhibition, Sheffield UK, April 5-7 2018

The 2018 Conference will be held at Sheffield Hallam University from 5-7 April 2018. The Conference is for international delegates from all sectors of geographical education: from pre-service teachers and undergraduate students, classroom teachers and subject leaders, to teacher educators and FE and HE lecturers and researchers. The programme offers contemporary teaching ideas from subject experts with more than 100 lectures, workshops, Teacher-to-Teacher sessions, debates, research reports and field visits. Register now to save £10 per day! <http://geography.org.uk/cpdevents/annualconference/>

IGU Thematic Conference 'Practical Geography and XXI Century Challenges', Moscow Russia, June 4-6 2018

IGU Thematic Conference 'Practical Geography and XXI Century Challenges' will be held in Moscow on 4-6 June 2018. This occasion provides an opportunity to make an overview of international and domestic trends in the development of geography under the growing impact of internationalization and the aggravation of global problems and to strengthen integration between social and environmental geographical disciplines. The Conference program includes 8 themes covering the major challenges to geography in XXI century. Especially the theme of "Challenges to geographical education" will focus on the issues such as 'Geographical knowledge and competencies required by graduates of the XXI century'; 'New programs and textbooks'; 'Geographical knowledge and competencies required by graduates of the XXI century'

Powerful Geography conference, San Jose, Costa Rica, November 1-4 2018

The National Center for Research in Geography Education (NCRGE) is organizing an international conference on the theme of "powerful geography". The conference will take place in San Jose, Costa Rica, from November 1-4, 2018. The Powerful Geography conference will welcome an international delegation of researchers, practitioners, and policymakers for papers and discussions aimed at advancing our understanding of powerful geographic knowledge and the significance of geography education for individuals and society. Early registration ends May 1, 2018. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information about the program, field trips, registration, and how to submit a proposal.

Further Announcement on Geographical Education

Geography education research track at 2018 AAG Annual Meeting

For the 2018 AAG Annual Meeting in New Orleans, the National Center for Research in Geography Education is sponsoring a track of research papers, panels, and workshops on different topics in geography education. A PDF of the track schedule may be downloaded [here](#).

Nora Newcombe and David Lambert to Keynote NCRGE

Symposium during 2018 AAG Annual Meeting

The National Center for Research in Geography Education (NCRGE) is pleased to announce keynotes by Nora Newcombe and David Lambert during the 2018 AAG Annual Meeting in New Orleans. The keynotes by Professors Newcombe and Lambert are respectively scheduled for 1:20 – 3:00 PM and 3:20 – 5:00 PM on Thursday, April 12 in Room Galerie 2 in the Marriott French Quarter Hotel. Both exemplify the type of work and thinking that is driving current innovative approaches to researching geographic and spatial learning. Full details are available [here](#).

A development cooperation project on geoinformatics education

The University of Helsinki launched a development cooperation project on geoinformatics education at the Taita Taveta University in southern Kenya in February 2018. The established Master's degree programme in geoinformatics will improve geospatial capacities of university staff, students, and local stakeholder organizations to use geodata in sustainable natural resource management. URL: <https://www.helsinki.fi/en/projects/taitagis>

Some Recent Publications of possible interest to Geography Educators

As ever our thanks go to Professor Simon Catling for assembling such an impressive list!

Geographical and environmental education

Armitage, S (2017) *Approaches to Learning and Teaching Geography: A toolkit for international teachers*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Harris, M (2018). *Becoming an Outstanding Geography Teacher*.

Abingdon: Routledge.

Reiss, G & Scott, J (Eds.) (2018) *International Perspectives on the Theory and Practice of Environmental Education: A Reader*. Dordrecht: Springer.

Tally, R (Ed.) (2018) *Teaching Space, Place, and Literature*. Abingdon: Routledge.

Geographies of education

Mitchell, K (2018) *Making Workers: Radical geographies of education*.

London: Pluto Press.

Representing geography

Risager, K (2018) *Representations of the World in Language Textbooks*.

Bristol: Multilingual Matters.

Children's geographies

Christensen, P., Hadfield-Hill, S., Horton, J. & Kraftl, P. (2018). *Children Living in Sustainable Built Environments: New Urbanisms, New Citizens*.

Abingdon: Routledge.

Punch, S. & Vanderbeck, R. (Eds.) (2018) *Families, Intergenerationality, and Peer Group Relations* (Geographies of Children and Young People, Vol. 5). Singapore: Springer.

Geography, environment and social science

Crossley, S (2017) *In Their Place: The Imagined Geographies of Poverty*. London: Pluto Press.

Farinelli, F (2018) *Blinding Polyphemus: Geography and the Models of the World*. New York: Seagull Press.

Flynn, S & Mackay, A (Eds.) (2017). *Spaces of Surveillance: States and selves*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Related to geography

Donohoe, J (ED) (2017) *Place and Phenomenology*. New York: Rowman and Littlefield.



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