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PCGN Meeting Minutes, Friday 9th February 2018
Royal Geographical Society, London

Present

PCGN Staff

Defence Geographic Centre (JFIG-DGC)

Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)

BBC Monitoring Service (BBCM)

Defence Language Service (DLS)

United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO)

Ordnance Survey (OS)

Apologies for absence: Royal Scottish Geographical Society and FCO.

1. Head PCGN welcomed the Committee members.
2. The Minutes of the 200th meeting were considered and action items arising discussed.
3. Head PCGN briefly described the previously circulated report detailing recent work completed by the PCGN staff.
4. PCGN had attended the annual meeting of ISO 3166 Maintenance Agency (MA) and planned to attend the upcoming Working Group 2 (Country codes) and Working Group 3 (Conversion of written languages) meetings.
5. PCGN gave a summary of the NGA Toponymic Exchange at PCGN in September 2017.
6. PCGN described its participation at the International Congress of Onomastic Sciences (ICOS) in Hungary and the International Conference on Onomastics "Name and Naming" (ICONN) in Romania.
7. PCGN invited Committee members to attend the upcoming BGN/PCGN Conference. PCGN would be attending the UN Working Groups on Romanization Systems and

on Country Names, the ISO Technical Committee 46 meeting and the Naming, Identity and Tourism International Conference.

8. DGC described its work to develop a cultural property protection capability and reported on the status of the Multinational Geospatial Co-production Programme (MGCP) and the Global Boundaries Dataset.
9. FCO reported on considerations by the British government regarding the country names of Burma and Macedonia.
10. UKHO reported that they had taken over the publishing and printing of German paper hydrographic charts.
11. BBCM noted that it had been BBC policy since 2014 to use the country name 'Myanmar'. It was agreed that PCGN should visit BBCM before their relocation to BBC Broadcasting House in London.
12. OS reported on the creation of the Government Geospatial Commission. DGC mentioned that the new pan-government Head of Geography would be involved with this project.
13. PCGN described the latest Toponymic Factfiles of Thailand and Libya.
14. With the 100th Anniversary of PCGN next year, PCGN would focus on promotion of their role over the coming year. 50 of the 55 BGN/PCGN Romanization Systems and Tables of Correspondences had been reviewed and new versions had been published on the PCGN website <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/romanisation-systems> .
15. Under 'Any Other Business', PCGN mentioned the updated PCGN Terms of Reference and the Committee Member Roles and Responsibilities papers.
16. The date for the next meeting would be agreed at a later date. The Chair thanked the Committee members for their participation and closed the meeting.