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Reports of the divisions

Report of the East Central and South-East Europe Division *

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1. Introduction

This report covers the period since 24th UNGEGN Session, on 20th and 31st August 2007 in New York. Since that time Montenegro has become active in the East Central and South-East Europe (ECSEE) Division as a new Division country. Sixteen countries are active in the East Central and South-East Europe Division (ECSEED): Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Turkey and Ukraine (s. Fig. 1).



Fig. 1: East Central and South-East Europe (ECSEE) Division of UNGEGN.

2. ECSEE Division meeting

In the period since 24th UNGEGN Session, on 20th and 31st August 2007 in New York, one ECSEE Division Session was held. The Nineteenth session of the Central and South-East Europe (ECSEE) Division of UNGEGN took place from 19th to 21st November 2008 in Zagreb, Croatia. It was attended by 37 participants from 10 ECSEE Division countries including 4 representatives from Montenegro, and a guest from Austria (Dutch- and German-speaking Division). The list of the Session participants, documents and papers as well other Session materials are available on the ECSEE Division website http://ungegn.cgi.hr/19_session.html.

During the Session, the national experts / delegates presented the achievements in standardization of geographical names on the national levels. Montenegro has become active in the ECSEE Division as a new state. New ECSEED website was introduced. In order to systematize ECSEE Division documentation, a unified identification of the ECSEE Division documents (*Document Symbol*), a unified ECSEE Division list of documents and a unified first page of the ECSEE Division documents were introduced. To present ECSEE Division easily, the main Division data have been collected in the

document *East Central and South-East Europe Division overview*. Some of the Division countries are also members of EuroGeoNames project. There were papers and reports presented, and discussions led on EuroGeoNames topics during the Session.

The ECSEED countries participate in the project UNGEGN World Geonames Database. The data have been sent from 11 ECSEED countries: Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine.

The Session expressed special interest in the items referring to geographical names as cultural heritage, geographical names databases and usage of information communication technologies in the standardization of geographical names.

The documents, reports, papers, presentations and other Session materials are published on ECSEED website. They are also published on CD-ROM and distributed to the Session participants. In the UNGEGN Bulletin there was a contribution published about the 19th ECSEED Session.

3. Montenegro as a new ECSEE Division country

Montenegro was accepted as a new United Nations Member State by General Assembly on 28th June 2006. Montenegro became active in the ECSEE Division of the UNGEGN at the Nineteenth Session of the East Central and South-East Europe Division of the UNGEGN, Zagreb, Croatia, 19. – 21. November 2008. Four experts/delegates, delegated by national authorities, attended the 19th Session. ECSEED Session participants welcomed Montenegro as a new Division member country. The 19th ECSEED Session recognized the activation of Montenegro in the East Central and South-East Europe Division of the UNGEGN as a new Division country noting the conclusion in the final 19th ECSEED Session report. The data about new Division member country have been sent to UNGEGN Bureau.

4. ECSEE Division website

New ECSEE Division website was introduced by the Division Chairman. The previous Division website was hosted by Slovenian colleges. In coordination with Slovenian colleges new Division website was introduced to UNGEGN Bureau. The address is <http://ungegn.cgi.hr/>. On the main UNGEGN Bureau website there is a link given to new ECSEE Division website. The website is being published since September 2008.

On the Division website are the main Division countries data published, as well as the data about languages, short Division geographic and historical background, references as sources of information, links to national geographical names websites and so on. The 19th ECSEE Division session materials are also published on the ECSEE Division website.

The management of the Division site was discussed on the 19th ECSEE Division session. It was concluded to publish materials of the 19th ECSEED Session, contact data of the national authorities, experts and delegates.

5. ECSEE Division overview document

To make ECSEED easily recognizable, the main data about ECSEE Division are collected in one document. The document *East Central and South-East Europe Division overview* was prepared by the Division Chairman and edited by the Division experts. The sources of information were UNGEGN publications and documents. In the UNGEGN Information Bulletin Nr. 34 a part of the East Central and South-East Europe Division overview document was published. The ECSEE Division overview document

should be continuously updated and corrected according to the changes of the data delivered by Division countries. The latest edition can be found on the Division website.

6. Systematization of the ECSEE Division papers and documents

To systematize ECSEE Division documentation on the 19th ECSEED Session the following items were introduced:

- **Unified identification of the ECSEE Division documents (*Document Symbol*)**; contains ECSEED acronym, session identification, the year and the number of the document during the year (example: ECSEED/Session.19/2008/3 - it is the 3rd ECSEE Division document in the year 2008),
- **Unified ECSEE Division list of documents**; contains list of all the Division documents using 19th ECSEE Division Session as a starting point (the example is given in Annex I),
- **Unified first page of the ECSEE Division documents** contains the full name of UNGEGN and ECSEED, full name of ECSEED session with place and date, the document agenda item, document symbol, title of the document, who has submitted it; the person preparing it, institutions and country are given in the footer (the example is given in Annex II).

Annex I: ECSEE Division list of documents

List of documents

**East Central and South-East Europe Division of the
United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names**

Nr.	UNGEGN Division Session Nr.	Date MM/YYYY	Document Symbol	Title	Country / Organization	UNGEGN Division	Prepared by
19th Session of the East Central and South-East Europe Division (ECSEED) of the UNGEGN, Zagreb, Croatia, 19 – 21 November 2008							
1	19	11/2008	ECSEED/Session.19/2008/1	East Central and South-East Europe Division overview	ECSEED	ECSEED	ECSEED Chairman and edited by ECSEED experts
2	19	11/2008	ECSEED/Session.19/2008/2	Report of ECSEE Division chairman	Croatia	ECSEED	ECSEE Division Chairman
3	19	11/2008	ECSEED/Session.19/2008/3	Standardization of Geographical names in Republic of Bulgaria	Bulgaria	ECSEED	M.Chaleva V.Fakalieva

Annex II: Template for the ECSEED document

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