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Description

An international biannual, *Review of Historical Geography and Toponomastics* publishes articles on all aspects of historical geography and toponomastics. As well as publishing original research papers of interest to a wide international and interdisciplinary readership, the review encourages debates over new challenges facing researchers in the field and discussion of conceptual and methodological issues. Each issue includes a book review section.

It encourages high quality scholarship on a broad range of historical geography and toponomastics topics.

Themes covered in the Review include:

- The geographies of places in the past
- The dynamics of place, space and landscape
- The geographies of place-names
- Methodological problems in historical geography
- Landscape, history and environment

The journal publishes high quality papers that make a new contribution to the understanding of historical geographical systems. The editors invite submissions dealing with theory, methods and models of spatial analysis. The journal has a multi-disciplinary outlook and includes contributions from geography, history, economics, environment and onomastics.

The fifth and sixth numbers (1-2/2008) of the review have a *special issue on toponomastics and cartography*, mainly on the use of *exonyms in international cartography*, reflecting some of the most important articles presented at the **Conference 'UN/ICA Week of Geographical Names in Timisoara'**, held at Adam-Muller Guttenbrunn House in Timisoara during 9-14th of September 2008. There are five world-known guest editors: *Pierre Jaillard*, Frech researcher on Toponomastics, Sorbonne University - Paris, France, *Ferjan Ormeling*, professor of Toponomastics and Cartography, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, *Paul Woodman*, British researcher of Toponomastics, London, UK, *Boguslaw Zagorski*, specialist in Arab Toponymy from Warsaw University, Poland and Mrs. Crljenko - a toponymist researcher at the University of Zagreb, Croatia.

From the 35 papers presented at the conference RHGT includes for both numbers of 2008 a general presentation of the conference made by the organiser of this special event and nine remarkable articles based on toponomastics, cartography and historical geography. It contains three articles made by some leaders of the United Nation's Working Group on

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Exonyms: Pierre Jaillard who offers information about the exonyms in French usage, Ferjan Ormeling who shows different scenarios for national atlas use and Paul Woodman who researches the spelling of the country name 'Romania' in British official usage. Boguslaw Zagorski has a special article on the exonyms in the Arab world (Arabic and international cartography), while Crljnko considers exonyms in the Croatian lexicographical edition. Mr Bartos and Mr Ioan Sebastian Jucu have also interesting articles, the first proposing a discussion of the terms 'exonym' and 'endonym', while the second analyses the street names of the town of Lugoj (Timis county, Romania).

This number ends with two articles of historical geography made by Romanian guests: Ribana Linc and Angela Marușca from University of Oradea who presents the SPAS from West part of Romania and other two authors – David Turnock and Nicolae Muică who describe the rural distilling of 'țuică' (plum brandy).

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