Paris, le 25 juin 2022,

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the French National Geography Committee (CNFG) and the Local Organising Committee, we would like to thank you for your massive participation in the IGU Exceptional Centennial Congress, in Paris, in July. For your information, we will welcome 2413 participants from 98 countries. Most of these participants will be in person (and nearly 200 participants will follow us remotely).

The context of great uncertainty linked to the effects of the COVID-19 crisis has delayed the calendar and caused delays, which we are aware of and we wish to apologise for the consequences. Even if the alert situation is no longer the same in terms of health in France, it is still impossible in many countries for some colleagues to join us because of COVID but also because of the geopolitical context. The organisation of the congress in hybrid (remote or face-to-face sessions) has allowed us to keep a maximum of participants, but has complicated the final organisation. We thank you for your understanding.

The preparations are now entering their final phase and you will soon be able to consult the detailed programme of the 263 sessions of the congress - as well as the conferences and round tables, but also the many events that will accompany it - opening and closing ceremonies, cocktails, excursions, film festival, journal forum, plenary conferences, exhibitions, Geo Night, gala dinner, cafés-géo, etc.

This congress will also be the occasion of numerous meetings for regional and international geography associations and organisations (EUGEO, EGAL, AIGF, GSC, etc.).

We remind you that all the information will be available online on the official website https://www.ugiparis2022.org/ in the next few days, and for all registered participants, many conferences will be broadcasted on the virtual congress website which will be open soon. We invite you to consult these sites very soon to discover all the events planned.

The organisation of the congress relies on a team of more than 25 people. To this team will be added more than 100 volunteers, mostly geography students, who will help us with the reception, the registration, but who will also be able to participate and follow the sessions. Thank you to them, thank you also to the IGU Executive Committee, to the CNFG board and to the numerous supports we have received from French laboratories. Without them, this adventure could not take place.

The IGU Paris 2022 Centennial Congress Steering Committee,
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