

**25th SCUFN MEETING**  
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**Report of UNGEGN 27 and 10<sup>th</sup> UNSCGN; Notice of UNGEGN-28**

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The 10<sup>th</sup> United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (UNCSGN) and the 27<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) were held 30 July - 10 August 2012 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The reports and documents of the meetings are posted at the web site of the United Nations Statistics Division (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/default.htm>). The UNGEGN Session report is available in the six official languages of the United Nations. The Conference report is not yet available.

The International Hydrographic Organization report was presented during the Conference ([see IHO Report](#)). The status of IHO Publication S-23 *Limits of Oceans and Seas* was the item of greatest interest in the report. Great care was taken in how the matter was presented in the Conference Report.

The UN events always provide a good opportunity to develop a sense of the various national standardization bodies that are involved with undersea feature names.

The UN Conference has the authority to approve romanization systems for UN use. These systems are mandated for use by SCUFN. At the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference, romanization systems were approved for Belarusian, Bulgarian, Iranian, and Ukrainian.

Prof. Sung (Republic of Korea), Ms. Shaw (New Zealand) and Mr. Palmer (USA) met informally several times during the course of the conference to discuss a possible SCUFN project that may be presented at the 25<sup>th</sup> SCUFN Meeting in Wellington.

The 28<sup>th</sup> UNGEGN session is scheduled to be held in the first part of 2014 in Asia. Bangkok, Thailand has been proposed as the site, but this is not yet confirmed.