

**IGU COMMISSION ON THE HISTORY OF GEOGRAPHY.
SCIENTIFIC GUIDELINES AND TOPICS FOR THE SYMPOSIUM TO
BE HELD WITHIN THE IGU REGIONAL CONFERENCE
(ISRAEL, JULY 2010)**

On the occasion of the July 2010 IGU Regional Conference in Israel, the IGU *Commission on the History of Geography* will organize a Symposium made up of several sessions: some sessions will be held at Tel-Hai Academic College (on July 11, within the framework of the pre-conference field trip that will take place on July 9-12) and the rest in Tel Aviv (during the major conference, on July 12- 16).

The general topic of the IGU *Commission on the History of Geography* Symposium will be ***Geography, Civilizations, and Cultural Identities in Historical Perspective***. Special attention will be paid to the historical contribution of Geography and geographical thought in conceptualising world's cultural diversity, at different scales and in different times and places. The Symposium will consider the following topics:

- “spatial” issues of cultural differentiation general categories (nations, ethnic groups, races, civilizations, etc.);
- Geography’s contribution to identity creation at national and regional scales;
- the relationships between geography, colonialism, and imperialism within the cultural order (taking the colonial processes into account, not only in their aspects of domination and acculturation, but also within their “positive” aspects of encounter and transculturation);
- the role of geographers in the development and popularisation of the main global “metageographies” and world regional representations;
- Geography’s contribution to universalist, internationalist and cosmopolitan thinking;
- the relevance of geographical knowledge for recent cultural and political debates, such as the “clash”/“alliance” of civilizations theories, multiculturalism and globalisation.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Participants are welcome to submit abstracts on the topics listed above, but are not limited to those mentioned.

Sessions dedicated to the IGU *Commission on the History of Geography* will be held both during the conference (at Tel Aviv, July 12 - 16) and during the pre-conference field trip (at Tel Hai, July 11 Morning). The number of papers that can be presented in the sessions to be held during the preconference at Tel-Tai will be limited to 16. With regard to the conference in Tel Aviv, we recall you that, apart from the Commission's sessions, there will be general conference sessions which will cater for a wider audience, addressing topics not necessarily related to the Commissions.

Participants may present abstracts during the Commission's sessions (either during the pre-conference or within the conference) or during the general sessions of the conference. Please indicate at the bottom of your abstract whether you would like to present your paper within the framework of the commission's sessions, indicating the name of the commission, or in the main conference sessions.

a) If you prefer to present your abstract within the Commission's sessions, please indicate whether you intend to register for the pre-conference or for the conference, or for both.

b) If you prefer to present your paper within the main conference sessions, kindly indicate one or more study area corresponding to the commission titles (as advertised on the conference website: www.igu2010.com), compatible with the context of your abstract.

Abstracts will be sent for review and authors will be informed in due time whether their abstract/s have been accepted. Inclusion of abstracts in the scientific program and on the Disc of Abstracts is dependent on payment of registration fees. Abstracts should be submitted online at www.igu2010.com or via email to: geography@targetconf.com. If by email, the abstract should be saved as a Word document and sent as an attachment, please do not send as a PDF file. If using Word 2007, please save file as a document that can be opened in Word 2003.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS: FEBRUARY 1, 2010

