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This e-newsletter is circulated to more than 60 contact persons of the member societies of the Asian Geographical Association. Conference announcements, calls for participation in scientific events, information of programmes and projects are welcome. Please send them to Ms. Xuanzi Zhang acg2018@igsnr.ac.cn

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1. Updates from *Asian Geographer*

- **Asian Geographer: Updates for second half of 2020**

Provided by Professor Jiang Xu, Editor-in-Chief of *Asian Geographer*

Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, *Asian Geographer* has received over 100 new and revised manuscripts in 2020. The editorial team is grateful for the high-quality contributions from geographers based in various AGA member states, from which most of the paper received of the year were originated. The journal has continued to be a favoured outlet of publication for Indian geographers, while witnessing an upsurge of submissions from China. Moreover, it has received new contributions from Bangladesh, Nepal, and Kazakhstan for the first time in recent years. Beyond Asia, the journal has also welcomed papers from Australia, Canada, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom.

In 2021, *Asian Geographer* will continue to enhance its international visibility by taking part in various academic conferences for geographers in Asia and beyond. In April, the journal will host two sessions on the theme ‘Health, Sustainability, and the Future of Asian Cities’ during the virtual annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers. The sessions will bring together ten presentations on topics ranging from COVID-19 and compact city, to plastic pollution and post-industrial regeneration. The thematic focus of the sessions reflects *Asian Geographer’s* vision of developing into a platform for critical geographical scholarship on the tremendous challenges in public health and environmental sustainability faced by Asian cities, many of whose present circumstances and future-making initiatives have yet to be brought under critical scrutiny and situated theorisations. Parallel to this initiative, the journal is also planning to launch another virtual special issue, consisting of recently published papers that contribute to a better understanding of the geographies of health of Asia.

Meanwhile, *Asian Geographer* is looking forward to the publication of the special issue on ‘Northeast Asia in Regional Perspective’ in August 2021. The issue was previously scheduled to be published in February 2021 but has been postponed to allow the authors to conclude their writing during what has been an especially challenging year for all of us. The February 2021 issue of the journal will instead feature the following articles covering Mainland China, Hong Kong, Indonesia and Korea:

- ‘Investigating brand strategy gap in Hong Kong: First impressions and unique attractions’, by Chung-Shing Chan and Mike Peters:
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2020.1729211>
- ‘Agricultural permanence in large Asian cities: A case study of Nanjing, China’, by Gregory Veeck, Charles Emerson and Erik S. Breidinger:
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2020.1732432>

- ‘The dimension of rural-urban linkage of food security assessment: An Indonesian case study’, by Rukuh Setiadi, Artiningsih Artiningsih, Mada Sophianingrum and Tegar Satriani:
<https://www.tandfonline.com/author/Artiningsih%2C+Artiningsih>
- ‘Global city development and urban wage inequality in China’, by Fox Z. Y. Hu: <https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2020.1750440>
- ‘How do therapeutic spaces contribute to repairing human relationships after the MV *Sewol* shipwreck?’, by Sookyung Park:
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2020.1765819>

Last but not least, some news about our editorial team. *Asian Geographer* bids farewell to Dr. Xingjian Liu from The University of Hong Kong, who is leaving the journal at the end of 2020 after four years of dedicated service as the editor-in-charge for the domain of Cities, Regions and Spatial Data Science. He is succeeded by Dr. Mingshu Wang, a specialist in geodata science from University of Twente in the Netherlands, who will take advantage of his location to promote the journal in Europe. Meanwhile, Dr. Calvin King Lam Chung from The Chinese University of Hong Kong, the journal’s editorial manager since 2018, is taking on the additional role of Associate Editor to play a greater part in handling the journal’s growing submissions.

Call for papers and special issue proposals

Asian Geographer disseminates knowledge about geographical problems and issues focusing on Asia and the Pacific Rim. Original and timely articles dealing with any field of physical or human geographical inquiries and methodologies will be considered for publication. Contributions are welcomed in the form of full-length original research articles, review papers and critical commentaries (max. 8,000 words), as well as shorter reports on latest fieldwork findings for the section ‘Asian Geography in Brief’ (max. 4,000 words). For more details about the journal’s aims, scope, and submission instructions, please visit <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rage20/current>.

The journal also welcomes proposals for special issues throughout the year. Proposals may be directed to Editor-in-Chief, Professor Jiang Xu, at jiangxu@cuhk.edu.hk.

2. Activities of Working Groups

- **AGA Young Geographers Working Group (AGA-YGWG)** built a website and is now available. The call for membership has also started. Members will share a group mail for different activities, and some news about journals, jobs and related information. The AGA-YGWG established three awards for the members, titled Best Paper Awards (for students), Excellent Young Scholar Award (for young scholars), and Distinguished Service Award. For more details, please visit the website <http://www.aga-ygwg.com/>



Young Geographer Working Group (YGWG)
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Mission of YGWG

The working team will develop a medium-term research agenda for the working group, which will serve as the guideline for working group events and for community members to share ideas and research findings. Specifically,

- Develop and maintain connections and joint efforts with other AGA groups as well as other related GIScience and geographic academic organizations.
- Organize special sessions and workshops in AGA conferences as well as other GIScience, or geography conferences, in accordance with the research agenda.
- Collaborate with commissions within AGA or other academic associations to organize joint workshops on topics of shared interest.

Website of the AGA-YGWG

- **AGA Working Group on Cultural Geography** planned to organize a joint session with IGU Commission on Cultural Approaches in Geography during the 34th International Geographical Congress. As the IGC2020 Istanbul has been postponed to August 2021, the call for paper is still open (till January 11, 2021). All the papers related to the 4 topics below are welcome. [https://www.igc2020.org/en/JOINT-SESSION-CULTURAL%20-APPROACHES-IN-GEOGRAPHY\(IGU\)-AND-WORKING-GROUP-ON-CULTURAL-GEOGRAPHY\(AGA\).html](https://www.igc2020.org/en/JOINT-SESSION-CULTURAL%20-APPROACHES-IN-GEOGRAPHY(IGU)-AND-WORKING-GROUP-ON-CULTURAL-GEOGRAPHY(AGA).html)

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- **AGA Working Group on Disaster Mitigation and Education**

Considering the importance of education on environment, disaster as well as gender, Gender and Development Study Group together with Spatial Dynamics Laboratory of the Department of Development Geography, Faculty of Geography, Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), Indonesia held a webinar on this subject on July 14, 2020. This event was conducted online and joined by more than 100 participants from different institutions including teachers from elementary and high schools as well as university lecturers. It was hosted by Prof. Dr. M. Baiquni, M.A. who is the Chairman of Working Group on Disaster Mitigation and Education, Asian Geographical Society.

During the event who was moderated by Surani Hasanati, S.Si., M.Sc, three speakers convey their speech on child and women-friendly education (Alia Fajarwati, S.Si., M.IDEA), environment (Agung Satriyo Nugroho, S.Si., M.Sc.) and disaster (Estuning Tyas Wulan Mei). The webinar was also supported by the Forum of Indonesian Universities in the Field of Geography (FORPIMGEO) and Working Group on Disaster Mitigation and Education, Asian Geographical Society. Before the webinar, an educative video on Fire and Earthquake Disaster Evacuation Simulation initiated by Alia Fajarwati, a lecturer of the Faculty of Geography (UGM), was displayed (link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iC9OOmq0ZB0>).



School and Community Project on Fire and Earthquake Disaster Evacuation Simulation

The webinar was successful to encourage teachers and students of elementary school in disaster risk reduction. Some simulation related to earthquake and fire fighting were applied in their school. Their parents were also support these activities to improve students' skills on evacuation and help their friends to go away from the risks.

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Leaflet of the Webinar

3. News from Sri Lanka Association of Geographers

COVID-19 pandemic situation has affected the world in multiple ways, including the SLAG activities. Although, SLAG has prepared its action item for 2019/2020, it was limited to a few activities, due to the presidential election in November-2019, COVID situation and subsequent parliamentary election held in August-2020.

The following activities have been conducted during the period under reference.

- The proceeding of National Geography Conference, held on August-2019 is given below.

NEC 2019

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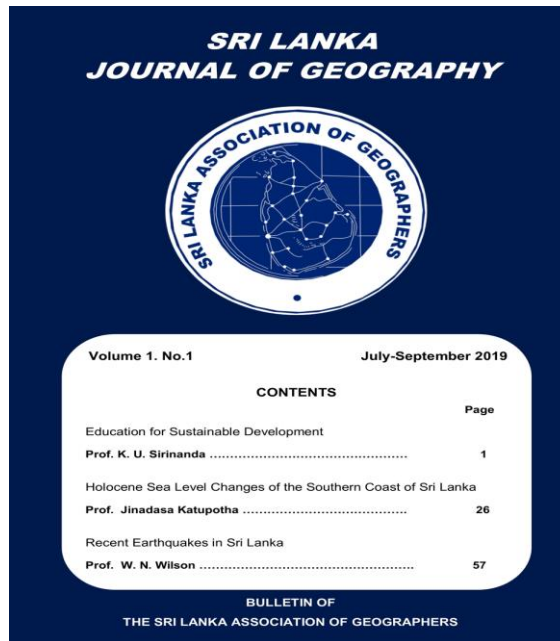
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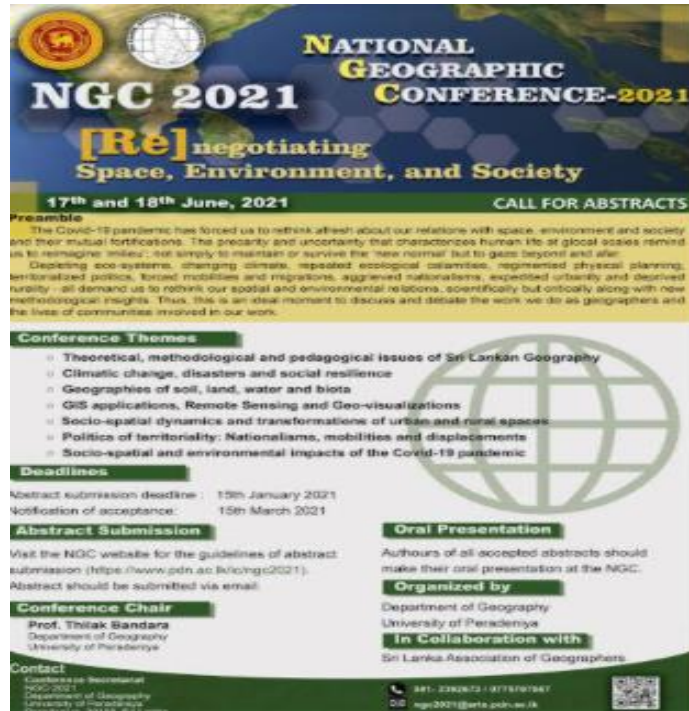
- Below E-Journal (Vol. 1, No.1) was published in August-2019, consolidating research papers/articles provided by the Senior Geographers in Sri Lanka.



- Organized a seminar for the Advance Level Geography students at Theldeniya National School in November-2019 by Prof. Tilak Bandara, University of Peradeniya to mark the 'Geography Day' of the school.
- Prepared a database for Senior Geographers of Sri Lanka

The proposed activities for 2020/21 are appended below.

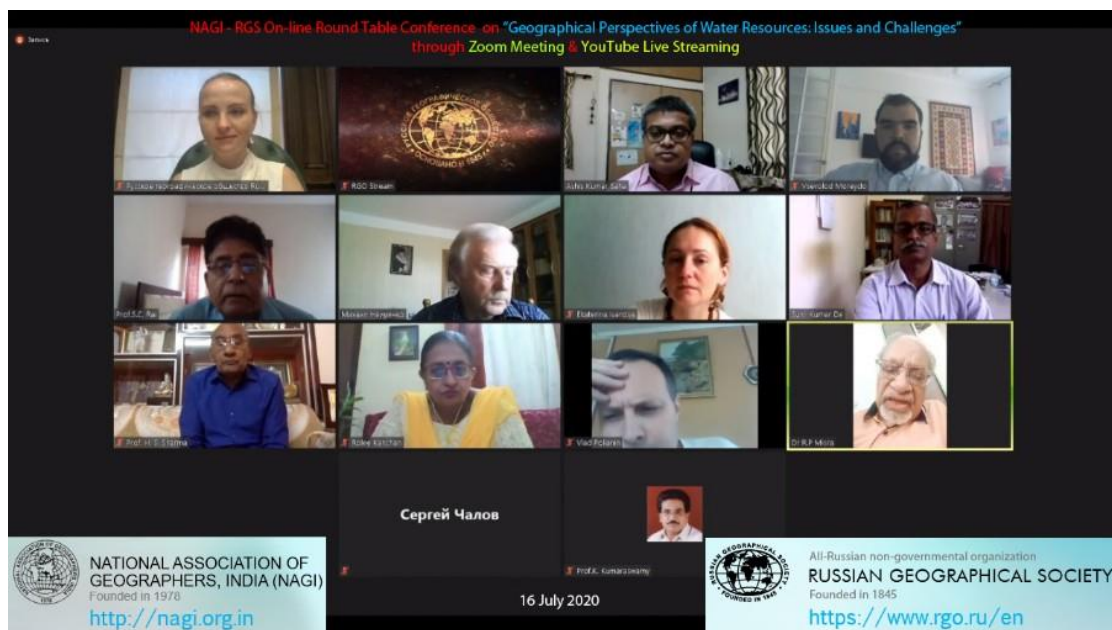
- Annual National Geography Conference to be held on 17th and 18th of June 2021 (refer below e-flyer) at the Department of Geography, University of Peradeniya. The theme of the conference is "(Re) negotiating Space, Environment and Society". This conference will provide an opportunity to share knowledge, through extensive interactions of more participations.
- Work in progress to publish Geography Journal (both Sinhala and Tamil language) and intended to publish before the end of September.



(Provided by Dr. Fareena Ruzaik , Secretary-General, Sri Lanka Association of Geographers, fareena@geo.cmb.ac.lk)

4. Report of the Online Conference “Geographical Perspectives of Water Resources: Issues and Challenges”

Organized by National Association of Geographers, India and Russian Geographical Society, 16th July, 2020



The National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI), the largest association of Geographers in India with around 2500 Life members and numerous annual and institutional members, is devoted to spreading awareness of the geographical knowledge and promotion of geography discipline since 1978. The association has extended its collaborations with many associations abroad, e.g. Russian Geographical Society, The Geographical Society of China, Vietnam Science Academy, Belarusian Geographical Society and most recently, with Saudi Geographical Society. NAGI has jointly organized two online events recently in collaboration with the Russian Geographical Society. These events are part of the MOU signed between NAGI and RGS in the year 2018 for academic cooperation and scientific collaboration.

Around 1600 participants had registered for one-day on-line round table conference on the theme “Geographical Perspectives of Water Resources: Issues and Challenges” held on 16th July 2020 through Zoom Platform and parallel webcast through YouTube Channel of Russian Geographical Society (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bN5jhLRaZJ0>). Eminent geographers from India and Russia including Prof. Mikhail A Naumenko, Dr. Sergey R. Chalov, Dr. Ekaterina V. Ivanova, Dr. Vladislav O. Polyanin and Dr. Vsevolod M. Moreydo from the Russian side and Prof. H S Sharma, Prof. S C Rai, Prof. Rolee Kanchan, Prof. K Kumaraswamy and Prof. Sunil Kumar De from the Indian side had discussed various contemporary issues on water resources. The climate change impacts on hydro-ecological issues, dryland hydrology, wetland ecosystem, aquifer vulnerability, human interference and water-related health issues, drinking water sources and microplastic pollutions in water bodies had been discussed and well appreciated by the participants in the conference. Around 1300 participants had been issued e-certificate on successful completion of the conference. The program was jointly moderated by Dr. A K Saha (NAGI) and Dr. Elena S. Remizova (RGS).

To enhance the cooperation, an online quiz contest was organized on the occasion of 175th Anniversary of Russian Geographical Society (<https://bit.ly/36IJXAN>) on the theme “Enhance your Geographical Knowledge about Russia” on 18th August 2020. Around 200 participants had responded to the set of questionnaires (<https://bit.ly/30PvS0q>). Two participants, Mr. Anup Kumar Dey and Ms. Anubhuti had scored 100 per cent and provided with certificates from NAGI and RGS.

Both the associations will look forward to more such innovative ideas to expand the collaboration and cooperation in future.

(Provided by Dr. A K Saha, Joint Secretary, NAGI, ashisksaha@gmail.com)

5. Summary of the International Webinar – The Impact of Urban Development on Agriculture Activities at Peri-urban Areas

Jointly organized by Bangladesh National Geographical Association and Department of Geography and Environment, Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Bangladesh

25th August, 2020



• Rationale and Context of the International Webinar

Geography, with its unique methods and approaches has proven its capacity to handle multidimensional geographical and environmental challenges during this pandemic situation. The COVID-19 pandemic from global to local scale have already changed the traditional academic system towards the online-based teaching and learning system. The impacts of COVID-19 have made an opportunity to analyze the situation with geographical methods. The epistemological framework, ontological approach and methodological tools of geography can help to generate critical knowledge from pandemic issues with its locational attributes, contextual space, at-scale, and inter-scale connections of the phenomenon. An International Webinar was jointly organized by the BNGA and the Department of Geography and Environment, Jahangirnagar University on 25th August 2020 that was held in such a time when geographers are trying to disseminate geographical knowledge and concept during the current crisis period. In this context, the webinar creates an opportunity to bring geographers together from different countries of the world who provided valuable opinions, comments, and suggestions. The event also sets a common tone to ensure continuous engagements of geographers for their research and teaching.

- **Participants around the world**

A total of 122 participants from 16 different countries (e.g. Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Granada, India, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Thailand, and Vietnam) and different universities were present in the webinar. The President of the International Geographical Union (IGU) Professor Dr Michael Meadows joined the webinar as the Chief Guest and presided by Professor Sheikh Md. Monzurul Huq president of the Bangladesh National Geographical Association (BNGA).

- **The summary of presentation of the keynote speaker Dr Narimah Samat**

The keynote paper was presented by Professor Dr Narimah Samat from Geographic Information Sciences, and Dean of School of Humanities, Universiti Sains Malaysia titled “The impact of urban development on agricultural activities at peri-urban areas”. Professor Samat received her Bachelor degree from Southwest Texas State University, USA, Masters from Universiti Sains Malaysia and received her PhD (2002) from University of Leeds (UK) with the Commonwealth Scholarship Programme. She has been working on urban modelling including people, systems, and processes in both urban and peri-urban contexts for more than two decades. She showed the extension of urban sprawl into rural spaces in her presentation with data, figures, and maps. She also explained how changes in the land use pattern took place over time in urban adjoining rural spheres in western Malaysia. She used multi-method approach to do the research which included Key Informant Interview (KII), personal interview and spatial analysis. She mentioned that unplanned urbanization in urban fringe areas are creating various forms of irreversible challenges and situations are becoming aggravated with the impacts of climate change induced threats. The presentation was appreciated by the geographers participated in the webinar and a number of them made valuable comments. The presentation session was ended with a question-and-answer session.

Since the beginning of 2020, the novel coronavirus has begun to widespread across the globe. It led to a sudden economic crisis to the global society and posed a big threat to people’s life and security. In defeating the COVID-19, Geographical Society of China (GSC) and Chinese geographers have contributed numerous efforts during the challenging time in the following aspects.

- **Remarks made by the President of the IGU**

The President of the IGU, Professor Dr Michael Meadows attended in the webinar for the full length and made some valuable comments in favor of organizing this International webinar. His presence made the event high spirited and made the geographers excited. He appreciated the efforts and expressed his thanks to BNGA and the Department of Geography and Environment for arranging this productive and timely webinar involving geographers around the world. He mentioned about his new position in taking his office recently as the President of IGU and still working to

accustom with the responsibilities for the new position. He also expressed that he would support these kinds of events in future once he is settled properly in his new position. It is his first international appearance after taking the position at the IGU. He also expressed his sincere thanks to Dr Narimah Samat for her presentation on issues and challenges related to peri-urban development in Malaysia.

- **Concluding address by the Chairman of the Department of Geography and Environment and way forward**

The Chairman of the Department of Geography and Environment, Jahangirnagar University mentioned about the strengths of the faculty members which are gained thorough pursuing PhD degrees from leading universities of the world. He also informed the participants of the webinar about the engagements of geography teachers of Jahangirnagar University in research activities in a range of sub-fields of the discipline funded by various donors/sources/agencies/organizations and related publications. It was also mentioned by the Chairman that the Department of Geography and Environment has been playing important roles in advancing geographical knowledge in Bangladesh and the region. The sketch out the plan for arranging series of webinars in the upcoming months on various important topics.

Finally, Professor Dr Md Nurul Islam, Secretary General of the Bangladesh National Geographical Association (BNGA) gave thanks to the national and international participants for joining in the webinar and making valuable comments and academic feedbacks. He also notified that there will be another International Webinar soon with wider aspects.

(Provided by Professor Dr. Md Nurul Islam, Secretary General of BNGA, nurul.islam@juniv.edu)

6. Summary of the AGA Executive Committee Meeting 2020

The Asian Geographical Association Executive Committee Meeting 2020 was held on Oct. 22nd, 2020 in the form of virtual meeting. All of the eight EC members of the AGA and four observers attended this online event.

The meeting was chaired by Professor Dahe Qin, President of the AGA. Qin welcomed the members present and wished everyone good health during the pandemic. Then Qin announced the agenda of the meeting which was then adopted.

Ms. Xuanzi Zhang, Secretary and Treasurer of the AGA made a brief introduction on the minutes of AGA EC meeting 2019. The minutes were approved. Then Zhang made a detailed presentation on the AGA work report 2020. She introduced the progress that EC members have been made on trying to expand the network of the AGA community in the past year. She shared information on the activities of the existing working groups and proposal on establishing new working group, updates from *Asian Geographer* for the year 2020 and some upcoming events sponsored by the AGA. She also reported the

cooperation proposal from the IGU and development on the AGA newsletter and website.

Then Vice President of the AGA, Professor Lai Vinh Cam reported on the progress of the 5th Asian Conference on Geography on behalf of the local organizer in Vietnam. Here are the details:

- **Website** is completed and available online: acg2021.tnu.edu.vn
- **Theme:** Geography in Dynamic Asia
- **Important Dates**

Deadline for abstract papers and poster submission: 15 April, 2021 (may be extended to 15 May if needed)

Notification of acceptance: 30 May, 2021

Full paper submission (Option): 15 August, 2021

- **Keynote speakers and Conference Key Topics**

Lai Vinh Cam asked EC members to recommend 5-7 keynote speakers and also session chairs according to the following key topics:

Sustainable Development

Interaction between Environments and Human activities

Globalization and Localization

Migration and Conflicts

Urbanization and the future of Asian cities

Natural resources and environmental issues

Disasters

Climate Changes & Ecosystem

Remote sensing & GIS

- **Scientific Committee & Organizing Committee**

<http://acg2021.tnu.edu.vn/committee/>

- **Support from Thai Nguyen University (TNU)**

TNU agreed to provide 10,000 USD to support the conference, the conference still need more funds from other sources.

- **Estimated Registration Fee**

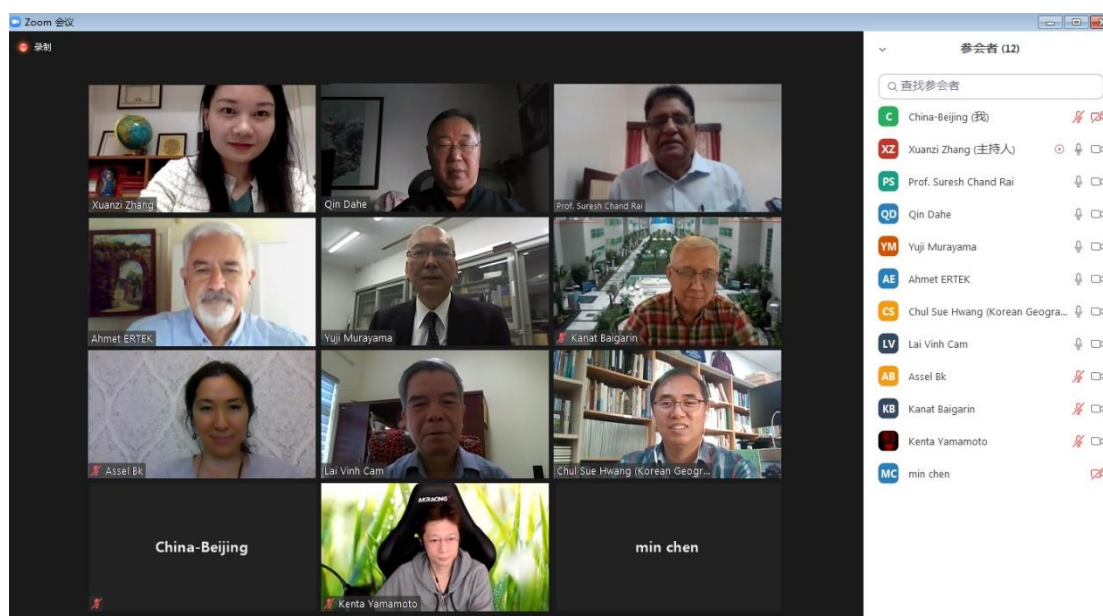
Participant: 200 USD; Student: 150 USD

- **Visa & Travel** information have been put online

Cam hoped the pandemic will disappear soon and the conference can be held in person as expected.

Then the meeting was followed by an open discussion. Some issues were put forward and discussed, including inquiries on the field excursion of the 5th ACG, proposals on organizing special session for young geographers and also possibility of collaboration with journals on publishing special issue selecting excellent papers of the conference.

At last, Qin concluded the meeting by making a brief summary on the progress that AGA has made during the past year and thanked everyone present at the Zoom Meeting for their contribution to the AGA. He also wished all good health and hoped everyone will get together again in Vietnam next year.



AGA Executive Committee Virtual Meeting 2020,
Oct. 22nd, 2020

7. Forthcoming Events

- **The 5th Asian Conference on Geography** is scheduled to be held at Thai Nguyen University, Thai Nguyen, Vietnam from October 18th-22nd, 2021. Website: Home Page <http://acg2021.tnu.edu.vn/>
- **The Council Meeting of the AGA and the Business Meeting of the AGA Executive Committee 2021** will be held during the 5th Asian Conference on Geography in Vietnam.
- **The 34th International Geographical Congress (IGC2021)** is postponed for one year and will be held from August 16th-20th, 2021 in Istanbul, Turkey. Website: IGU 2021 - <https://www.igc2020.org/en/default.asp>

- **The IAG Regional Conference on Geomorphology** is postponed to be held in spring 2022 in Mashhad, Iran. Website: <https://rcg2020.um.ac.ir/index.php/en/>
- **The 2nd International Conference on Geography and Geoinformatics for Sustainable Development (IGCCS)** is scheduled to take place in November 2021 in Phuket, Thailand. Website: ICGGS <http://www.icggs.org/>

8. Other Issues

- AGA Vice President, Secretary-General of NAGI, Professor Suresh Chand Rai has been awarded International Medal from Moldova for his contribution in geography discipline.



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