**Report of the IGU Commissions Excellence Award Committee**

The IGU Commissions Excellence Award Committee unanimously nominates the Commission in Biogeography and Biodiversity for the IGU Commissions Excellence Award 2019.

The Commission in Biogeography and Biodiversity is very active and highly productive. It participates consistently in IGU Congresses and Regional and Thematic Conferences, organizing successful sessions on biogeography and biodiversity at these IGU events and makes important contributions in the debate on climate change. The Commission has a strong tradition of collaboration with other IGU commissions. The Commission collaborated in 2018 with several IGU Commissions in the Thematic Conference in Koper and organized several sessions at that conference. The Commission initiated the Sustainable Development Goals Series and the Advances in Geographical and Environmental Sciences Series, both published by Springer. The Commission is very active in promoting the participation of young and emerging scholars and (co) organizes every year winter schools and other training programs for capacity building of early career scientists, particularly from developing countries. It is successful in organizing scientific meetings in low-income countries such as Uganda and India.

The IGU Commissions Excellence Award Committee commends the Commission in Biogeography and Biodiversity for its excellent work.

7th April 2020

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