

CGA

Composite Gazetteer of Antarctica

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Modena 5-6 February 2009**

**CGA, entrusted by SCAR
to Italy in 1992.**

Now 17 years old.

CGA,

1 Jan 2009

- Contains 36006 geographical names (including 79 since XXX SCAR)
- Corresponding to 18209 geographical features (including 75 since XXX SCAR)
- Provided by 22 Countries

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Just a compilation, however.....

Input data made homogeneous

Transliteration and translation

Classification

Data check

Association of name to feature

Grouping of names around a feature
(unique SCAR ID)

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Some choices

Exclusion of features North of 60°S

Partial inclusion of man-made features

Exclusion of historical, obsolete and non official names

Inclusion of undersea features

Inclusion of subglacial features

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Two main products:

- * Web-site updated quarterly

<http://data.aad.gov.au/aadc/gaz/scar/>

Last updating Jan 1st 2009

- * Two publications (in 1998 e 2000) plus Supplement (in 2004) with SCAR's financial support

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- Contribution to the international awareness that toponymy in Antarctica, even though left to the choices of Countries, can't be quite arbitrary.
- There are the SCAR's recommendations, a coordination team, a format.

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A practical outcome

CGA is most complete and updated list (as much as practicable) of the existing names.

For every new proposed toponym it is easy to verify whether the feature has been already named.

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National contribution (format)

- Country
- Number of names in the CGA
- Source
- Point of contact
- Last updating
- No. of names with description
- Language of descriptive field

CGA composition

- Argentina
- 2544 names
- Diskette (Bariloche) plus “Nomenclador Antartico Argentino”, 1993.
- Letter A updated 1999.
- M. CRISTINA MORANDI
- few corrections in 2006
- 165
- Spanish

CGA composition

- Australia
- 2371
- Australian Antarctic Gazetteer.
- Continuously updated
- HENK BROLSMA
- Continuosly updated
- All
- English

CGA Composition

- Belgium
- 117
- Letter of the Belgian Embassy at Canberra, 1994.
- No updating.
- French

CGA Composition

- Bulgaria
- 398
- Bulgarian Place-names list.
- Continuously updated
- LIUBOMIR IVANOV
- 14.09.2008
- All
- English

CGA Composition

- Canada
- Fax from O. Loken,
18.12.2000
- 18.12.2000
- All
- English

CGA Composition

- Chile
- 1865
- “Diccionario de Nombres Geograficos de Chile”, 1999.
PATRICIA VICUNA
- 2000
- All but 13
- Spanish

CGA Composition

- China
- 279
- Diskettes and updatings.
- ZHANG SHENGKAI
- 2004, but pending
- None
- English

CGA Composition

- Ecuador
- 9
- Letter of Capt de Navio O. Morán (1998-99)
- 1999
- All
- Spanish

CGA Composition

- France
- 208
- “Toponymie de Terre Adélie”.
Received in 1997, unofficial publication
- Letter A updated in 1999.
- ELISABETH CALVARIN
- few corrections in 2003
- All
- French

CGA Composition

- Germany
- 393
- Gazetteer 1993, and continuously updated from the Web site.
- 20
- English

CGA Composition

- India
- 21
- Letter by Dr A. Mitra,
Principal Scientific Officer
- 12.1.1998
- All
- English

CGA Composition

- Italy
- 53
- Italian Committee on Geographic Names. Continuously updated
- All
- English

CGA Composition

- Japan
- 320
- Antarctic Record (1994-1997), Japanese Gazetteer (2000)
- SHIBUYA KAZUO
- 07.07.2008
- All
- English

CGA Composition

- New Zealand
- 2591
- New Zealand Gazetteer.
Continuously updated
- WENDY SHAW
- 5.9.2007
- All but 244
- English

CGA Composition

- Norway
- 1647
- Diskette in 1994 and “Lists of Norwegian Place-Names (preliminary)” 1992
- ODDVEIG ØLEN
- ØRVOLL
- 11.12.2007
- All but 3
- (English)

CGA Composition

- Poland
- 365
- “List of the Place-names of Antarctica introduced by Poland in 1978-90”.
Continuously updated.
- JAN CISAK
- 08.10.2007
- All
- English

CGA Composition

- Russia
- 4808
- Dictionary of geographical names in the Antarctic, 1987
- few corrections in 2002
- 6
- English

CGA Composition

- South Africa
- 2
- Letter by R.T. Wonnacott,
Survey Services Director
(15.12.97).
- 15.12.1997
- All
- English

CGA Composition

- Spain
- 30
- Bol. R.Soc. Esp. Hist.Nat.
(Sec. Geol.) 93(1-4), 1997,
227-234.
- JERONIMO LOPEZ
- 1997
- All
- Spanish

CGA Composition

- UK
- 4875
- Gazetteer of the British Antarctic Territory, 1993.
www.antarctica.ac.uk/apc/
- ALISON MARTIN
- 25.11.08
- All
- (English).

CGA Composition

- Uruguay
- 5
- Letters of the President of the “Instituto Antartico Uruguayo”, 1997.
- 1997
- All
- English

CGA Composition

- USA
- 12990
- “Geographic Names of the Antarctic”, 1995.
- ROGER PAYNE
- 29.10.2008
- All but 58
- English

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The present.

AADC of AAD has accomplished the task of moving the CGA data-base into a new server, adding new fields and new search capabilities, fully refurbishing the web site.

The new site is accessible.

However during the next few months the old Italian site will still be accessible (it contains also GEBCO).

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The future

Shall the CGA remain forever a compilation or should SCAR embark on a long term programme of Antarctic toponymy (such as ADD has done for mapping)?