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Toponymic web sites

United Kingdom: toponymic web sites

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The United Kingdom Permanent Committee on Geographical Names (PCGN) recently designed a new website which has just been launched. It can be found at <www.pcgn.org.uk>

The purpose of the website is to provide a short introduction to PCGN outlining its organisation and objectives and supplying contact details. The website stresses that the Committee's main responsibility is to UK government departments and agencies.

One of the principal functions of the website is to direct enquirers to appropriate websites containing information about geographical names. A page devoted to such links, along with those to other related sites, is included. PCGN would be happy to include a link to any official national toponymic websites, and should like to request that countries wishing such a link inform PCGN of their URLs, during the present Conference if possible.

Information is also available on the United Nations' role in the standardisation of geographical names, country names and romanisation systems. Additional links will be included to sites dealing with place names in the United Kingdom and the Antarctic, two areas beyond the terms of reference of PCGN.
