

# IGU International Geographical Union Activities' Report - Year 2022

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## 1. Introduction

IGU International Geographical Union is the world scientific organization of the Geography and Geographers  
<https://igu-online.org/>

## 2. Main activities carried on by IGU during 2021 relevant for Italy and for CNR

2021 IGU activities relevant for Italy and CNR are available at IGU <https://igu-online.org/annual-reports/>

## 3. Activities carried on by the Italian Delegate within the Union during 2021 and impact on the Italian scientific community

Professor Paradiso participated in IGU Istanbul Congress by organizing sessions and interacting in the General Assembly.

IGU proposed Professor Maria Paradiso for nomination in ISC International Science Council in recognition of her commitment and achievements in IGU as well in recognition of her scientific experience internationally. She has successfully nominated in Fall 2021 with a large number of votes.

In 2022, Professor Paradiso proposed to the Italian community to submit again an Italian candidacy for IGU ballot for Vice President, in continuation of a 20 years tradition, which started with Professor Adalberto Vallega. In the past she has sustained the election of Professors Bellezza University of Sapienza first and then Dell'Agnesse University Bicocca. Italian Geographers proposed Maria Paradiso for election.

Maria Paradiso has been sustained very well by IGU and very successfully elected as IGU VP for the term 2022-2026. 51 National Committees cast their vote, which represents an 85% turnout of eligible countries.  
<https://igu-online.org/igu-ec-election-result-2022/>

## 4. Evaluation of the participation in terms of benefits and membership cost

It is highly positive thanks to the effective active participation in IGU over the years by Professor Paradiso Delegate, Professor dell'Agnesse, Professor Marcella Schmidt and other Italian scholars in Geography.

Italian Geography has an excellent reputation in IGU. IN 2021 a Thematic IGU Conference has been hosted in Lecce Salento University. In 2023 another IGU Thematic Conference on Marine Geography will be hosted in Bicocca in partnerships with many IGU Commissions

## 5. Evaluation of Italians' attendance and how to improve interest and involvement

As ever, Italian limited funding for research and attendance in expensive Conferences and the usual month of August for IGU Conferences limit participation.

## 6. Italian experts with important roles within the Union or within related Commissions and Programs (if known)

Maria Paradiso, Marcella Schmidt, Elena dell'Agnesse, Barbara Staniscia, Teresa Graziano among others

## 7. Conclusions

A commitment by CNR to geography is desirable in view of international results and for the possibility of connection expressed by geography.

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