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Dear Dr Mamadouh and Professor Yamazaki

IGU Commission Excellence Award 2014

I am delighted to inform you that the IGU Commission on Political Geography is the 2014 winner of the IGU Commission Excellence Award. The prize is US\$2500 towards your Commission's activities and the opportunity to present a plenary address at a future IGU Congress or Regional Conference as appropriate. If either of you are going to be present at the upcoming Moscow Regional Conference, I can make arrangements to hand over the prize in person. Please let me know if you would like this to be the case. The plenary address will be scheduled for the Beijing 2016 Congress.

I append below the report on the IGU sub-committee that assesses the Commission reports; given that we have more than 40 Commissions and Task Forces, the excellence award is indeed a considerable achievement.

I would be grateful if you could inform your Steering Committee and all Commission members and of this good news. I will place the announcement on the IGU website in due course.

Congratulations to you and your colleagues on a fine achievement.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M Meadows'.

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Report IGU Commissions Excellence Award Committee

The IGU Commissions Excellence Award Committee nominates unanimously the Commission on Political Geography for the IGU Commissions Excellence Award 2014.

Although many IGU commissions perform very well in terms of the criteria for the IGU Commissions Excellence Award, the Commission on Political Geography has performed exceptionally well in 2014. The Commission participates consistently in the IGU Congresses and Conferences by organizing special sessions and panels, often in collaboration with other IGU commissions. The Commission organized an impressive number of conferences and workshops in Europe, North and South America and Asia, and collaborated with several external organizations, including the ISSC. The Commission has a strong record of publishing special issues in international refereed academic journals as an outcome of commission meetings and communicates about its activities through a newsletter, website, mailing list and Facebook group. The Commission encourages and stimulates the involvement of young researchers and researchers from low-income countries in its activities. The commission has a travel grant program for postgraduate students and early career scientists, giving preference to young scholars, in particular from developing countries. A young members' board stimulates the involvement of young scientists in the activities of the commission.

May 28th 2015

Ron Abler
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