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The total number of members of the Commission is 148 (as of 1 December 2014) and the number of countries involved is 51.

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**TOTAL 148**
B. Meetings

B.1. IGU Regional Conference in Kraków

During 2014 the C12.17 Global Change and Human Mobility (Globility) Commission organized two sessions in the framework of the IGU Regional Conference in Kraków (August 18-22). The list of active participants is reported in the following table:

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Their contributions corresponded to fourteen oral presentations and one poster. The next table summarizes the information concerning the Globility sessions organized in Kraków.

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**B.2. Brief summary of the topics addressed and the findings and conclusions resulting from the discussion**

Two different topics were discussed in the sessions organized and developed during two days in the Kraków Meeting.

a. The first of them was ‘New approaches to migratory policies in a mobile world’ tackled the issue of the crucial role played by the migratory policies in the world population flows. Imposing barriers has determined how many immigrants can arrive, who can do it and in which circumstances. Moreover, migratory policies and regulations differ not only among countries but in the course of time, depending on the economic development and on the decisions of policy-makers. In accordance with the context of the global capitalism, migrations have intensified the interdependency of places, despite the increasing friction between the free movement of capitals and the restrictions imposed to the human mobility. The presentations aimed at re-thinking the characteristics of the migratory policies and at analyzing case studies at the national and local scales. Topics such as circular migration, asylum policies, migratory policies in the external borders of EU, and the regulations of rural-urban internal migration were addressed and discussed.

b. The topic of the second session was ‘Re-thinking the concept of human mobility: new theoretical advances’. The discussion revolved around a concept of human mobility that goes beyond rigid divisions and is geared to the study of different mobilities: those consumption-led and those production-led, the temporary and the permanent ones, the recurring and non-recurring ones, the international and the domestic ones. Through these new approaches, a better focus on the theoretical issues of human mobility was developed. Therefore, in this session epistemological, methodological and applied researches from the perspective of different case studies were discussed.
In the field of epistemological approaches different schemes of migration systems were presented, from theoretical definitions to applied research, with a special attention to cross-border mobility and consumption-led mobility. From the focus of methodological approaches, the use of volunteered GPS trajectories to the calibration of a spatial interaction model was presented; finally, in the purest sense of novelty, an approach to the repercussions of attachment to place in the post-mortal mobility was introduced.

Sessions of the Globility meeting in Kraków
The immediate and long-term, theoretical and practical implications of these different discussions drive to the study of the complex forms of human mobility and the new trends of such mobility from a geographical perspective. These approaches should be further developed in the next meetings organized by the Globility Commission.

B.3. Planned meetings of the Globility Commission to be held in 2015 and topics to be addressed

For the upcoming IGU Regional Conference in Moscow (17-21 August 2015), the Globility Commission has proposed four sessions, two of which will be joint sessions with the Commission on Mediterranean Basin, on the one hand, and the Commission on Population Geography, on the other. The first two sessions will go through ‘Real and virtual borders: the challenge of human mobility’, and ‘People on the move: the perspective of the life cycle and the role of gender’. The first mentioned joint session will be: ‘New trends of the human mobility in the Mediterranean basin: towards a new migratory model?’, and the second: ‘Human mobility and 2011 Census: new data, new theories’. A meeting during the EUGEO Conference, 30 August – 2 September 2015, in Budapest, has been planned under the topic ‘Changing world, changing human mobilities: global convergence and divergence’.

C. Networking

Globility has maintained contacts with other IGU Commissions, in particular with the ‘Population Geography Commission’ and the ‘Mediterranean Basin Commission’. Unfortunately, any joint meeting has been possible during the year 2014, but the two mentioned joint sessions for the upcoming 2015 Moscow Regional Conference have been organized in order to strengthen the collaboration between Globility and other IGU Commissions.

Besides, in recent years, universities around the world have experienced significant financial constraints; these have made it difficult, for a very large number of researchers, to take part to Globility meetings, despite their interest in the Commission activities, expressed to the Globility meetings organizers by email. Nevertheless, the average number of attendants in the last congress has been remarkable.
The most important obstacle to the Commission is to promote the organization of meetings out of the context of IGU events. New modes based on past experiences - such as the implementation of new technical procedures to exchange information among researchers - and the possibilities to get research funds from the European Union should be also explored in order to contribute to new forms of international cooperation in research. In particular, the collaboration between the Universities of Chemnitz (Germany) and Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Spain) through Globility has obtained funds to deepening in the study of new flows of young skilled Mediterranean citizens to other EU countries. Recently, an active group of researchers of the Globility Commission, got a project proposal related to youth mobility approved and funded in the framework of the Horizon 2020 Programme.

D. Publications

D.1. Articles and volumes published

A list of the articles and volumes published by some of the Globility members on issues of global change and human mobility, in English and /or their national languages is the following:


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**D.2. New accurate URL of the commission’s website.**

http://www.globility.org/

The Globility website is now being runned by an IT independent supporter, webmaster, under the supervision of the Chairperson of the Globility Commission, Prof. Josefina Domínguez-Mujica, and under the management of the Scientific Secretary Dr. Barbara...
Staniscia. The website, with a new domain, represents the major tool for exchange of information among the members of the Globility Commission and it also constitutes its archive, with all the documents produced by Globility since year 2000.

E. Archival Contributions

A group of attendants at the end of the second meeting in Jagiellonian University

Josefina Domínguez-Mujica (Chair)