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The International Council of Onomastics Sciences (ICOS), September, 05-09, 2011, XXIV<sup>th</sup> edition, was an occasion for the meeting of numerous researchers and professors from many continents, interested by recent issues pertaining to anthroponymy, toponymy, communication, media, etc. All scholars presented papers on onomastics or related to the field of onomastics.

A special place was occupied by the papers which were held in Catalan. From a historical and geographical perspective, Catalunya is a meeting point for many languages and cultures. Names of places and landscape description are all indicative of the value attached to toponyms and of the role they play in marking a nation's identity.

Aspects which presented interest for geographical data were treated both by renowned specialists in the field of onomastics and by young researchers interested in the role played by every-day onomastics. The 21<sup>st</sup> century will mark a renewed interest in toponyms for specialists and for many other researchers. Toponyms will be known through access to digital data bases. In the ratio between tradition and modernity, a lot of arguments were brought to persuade the audience about the necessity of using internet as a source of information with respect to exonyms and to the problems they raise.

Round tables were organized which occasioned debates on the relationship between onomastics and media on the management of proper names in audio-visual contexts, on actual innovations made in the field of onomastics.