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Colleagues,

I am pleased to inform you that the International Geographical Union's Executive Committee has approved our Research Plan (attached) and the continuation of our Commission on Transport & Geography (IGU T&G) for the next 4 year period from August 2020 until the International Geographical Congress (IGC) meeting in Dublin, Ireland in August 2024. Because of the Covid 19 pandemic, the 2020 IGC in Istanbul has been postponed until 16-20 August 2021, and there is an additional IGC in Paris from 18-22 July 2022 to commemorate the IGC's 100 year anniversary. In addition, our Commission's new Steering Committee will be seeking to organise sessions at conferences held by the American Association of Geographers, Royal Geographical Society, NECTAR and other transport research organisations.

It has been an honour and privilege to Chair the IGU Transport and Geography Commission since its inception in 2009. The IGU's rules on maximum length of service for Commission Chairs (12 years) and Steering Committee Members (8 years) means that I have to retire on Friday this week (which should have been the the last day of the Istanbul IGC meeting), but I intend to remain an active participant. Transport Geography research has expanded both in scope and internationally as a result of our Commission's meetings and published research.

I wish the new Chair (Dr Frederic Dobruszkes), Secretary (Dr Chia-Lin Chen), Vice Chair (Professor Pengjun Zhao), Steering Committee members and several hundred ordinary members every success in taking Transport Geography research forward.

Best regards,

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