

**The 25th International Congress of Onomastic Sciences, Glasgow, 25-29
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This scientific event brought together famous names of linguists from different continents: Europe, America, Asia, who discussed various topics relating to onomastics.

The theoretical issues were paralleled by a series of applied studies on personal names, nicknames, slang names, place names, star and planet names, animal names, names of video games, foreign names, expressions created on the basis of names, the nomenclature of certain institutions, trade names, etc..

The researchers participating in this congress addressed not only topics relating to onomastics, but also to linguistics, etymology, terminology and sociolinguistics.

As a keynote speaker, Prof. Richard Coates, University of the West of England, advanced his Reflections on Surname Research and Future Development of Family Names of the United Kingdom Project. In June 2014 the Family Names of the United Kingdom project database was delivered to Oxford University Press. He considers this project a genuine instrument for onomastic and linguistic research in general.

Dr. Simon Taylor from the host university focused on the project of presenting a historical chorography of the Scottish namescape, which in his opinion is primarily related to the places of Scotland.

The range of names in Scottish communities has often been discussed, the research being conducted on both the indigenous population and the immigrants (mainly from India, Pakistan and Arab countries).

Another topic was the choice of names for Scottish children, showing that there are certain patterns in choosing a name, depending on the degree of kinship, still valid in Scotland especially in the modern period, but less in current times.

The debates were extremely interesting, many issues aroused views, the exchange of ideas and interpretations based on real situations encountered in the participants' countries. The congress also occasioned the rethinking of certain ongoing projects and the initiation of others, based on international and interdisciplinary research.

A well-defined sector in this scientific event is that of lexicography, which involves the concept of standardization of names, a new vision on unexplored names and the configuration of a complex profile of national and international onomastics. It has been demonstrated that names regardless of their origin or nature constitute research material, not only for specialists in onomastics, but also for linguists, historians, geographers, sociologists, psychologists.

The relationship between proper names and common names, as well as the semantics of proper names were two elements with a large share of debate. Semantic etymology plays an important role in identifying meanings.

This congress was a successful event through which the host country drew the attention of researchers to issues that linguists have encountered lately: the inflow of immigrants, the relationship between tradition and modernity, sociological and psychological implications of the names of persons, as well as objects, trademarks, institutions.