



## Convenor of Working group 7

Noting that Convenor Dr. Jean Brodeur from the National body of Canada will end his convenorship at the end of 2020 and no nomination came in to the first call we are sending out a second call for nominations for Convenor of Working group 7. But what does a convenor do?

The role of a convenor in ISO/TC 211 is to support the Chair of the committee in a specific area of standardization in geographic information. It is an international responsibility providing international exposure. The convenor leads the development of ISO standards in that area with the support of project leaders and international experts. The convenor monitors and ensures the progress of ISO standardization works assigned to its working group (i.e. WG programme of work) with the working group experts, furthermore, identifies new requirements for standardization activities, and ensure liaison with other committee working groups and advisory groups. The convenor reports progress and requirements for new activities to the committee programme maintenance group (PMG) and to the technical committee. The convenor is also member of the Chair Advisory Group and the Advisory Group on Strategy.

The Working group 7 specific area of standardization focuses on information communities. More specifically, the scope of its standardization activities refers to the documentation of geographic information and geographic data sets. As such, it includes standardization works on the description of geographic features by the way of conceptual models, feature catalogues, dictionaries, registers, ontologies, and metadata. The work addresses both the conceptual definition of the above topics and the description of domain specific information (e.g. land administration domain model, land cover, etc.). The topic of addressing (as a mechanism for georeferencing geographic feature) is also included in the scope of the working group. (see also <https://committee.iso.org/sites/tc211/home/about/working-groups.html>). The role of a WG convenor requires approximately 25% of a full time. ISO/TC 211, working groups, and advisory groups meet officially twice a year which requires some preparation and attendance to meetings by the convenor.

ISO promotes balance in participation from all regions of the world, and ISO/TC 211 encourages candidates from all parts of our membership.

ISO promotes equal gender representation in standardization, and ISO/TC 211 encourages candidates of all genders [Declaration on Gender Responsive Standards](#).

For more information on this role and other conditions, please contact the Committee manager Mats Åhlin [mats.ahlin@sis.se](mailto:mats.ahlin@sis.se).

Best regards

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