

Report on ICA Activities, June 2000 - May 2001

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My responsibilities continue to include liaison with two commissions, Maps and the Internet chaired by Michael Peterson of the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Cartography and Children chaired by Jacqueline Anderson of Concordia University in Montreal. In October, I attended the Maps and the Internet Symposium organized by the first commission, along with the North American Cartographic Information Society (NACIS) meeting. This was reported in the *ACMLA Bulletin*. The Cartography and Children Commission held a meeting in Budapest in September, but I did not attend. Proceedings were published from it. Executive Committee meetings were held in Beijing August 7-9, 2000 and London, England, March 30 - April 1, 2001. Separate detailed reports have been published or will be published in the *ACMLA Bulletin*. The guidelines for archiving of ICA materials have nearly been finalized. Discussions regarding publications continue.

The ICA semi-annual conference will be held in Beijing, August 6-10. Li Li, Vice President from China, provided information on preparations to date at our meeting in London. The scientific program consists of an opening and closing ceremony, two plenary sessions, 65 oral sessions consisting of 370 presentations, and five poster sessions. Submissions had been received from 51 countries, 570 in total, including 140 from China. There will be two workshops and at least two meetings for commissions before the official conference opening. The Executive Committee will meet on August 4 and 5, with Commission Chairs meeting in the afternoon of August 5, and a meeting of representatives from member countries on August 9 from 1:30 to 3. Li Li noted that Canada had 29 papers scheduled with 22 for oral presentation and seven for posters. The map exhibits will be open from Monday afternoon through Thursday, while the commercial exhibit goes through noon on Friday. Plans are in place for judging of the Barbara Petchenik Children's Map Competition for which I will serve as chair.

Progress on preparations for the 2003 ICA conference and general assembly in Durban, South Africa was reported by Elri Liebenberg, a member of the organizing committee, as well as ICA Vice President. A first circular is planned to be available in Beijing. The web site is expected to be operational by June. The Executive Committee will meet with the organizing committee in Durban, as well as with the Executive Committee of the International Geographical Union, in August 2002. Possible cooperative efforts will be discussed.

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