

## **Report on ICA Activities, June 2002 - May 2003**

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### **General Information**

My responsibilities continued 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 and two international library organizations, LIBER and IFLA. Executive Committee meetings were held in Durban, South Africa, in August 2002, and in Budapest, Hungary, in early May this year. Separate reports have been prepared on these meetings. The guidelines for archiving of ICA materials were published in the *ICA News* and distributed to Commission Chairs and others. General and contact information about ICA may be found on its web page: <http://www.icaci.org/>.

### **Some Highlights of May 2003 Executive Committee Meeting**

Reports of achievements of Commissions are to be sent to the Secretary General by May 31st

Proposed terms of reference for Commissions are also needed by May 31st by the Secretary General

A presentation of a poster version of both is expected for the General Assembly in Durban on August 10th and 16th

Nine (9) book projects are underway with Elsevier

- Data Standards

- Incremental Updating

- Geovisualization Synergy Multi-disciplinary Perspectives

- Maps and the Internet

- Map Generalization

- Mapping from Satellite Data

- Compendium of Cartographic Techniques

- Selected Problems in Theoretical Cartography

- Spatial Data Quality

Strategic Plan will be prepared for distribution, discussion, finalization, and a vote in Durban

Possible arrangement for publication of smaller books and general distribution of ICA publications through RMIB

Three journals proposed to be adopted as official ICA journals

416 total presentations accepted for Durban (256 oral, 160 poster - Canada having 9 accepted, 8 for oral presentation and one for a poster session)

Barbara Bartz Petchenik Children's Map Competition Judging Committee will consist of Jacqueline Anderson, Patrick Wiegand, Elri Liebenberg, Alberta Auringer Wood, and Chris Vlok

### **Maps and the Internet Commission**

There have been sessions and workshops e.g. one attached to the March 2003 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers and an annual meeting in Karlsruhe, Germany, in September 2002.

Plans have been made for a pre-conference meeting in Stellenbosch, South Africa, August 5-7, 2003, jointly meeting with the ICA Commission on Visualization and Virtual Environments on one day. The commission would like to have more cooperation with other commissions and wants to have the same terms of reference for the next term, perhaps with some more technical emphasis.

See the Commission web page for additional information:

<http://maps.unomaha.edu/ica/Maps%26Internet/default.html>.

The current terms of reference of this ICA commission are:

1. Focus attention on disseminating maps and spatial data through the Internet.
2. Examine Internet map usage and project future areas of growth.
3. Examine web map user issues to better serve user needs.
4. Promote the exchange of information about effective Internet mapping for an international audience.
5. Improve user access to maps by examining the potential of Internet map metadata.
6. Promote instruction on Internet mapping.

### **Cartography and Children Commission**

This past year the Commission met in Brazil. There were two back to back events, a CCC meeting focusing on "The themes, methods and results of the lines of research of the International Commission on Cartography and Children" in Diamantina, August 4-7(morning), which was followed by participation in an international meeting in Rio de Janeiro, August 7 (evening)-10, the First Ibero-American Symposium on Cartography and Children, where the theme is "Research and Perspective in Cartography for Students." See the Commission web page for additional information:

<http://artsandscience.concordia.ca/ica-ccc/index.html>.

The current terms of reference for this commission are:

1. To maintain and build upon the commission's existing international database of people working or with interests in mapping and children so that this inventory can be made available on the World Wide Web, in digital or paper format (product : web publication)
2. To enlarge the commission's select bibliography on topics related to mapping and children and the various technologies appropriate to generating cartographic images and solving spatial problems (product : web publication).
3. To organize regional workshops or conferences to promote the sharing of national and regional perspectives, experiences, teaching philosophies, and technologies, all in order to enhance the abilities of children and teachers as makers and users of maps, to solve a variety of spatial problems of concern to children. Summaries of these events can be disseminated through various ICA publications and on the commission's web site (product: workshops, oral papers, printed papers).
4. To develop closer links with other international bodies concerned with children. These would include the IGU Commission on Geographic Education, UNESCO, and UNICEF (product: report).
5. To assist the Executive of the ICA in the preparation of guidelines and the organisation of the Barbara Petchenik Children's Map Competition (product: report).

## **LIBER and IFLA**

The LIBER (Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche) Groupe des Cartothécaires has a web site of <http://www.kb.nl/infolev/liber/intro.htm>. Jan Smits (jan.smits@kb.nl), Royal Library, The Netherlands is the webmaster. The 14th LIBER conference will be held in 2004, in Cambridge, England, but I have not found much information at this point. The Board Members Groupe des Cartothécaires for 2002-2004 are Chairman - Helène Richard, Bibliothèque nationale de France, Département des Cartes et Plans, 58 Rue Richelieu, Paris CEDEX 02, F-75084 France

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The IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations) Section of Geography and Map Libraries is chaired by David C. McQuillan, [davidmcq@sc.edu](mailto: davidmcq@sc.edu), University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. Their 69<sup>th</sup> conference will be 1 - 9 August 2003 in Berlin, Germany with the German Federal President Johannes Rau as Patron. The theme is "Access Point Library:Media - Information - Culture. The Geography and Map Section has meetings scheduled for Saturday, August 2 and Friday August 8 with a session on Monday August 4 on "Digitising and presenting historical maps" with the following topics and speakers:

Historical map collection - David Rumsey (Cartography Associates, USA)

The World of Maps: maps and spatial data on the Internet - Juerg Buehler (International Center for Maps and Spatial Data, ETH Bibliothek, Zurich, Switzerland)

Database of old maps - Wolfgang Crom (Map Collection, State Library of Berlin, Berlin, Germany)

The Geography and Map Section has a web page at: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s6/sgml.htm> and the start page for the conference is <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/index.htm>. Proposals for papers should go to the section chair. Contact Melissa Lamont at [mlamont@whoi.edu](mailto:mlamont@whoi.edu) for additional information.

## **21<sup>st</sup> International Cartographic Conference and 12<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

The 21<sup>st</sup> ICA semi-annual conference with the theme "Cartographic Renaissance" and the 12<sup>th</sup> General Assembly will be held in Durban, South Africa, 10 - 16 August 2003. The preliminary program and a web page (<http://www.icc2003.gov.za/>) are available. Elri Liebenberg, a member of the organizing committee, as well as an ICA Vice President, is the liaison with the Executive Committee and the organizing Committee. The Executive Committee met with the organizing committee in Durban last August, as well as with the Executive Committee of the International Geographical Union. Possible cooperative efforts were being discussed. Additional information is available via the web page or in the preliminary program or ask me!

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