

## ICA Report 2006

The Canadian National Committee for the ICA (International Cartographic Association) met on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, during the annual conference of ACMLA as part of GeoTec. In attendance were Janet Mersey (Chair and Cartography Councillor on the Canadian Institute of Geomatics Executive), Cliff Wood (incoming President of the CCA), Eric Kramers (Vice-Chair), Claire Gosson (past Exhibits Chair), myself (ACMLA representative) and Carolyn Weiss (CCA representative). Jan reported that the next ICA conference is in Moscow, Russia, August 4-10, 2007. While she has had no direct correspondence with them yet, the website is <http://www.icc2007.com/>. November 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for abstract submission, while April 30, 2007, is that for full papers.

She reported that 21 Canadians had attended the conference last year in Spain, most of whom had given papers. There are no Canadians on the Executive of the ICA nor serving as Chairs of ICA Commissions. However, there are 30 Canadians who serve as members of Commissions or Working Groups. There was a published report in *Geomatica* that included photographs. Two Canadian maps were “winners” at the conference, a map of Toronto and a child’s map.

John Fowler and Perry Hystad from University of Victoria are leading the Children’s Map Competition efforts in Canada. They have received some financial support from the Focus Corporation and B & B Corporation. They have a school database and a contact from Quebec.

Claire Gosson has provided all the documentation regarding the exhibition work. While she had asked Grace Welch and Susan Jackson if they would be willing to take on this work, neither had replied positively. She would like to have someone in Ottawa continue this activity due to the logistics. The first call for maps should go out this September at the latest. The chair would have to send the forms describing the maps in March and the maps themselves in April or May. Someone to take on this activity is desperately needed! Three copies of each map are obtained, one of which goes to Moscow, a second to the venue for the 2007 CCA conference, and the third to the institution supporting the chair.

Jan initiated discussion on the national report for which she and Eric will serve as co-editors for an issue of *Geomatica*. She has some ideas about papers, and she would like to see something about private/commercial mapping companies, municipal mapping agencies, and others involved in mapping, such as Canadian Health Service, Forest Service, and CIDA. There should be something about the literature related to cartography during the time period either in list or annotated form. Other topics were considered as well, such as planetary cartography, critical GIS, colleges and universities. She noted that CIG is continuing to pay the subscription fee.

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