



## ACMLA Awards Committee Report 2013

The Awards Committee consisted of Eva Dodsworth (Chair), Cheryl Woods and Francine Berish. The task of the committee is to ensure that the guidelines and protocols of the ACMLA Awards are carried out according to the wishes of the Association. The Committee conducted its business via email.

The official Call for Student Papers was sent to the CARTA and ACMLA mailing list on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, with the response deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The Call was also printed in issue 143 of the Bulletin. No student papers were submitted this year.

The Call for the ACMLA Cathy Moulder Paper Award and the ACMLA Honours Award were sent to the CARTA and ACMLA mailing list on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 with a nomination deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The Call was also printed in issue 143 of the Bulletin. No nominations were received by the deadline, and the ACMLA Awards Committee took it upon them to review and nominate papers printed in the Bulletin in issues 140, 141 and 142. The Committee felt that one article stood out from the rest – Cathy Moulder’s “The Maps of the Society for the Diffusion of Useful Information”, printed in issue 142. The Committee had selected an external individual to read the article and summarize its qualities.

His review can be found at the end of this report.

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### **Review of the article: THE MAPS OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE DIFFUSION OF USEFUL INFORMATION**

Author: Cathy Moulder  
ACMLA Bulletin Number 142, Fall, 2012.

This is a very nice study, well presented and illustrated. The Society did interesting work in a variety of fields, in this context specifically its maps, which included city plans and pairs of ancient and modern maps (which were particularly relevant in a time when knowledge of the classical world and biblical geography was more important than it seems at present), but it eventually ground to a halt as financial and operational difficulties stifled it. The story is well told by Cathy Moulder, in a style which is both informative and easily accessible to anybody likely to encounter it. Apart from the ups and downs of the history of the Society, Cathy also provides details of the maps, the printing plates, publishers and modern prices which are of great value to collectors of maps, individual or institutional. The bibliography leads to additional resources. This paper is a useful addition to the literature.

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Respectfully submitted by Eva Dodsworth, Chair of the ACMLA Awards Committee.