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Message from the Chair:



This year's IFLA conference is only a few weeks away. I hope many of you are planning to attend.

We have an interesting Open Session planned as well as a joint session with the Social Science Library Section. We will also have the opportunity to visit the map collections at l'Université de Laval and at the Centre d'archives de Québec. In addition, Quebec City, a world heritage city, is celebrating the 400th anniversary of its founding so there will be many activities taking place. It is a charming and historic city and very French.

Although the IFLA membership was successful in convincing the leadership to reduce the minimum membership for a section from 50 to 40, it is still imperative that we as a Section increase our membership and become more active.

A revision of the World Directory of Map Collections, sponsoring a satellite meeting, and a more informative newsletter are just a few examples of the types of activities the Section could engage in.

All of these activities are possible only if the membership of the Section becomes more active and is willing to contribute to the activities of the Section.

I hope many of you are planning to attend the conference in Quebec City and I look forward to seeing many of you at the conference.

**Anita K. Oser
Chair**

The Durban Conference:



This year was the first time that Africa was involved in the organization of an IFLA conference. The quality of the organization of the conference was really impressive as was the high level of the sessions and the associated events. The Conference staff on site and safety management, cultural tours and work conditions were excellent as well.

As expected, the topic of conference 2007 in Durban: "Libraries for the future: Progress, Development and Partnerships" gave a good overview of librarian goals and plans and the sessions followed one another at intensive intervals (with a total of 216 sessions and meetings).

A large part was devoted to the libraries of the African continent and in particular those of South Africa. They presented the challenges of the development of education and the documentary policies in the country since the government of N. Mandela.

We had the opportunity to realize the immense progress made these last 20 years by the libraries in Africa and to learn with better understanding the realities of the terrible working conditions of our colleagues and the exemplary energy deployed by the African librarians to develop information access among all kinds of populations (libraries in Townships in South Africa, academies of oral heritage, political choice of preserving manuscripts from private libraries in Mauritania...).



The Durban Conference:

• **Program session of Geography and Map Libraries Section :**

***Maps of Africa in Russian Libraries.** LUDMILA KILDUSHEVSKAYA (National Library of Russia, St Petersburg, Russia)

***Creating Single Geological Maps: International Library Resources and Services that Shape Undergraduate Projects.** ELIZABETH TILLEY (University of Cambridge, Cambridge, the U.K.)

***Maps and Geospatial Dated in Africa: Acquisition Challenges, Copyright and Licensing Challenges, and Other Exits from the Lines Face.** JOSEPH NJANGIRU (East View Cartographics, Minneapolis, USA)

***The Politics of Resources and Conflicts in Africa: A Hydro-Geoinformatic Analysis of Selected Regions.** PETER OCHOLLA and KALVIN GOVENDER (University of Zululand, KwaDangezwa, South Africa)

The session was divided in two parts:

Maps of South Africa in foreign collections and their study within the university course (in England and Russia) and the use of the cartography in African university studies. These lectures brought a very rich insight on the methods of cartographic investigation practised by the African universities in order to analyse the economic and political problems.

- Mr. Joseph Njanguri, East View Cartographic in Kenya, spoke about the acquisitions challenges in getting maps in and about African countries.
 The actual position of getting cartographic material in the African countries is unequal: the difficulties are numerous in this field, for example maps of Kenya, Zambia, Malawi, Madagascar, Sudan or Mozambique. In Kenya, Njanguri stated that the EVC has in place a copyright and Reseller Agreement with the Survey of Kenya (SOK) where the EVC has rights and ownership to some of the maps supplied by the SOK. Joseph Njanguri specified that the majority of the African countries are very reticent to let geographical information spread for security reasons: "In Sudan, very little is done in this field, due to the fact that the country is heavily militarised." There are no further plans at present to do more work in Sudan until the political situation changes.
- Mr. Peter Ocholla, Department of Hydrology at the University of Zululand, told about natural resources and conflicts in Africa. He pointed out the main resources available on the African continent: fauna and flora, hydrographic and mineral resources are very rich and could contribute to making Africa a strong and powerful continent. But, according to Peter Ocholla, the leading causes of the recurring conflicts in Africa are the mediocrity of governments and corruption. He referred to the current situation in Zimbabwe as well as in Nigeria and the Niger Delta. Their situation is bad not because of a lack of resources but because of the incompetence of the government and the bad land redistribution plan.
 According to him the idea to create the United States of Africa is nonsense when a simple thing such as sharing resources has not yet been solved.

The Durban Conference:

Professional visits:

Visits were organized for members of the Section during the conference and were a rich experience for everyone who had the opportunity to participate:



1. Visit to the Geography Dept. at the University of Kwazulu Natal in Durban.

The Geography faculty on the Howard College campus of the University of Kwazulu Natal presented the members of the Section with a very interesting program. In one session two members of the department gave presentations. One of the presentations addressed the problems encountered in teaching cartography to beginning students in the department. The lack of basic math skills is a major problem. The other presentation was an overview of the use of GIS in research projects being conducted in South Africa. Many of the databases created as a part of this research are free to the public and are available online.

In a second session four graduate students gave presentations on the research they were doing. Areas of research included investigations of problems associated with the cultivation of sugarcane, the leaf spectral responses of *Eucalyptis grandis x nitens*, and the mapping of invasive alien plants in KwaZulu-Natal.

The group also toured the department's map collection. And finally we were treated to a very sumptuous lunch.

2. The Oceanographic Research Institute. of Kwazulu Natal:

This Institute is located in the tourist complex of USHAKA MARINE WORLD, a large entertainment park with many attractions. The large saltwater aquarium has over 30 indoor and outdoor displays and exhibits South Africa's unique Indian and Atlantic Ocean marine life including sharks and their environment. This institute attempts to control the presence of sharks along the Durban beaches and Indian Ocean.

The Durban Conference:

Training in cataloguing maps and charts for French-speaking countries

During the conference in Durban last summer, an observer from Senegal, Mr Mamadou SENE, from University in Dakar attended the Second Standing Committee meeting. He indicated that the catalogers at his institution needed training in cataloguing maps.

Véronique Thomé (Legal Deposit of cartographic documents and bibliographical products at BNF, France) proposed to organize a short training session in Paris for library staff of the University of Dakar.

This training session took place at BNF, Département des Cartes & plans, located on the Richelieu Site at the end of October 2007.



At the request of Véronique THOME, her French colleagues organized a training session based on the international rules of cataloguing maps (UNIMARC and INTERMARC).

Specific aspects of cataloguing maps such as calculating scales on a map or finding geographical coordinates were explained using examples. Exercises based on examples taken from French collections and from series were used to show how to apply these principles. In addition part of the time was spent using the Catalogue on the BNF website (www.bnf.fr) in order to learn how to search references and how to compare methods and ways of cataloguing maps found on other francophone libraries websites.

Instructions have been gathered in a booklet and are available on request.

It includes bibliographical tools to do good bibliographical records and tricks for quickly finding mathematical data to complete bibliographical records.

This kind of help is evidence of the importance of meetings and discussions in order to coordinate information in geography, to provide professional development, and to provide a means of communication between map librarians in the world as recommended in the G&ML Strategic Plan for 2008-2009 .

G&M Libraries Section Information:

***New Members of the Standing Committee
Elected August 2007***

Introducing the Secretary

Elizabeth TILLEY, University of Cambridge, UK



Elizabeth is currently the Faculty Librarian at the English Faculty, University of Cambridge, UK. She was formerly at the Library for the Department of Earth Sciences where a significant amount of time was taking assisting undergraduates requiring geological maps. At the Faculty of English she is responsible for all aspects of managing a busy undergraduate library.

Introducing the Information Coordinator

Véronique THOMÉ, BNF, France



Véronique is currently at the National Library of France, Paris, France. As a chief of Legal Deposit for cartographic documents, she is in charge of national bibliographical publications concerning cartography and organizes international trainings in cataloguing cartographic documents at the Département des Cartes & Plans of the BNF. Since January 2008, she has been responsible for Legal Deposit of Websites in cartography produced by French producers.

G&M Libraries Section Information:

In Case You Missed It...

G&M STRATEGIC PLAN 2008-2009

Mission

The Section is an international forum to promote and coordinate the collection, storage, and access to geographic and cartographic information. It provides communication between and the professional development of map librarians and curators. The Section's objectives are to initiate projects, studies, and workshops. The findings of each are published in the form of technical monographs, occasional papers, standards, cataloguing rules, manuals, directories, bibliographies, newsletters, etc. Close liaison with cartographic, geographic, and related organizations is created and maintained.

Goals

1. Monitor the progress of updates to ISBD, keep in contact with responsible parties, and share the document with the global cartographic community to insure integrity and promote compliance.

(Professional priorities: (i) Promoting standards, guidelines, and best practices)

ACTIONS

1.1 Monitor the progress of updates to ISBD.

1.2 Keep in contact with those involved in ISBD activities.

2. To educate the library community about the varied uses of cartographic information; to promote the use of cartographic information, such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS); to promote the archiving of digital cartographic materials; to promote the collection and preservation of paper and other hard copy cartographic items; and to promote the Section as a means of collaboration and communication.

(Professional priorities: (f) Promoting resource sharing; (g) Preserving our intellectual heritage; (h) Developing library professionals)

ACTIONS:

2.1 Educate the library community about the varied uses of cartographic information.

2.2 Promote the use of cartographic information, such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

G&M Libraries Section Information:

2.3 Promote the archiving of digital cartographic materials.

2.4 Promote the collection and preservation of paper and other hard copy cartographic items.

2.5 Promote the Section as a means of collaboration and communication.

2.5a The Section will look for sponsors and co-sponsors for conference programs and workshops on acquisitions, cataloguing, storage and access, preservation and scanning, digitization, GIS, metadata, etc.

2.5b The Section will invite speakers of varied backgrounds

2.5c The Section will identify other means of promoting cooperation and collaboration with other IFLA sections, national associations and institutions.

2.5d The Section will contact regional cartographic associations and institutions in areas where future conferences will be held, to invite participation in the conference and activities of the Section.

3. Revise the World Directory of Map Collections, 4th ed., 2000
***(Professional priorities:* (f) Promote resource sharing)**

ACTIONS

- 3.1 Establish a working committee
- 3.2 Determine the content, format, and methods of publication
- 3.3 Prepare a proposal for updating the directory
- 3.4 Begin the data collection process

4. Promote membership of the Section

***(Professional priorities:* (h) Developing library professionals)**

ACTIONS

- 4.1 Contact libraries and library organizations that may be interested in joining the Section
- 4.2 Contact IFLA members who are not Section members and invite them to join the Section
- 4.3 Prepare a brochure to promote the Section
- 4.4 Invite former Standing Committee members to continue their membership in the Section as Personal Affiliates

G&M Libraries Section Information:

The status of Geography & Map Libraries Section

Here is a summary of what IFLA requires for the Section to continue to exist:

HAVE AT LEAST 10 MEMBERS ON ITS STANDING COMMITTEE

HAVE AT LEAST 40 MEMBERS

BE ABLE TO FILL THE POSITION OF CHAIR AND SECRETARY/TREASURER

If a Section does not meet these criteria, IFLA may ask the Section to disband or merge with another section.

THIS IS OUR CURRENT SITUATION:

- CURRENTLY THERE ARE 14 MEMBERS ON THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

Of these:

Ten (10) are serving their first term which expires in 2009. All of these members are eligible for re-election.
Three (3) are serving their second term which expires in 2009. They are not eligible for re-election
One (1) is serving her first term which expires in 2011.

- CURRENTLY WE HAVE 45 MEMBERS
- WE HAVE A CHAIR, SECRETARY, AND TREASURER

THIS IS WHAT WE MUST DO TO KEEP THE SECTION ALIVE:

- Maintain a membership of ten (10) or more on the Standing Committee
- Make an effort to increase the membership of the Section (currently 45)
- Have candidates who are willing to serve as Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer

➔ I hope each and every one of you will help us meet these criteria.

Your officers alone cannot do it!

Preparing for IFLA 2008 : meetings and conferences Information:

News about the Satellite Meeting in Washington

The following pre-conference had been planned in collaboration with the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section at the Library of Congress, Washington D.C., 6-7 August 2008

Title: Map as Page, Map as Print: How maps intersect with books and prints

Dates: 1 and ½ day : **6-7 August 2008**

Location: Library of Congress, Washington D.C. , USA

Sponsors : Rare Books and Manuscripts Section with Geography and Map Libraries Section

Audience: Members of the 2 supporting Sections, American Library Association Rare Books and Manuscripts Section Members and map librarians in general. (approx. 60)

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Topics proposed:

- Concerns and considerations of curators regarding maps in different contexts :pages or prints
- The nature of the map in the digital age and/or digitizing maps
- Security for maps
- Special needs of cartographic materials (descriptive cataloguing, access)
- Special discussion and tour of the Library of Congress' Waldseemüller map exhibition

This satellite meeting in Washington, DC has been cancelled.

Details as to why the meeting was cancelled are not available.

The Geography and Map Libraries Section had no input into the planning of the meeting and the whole situation was very frustrating.

Hopefully future joint meetings will be more productive.

Preparing for IFLA 2008: meetings and conferences Information:

74TH IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE & COUNCIL, QUEBEC CITY, CANADA 10-14 AUGUST 2008

Program of the Geography & Map Libraries Section

OPEN SESSION – Tuesday, August 12, 10:45am - 12:45pm

Mapping North America: A Graphic Journey through History

- **Mapping a Continent: Historical Atlas of North America, 1492-1814.** *Jean-François Palomino, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, Montreal*
- **Mapping the International Boundary between British Canada and the United States: The Letters and Maps of David Thompson, 1817-1826.** *Frances L. Pollitt, Maine Historical Society, Portland, Maine*
- **From New Netherlands to New York: Exploring Unknown Shores, 1609-2009. (Celebrating the Quadricentennial of Henry Hudson's Exploration of the Waterways of New York)** *Alice C. Hudson, New York Public Library, New York City*
- **The Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec's Online Digital Map Collection.** *Jean-François Palomino, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, Montreal*

JOINT OPEN SESSION WITH SOCIAL SCIENCE LIBRARIES SECTION – Wednesday, August 13, 1:45 – 6:00pm

**Borderless Collections in the Social Sciences:
Platforms for Digital Access, Dissemination, and Preservation.**

- **National Geographic Society: setting priorities in global digital outreach in a multimedia environment.** BARBARA FERRY (National Geographic Society, USA)
- **Joining the global research community: models for increasing visibility and access to international and national research information.** PETER BURNETT (INASP, UK)
- **Access to online resources in social sciences in Lithuania.** EMILIJA BANIONYTE (elfi, Lithuania)
- **Vascoda.de and the system of the German virtual subject Libraries.** RALF DEPPING (University Köln, Germany)
- **Les 'classique des sciences sociales': une initiative originale de diffusion de texts de sciences sociales en Français.** GILLES CARON AND JEAN-MARIE TREMBLAY (University Chicoutimi, Canada)
- **La mise en ligne des revues de sciences humaines et sociales engendre-t-elle un effet de 'longe traîne'? L'exemple du portail Cairn.** MARC MINON (CAIRN, Belgium/France)
- **Persee, un outil au service de la communication scientifique francophone.** VALÉRIE NEOUZE (Ministry of Education, France)
- **Infrastructures, publications et ressources numériques pour les sciences humaines et sociales: l'état des lieux au Canada et perspective réseau comme option stratégique.** GUYLAINE BEAUDRY (University Montreal, Canada)

FIELD TRIP

Arrangements have been made to visit the map collections at the Centre d'archives de Québec (A branch of the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec) and the Centre d'information géographique et statistique (Centre Géo/Stat) de la Bibliothèque de l'Université Laval. Both are located on the Université Laval campus.

➔ **The field trip will take place on Monday, 11 August, 13.00-17.00.**

International activities in geography and cartography:

International associations

*Evelyne HÉNAFF-BARGOT, membre of ICA
 Curator, Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Paris , France*

International Cartographic Association
 Association Cartographique Internationale



ICA missions:

The mission of the International Cartographic Association is to promote the discipline and professions of cartography in an international context. ICA is the world authoritative body for cartography, the discipline dealing with the conception, production, dissemination and study of maps.

The international Cartographic Association aims are:

- to contribute to the understanding and solution of world-wide problems through the use of cartography
- to foster the international dissemination of environmental, economic, social and spatial information through mapping
- to provide a global forum for discussion of the role and status of cartography
- to facilitate the transfer of new cartographic technology and knowledge
- to promote multinational cartographic research and to enhance cartographic education through publications, seminars and conferences
- to promote the use of professional and technical standards in cartography

ICA organisation

The ICA /ACI consists of an Executive Committee, 22 commissions and 6 working groups develop their activities, organise seminars and meetings.

The ICA has a General Assembly of nation members. They make decisions about the policy, statutes and by-laws of the organization, approve the budget, receive the national reports, and promote the various activities.

ICA/ACI publishes a newsletter twice a year which provides information about the commission's activities, collaboration with sister societies, and international mapping. ICA/ACI publishes several publications on cartography.

Upcoming event of this association:



XXIV International Cartographic Conference :

ICA/ACI organizes every two years the International Cartographic Conference. In 2009 the XXIV International Cartographic Conference will take place in Santiago, Chile, from 15th to 21st of November. The topic of the conference is: « The World's geospatial Solutions » at which major figures in the scientific and political spheres known nationally and internationally will be invited to participate.

The Conference hosts a Technical Exhibition used as a means to present the different technical materials and services to a large and international gathering of professionals. It also hosts the International Map Exhibition where the best cartographic exhibit receives special recognition. The Barbara Petchenik 's Exhibition selects the best map drawing made by a child. Travel grants are given to young scientific cartographers to encourage attendance and the presentation of a paper during the Congress.

➔ For more information on it click on : <http://www.icc2009.cl/>

International activities in geography and cartography:

Upcoming Events



1 – 4 JULY 2008
16th CONFERENCE AMSTERDAM

In 2008 the 16th Conference of the LIBER Groupe des Cartothécaires will take place in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The Organizing Committee invites you to participate in this conference, which will be held 1 – 4 July.

The conference is organized by the libraries of the University of Amsterdam (UVA), Vrije Universiteit (VU) and Wageningen University and Research Centre (WUR), the Amsterdam City Archives (SAA, the main conference venue) and the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT).

Presentations, meetings, a poster session and various events, both useful and pleasant, will be included in the programme. A visit to Wageningen UR (near Arnhem) is planned, and a post-conference tour to Enkhuizen, Hoorn and Marken will take place on Saturday 5 July.

A glance at the final program:

- **Ferjan Ormeling (Universiteit Utrecht, The Netherlands)** : Mapping out map libraries.
- **Peter Korsgaard (National Survey and Cadastre, Copenhagen, Denmark)**: From map curator to information manager or 'The last of the dinosaurs'.
- **Chris Fleet (National Library of Scotland)**: Life beyond the paper graphic index -evaluating new geographic retrieval technologies for the future Map Library.
- **Arnold Bregt (Wageningen University and Research Centre, The Netherlands)**: The role of the maps and map collections fore-Government.
- **Martijn Storms (University Library, Leiden, The Netherlands)**: Teaching a map collection: a master course on the Bodel Nijenhuis collection for book history students.
- **Nick Millea (Bodleian Library, Oxford, United Kingdom)**: Exploring medieval Britain: the Gough Map, the map library and the research community.
- **Wybren Versteegen (Faculty of Arts, Vrije Universiteit, The Netherlands)**: The Nature Scenery Act 1928 in the Netherlands: reconstructing past landed estates.
- **Marco van Egmond (University Library, Utrecht, The Netherlands)**: Digital cartographic data in the Utrecht University library: archiving and accessibility.
- **Ruth Kalf (Université catholique de Louvain. Bibliothèque des sciences exactes, Belgium)** FRBR: an opportunity for map collections and map users?
- **Anda Juta Zalite (National Library of Latvia, Latvia)** The way to the castle of light: the role of the Department of Cartographic materials of National Library of Latvia (NLL) in dissemination of geodata retrospection, the present and vision of the future.
- **Frans Rip (Geodesk, Wageningen, Wageningen University, The Netherlands)** WUR Library and WUR GeoDesk: symbiosis underdevelopment.
- **Henk Kramer (Centre for Geo-Information, Wageningen University and Research Centre, The Netherlands)**: Historical maps and GIS databases with historical land use for the Netherlands and Europe.



International activities in geography and cartography:

And don't forget very soon...:



World Library and Information Congress: 75th IFLA General Conference and Council

Milan, Italy, August, 2009

"Libraries create futures: building on cultural heritage"



World Library and Information Congress: 76th IFLA General Conference and Council

Brisbane, Australia, August 2010

We are all waiting for your participation

and all suggestions for papers and communications are welcome

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International activities in geography and cartography:

A Glances at websites:

- http://cartomed.mmsch.univ-aix.fr/index_EN.html

Produced by Maison méditerranéenne des sciences de l'homme – Aix-en-Provence, this website created in 2006 gives numerous keys to search any map in the Mediterranean region by geographical location. Formely called Cartomed it will soon become “**CartoMundi**”.

A little more than one year after its web site opening, *the Mediterranean Map Library* project expanded its range with the support of the CNRS ADONIS Très Grand Equipement. In this new framework, the project changes its name to *CartoMundi*. It is developed in partnership with the Bibliothèque nationale de France Maps and Plans Department, the Institut géographique national and the Comité français de cartographie.

As the name *CartoMundi* indicates, this new tool will be able to document the whole world. Moreover, the system will be changed and it will offer new services to the Map Libraries project partners, particularly an online data entry interface of collection inventories. This new site is planned to be operational the autumn 2009. Before this date, *the Mediterranean Map Library* keeps improving. In a few weeks, you will find new data on Turkey and the Balkans.

Several map collections of towns and Mediterranean countries are kept in various research centres in the world. When they exist, the inventories of these collections are too heterogeneous to be brought together in the same data base.

To improve the access to these collections, the *Mediterranean Map Library* aims to build an exchange network:

1. To develop a general and homogeneous inventory of its members' map collections,
2. To offer its members inventory and managing tools: graphic indexes, map series notices.
3. To duplicate with a large scan the most damaged collections, or the most used. The MMSH takes care for most of the expenses.
4. To publish an interactive DVD collection of duplicated documents.
5. To promote the members' collections by publishing their inventories on the web site.
6. All the institutions (public or private) having a map collection on Mediterranean towns and countries are invited to join up with the network.

Message from the Information Coordinator

As you will have noticed, the design of this newsletter has changed:

You are warmly welcome to make suggestions for improvement and to propose ideas for reorganizing information, to make it more informative about geography events, scientific works, publications, exhibitions that take place anywhere in the world.

We hope to hear from you soon! Contact: veronique.thome@bnf.fr

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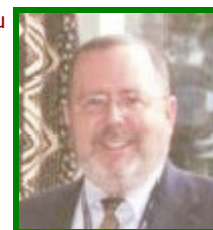
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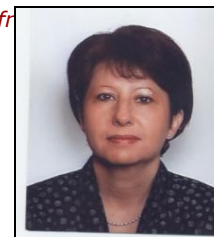
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