

Report from the Canadian National Committee (CNC) on Cartography to the ICA

1. **International Cartographic Conference, ICC 2009, Santiago, Chile**

Plans are well underway for the 24th International Cartographic Conference in Santiago, Chile, November 15-21, 2009. Authors of refereed papers, non-refereed papers and posters have been notified about the acceptance of their submissions and preparation of the program schedule is progressing. Details are available on the conference website: www.icc2009.cl. Note that the deadline for early registration June 30th, 2009. This is an interim conference; a meeting of the ICA General Assembly will not take place until the 2011 conference in Paris, France.

2. **International Map Exhibition and the Children's Map Competition**

Canada's submission to the *International Map Exhibition*, held at the ICC2009 venue, is being coordinated by Dan Duda (Memorial University). The ICA organizing committee is using an on-line system for map submissions which should greatly streamline this process. Each country is limited to eight display panels in the exhibition although several maps can be placed on each panel. A full *Guide for Participation* has been provided and is available on the conference webpage. Anyone with interesting Canadian maps to contribute to our submission should contact Dan (dduda@mun.ca) as soon as possible. Deadline for submissions is August 30, 2009.

Karen Van Kerkoerle (University of Western Ontario) is coordinating Canada's entry in the *Barbara Petchenik International Children's Map Competition*. The top five maps in the Canadian competition will be selected for submission. This year the theme is "Living in a Globalized World". More information can be found on the ICA website (www.icaci.org).

3. **Canadian Participation at ICC 2009**

The Principal Delegate to the ICA from is Janet Mersey (University of Guelph) and the Deputy Delegate is Eric Kramers (NRCan); both will be attending ICC2009. Currently two Canadians are leading ICA Commissions: Dan Jacobson (University of Calgary) is Chair of the *Commission on Maps and Graphics for Blind and Partially Sighted People*, and Yaïves Ferland is Vice-Chair of the *Commission on Theoretical Cartography*.

The ICC organizing committee has provided a list of Canadian authors who have submitted papers or posters for the conference. These include:

Guy Abe, Canadian Space Agency
Jacqueline Anderson, Concordia University
Thierry Badard, Laval University
Sébastien Caquard, Université de Montréal
Eric Zheng Chang, Ryerson University
Nicholas Chrisman, GEOIDE Network, Laval
Yvan Désy, NRCan
Ken Francis, NRCan
Michael Govorov, Vancouver Island University
Douglas Hagedorn, University of Calgary
Frederic Hubert, Laval University

Daniel Jacobson, University of Calgary
Paul Jolicoeur, NRCan
Eric Kramers, NRCan
Yu Li, University of Waterloo
Janet E. Mersey, University of Guelph
Stephanie Pyne, Carleton University
Yves Robitaille, NRCan
Hansgeorg Schlichtmann, University of Regina
Steven Scott, University of Guelph
Eva Siekierska, NRCan
Li Songnian, Ryerson University
Fraser Taylor, Carleton University
Eileen Van der Flier-Keller, University of Victoria

4. **Other ICA News**

The **ICA Newsletter** continues to be available online (www.icaci.org). The latest issue, Number 51, December 2008, includes a brief report on the Canadian National Committee for Cartography as part of a new series featuring national profiles. The report describes the make-up of the CNC and provides a brief overview of Carto 2008 in Vancouver. A section of Canada's new North Circumpolar Region Map (NRCan) is illustrated.

A celebration of the **50th Anniversary of the International Cartographic Association** is being held June 9th and 10th, 2009, in Berne, Switzerland. Dr. Fraser Taylor, Past President of the ICA, will be attending on behalf of Canada. Hosted by current ICA chair William Cartwright, the event features presentations by eight prominent ICA members, and a concluding Gala Dinner.

Papers from the *Symposium on Art and Cartography*, hosted by William Cartwright, have recently been published as a book. (*Art and Cartography*, edited by W. Cartwright, G. Gardner and L. Lehn, Springer, March 2009). It is available online from Amazon or Chapters.

Upcoming ICA Events that may be of interest to CCA members include:

August 6-7, 2009: ICA Workshop on GeoSpatial Analysis and Modelling, in Gavie, Sweden.

August 24-28, 2009: ICA Symposium on True 3D in Cartography, in Dresden, Germany.

5. **CNC Meeting, Geomatics Atlantic 2009, Wolfville, Nova Scotia**

A CNC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11th, 5:30-5:30pm. Everyone is welcome. At the meeting we will provide an update of preparations for, and participation in, the ICA conference.

6. **Canadian Institute of Geomatics News**

The most recent CIG counsel meeting was held by teleconference on March 18th, 2009. Pierre Gravel is the current President, while Matthew Tait serves as Vice President. The new Executive Director is David Stafford. Jean Thie is the new editor of *Geomatica*.

A Memorandum of Understanding has now been set up among CIG, ACLS and CCLS to create a Canadian National Committee to represent Canadian participation in FIG (International Federation of Surveyors). This arrangement is similar to the one we maintain with CIG for representation to the ICA. CIG continues to be the current national member association of both FIG and the ICA and is responsible for paying the annual dues.

The next Annual General Meeting of the CIG is being hosted by the Montreal Branch of the CIG and will take place, in Montreal, on October 21-22nd, 2009. The 2010 conference will be joint with the ISPRS conference in Calgary, on June 16-18th.

7. NACIS News

The North American Cartographic Information Society is holding its 29th annual conference in Sacramento, California, from October 7-10, 2009. The *Call for Participation* is available on their website (www.nacis.org). The deadline for submissions is May 31, 2009

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Technical Councillor for Cartography to the CIG
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Membership of the Canadian National Committee for Cartography to the ICA

- The CIG Councillor for Cartography (Chair and Principal Delegate to the ICA)
Janet Mersey, University of Guelph
- Deputy Delegate to the ICA
Eric Kramers, NRCan
- Co-ordinator, National Map Exhibit
Dan Duda, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Co-ordinator, National Children's World Map Competition
Karen Van Kerkoerle, University of Western Ontario
- Canadian Institute of Geomatics
Janet Mersey, University of Guelph
- Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives
David Jones, University of Alberta
- Canadian Cartographic Association
Roger Wheate, University of Northern British Columbia