ICA Executive Committee and ACSM News

- Ferjan Ormeling reported for the ICA Executive Committee. The sites for upcoming ICA meetings are: Durban, South Africa (August 10-13, 2003); La Coruna, Spain (July 9-16, 2005); either Seoul, Korea or St. Petersburg, Russia in 2007; and possibly Vienna, Austria in 2009.
- At Durban there will be a vote on the ICA name change. The proposed name for the organization is "International Association for Cartography and Geographic Information Science".
- 2003 is also a general assembly year. Executive Committee members and Commission chairs will be elected. Nominations need to come from national committees.

Beijing Travel Funding Report

- Almost $40,000 was distributed to 38 people. That included ten awards to young scholars (students or within 5 years of the degree) of $1,500 each from a grant from National Science Foundation to USNC. Hal Moellering was the successful writer of that NSF grant. A few additional $1500 awards for young scholars were awarded; more mature scholars received smaller amounts. (In total, 67 people from the U.S. attended the conference.)

Replacements on USNC

- Gail Ludwig succeeds Mark Monmonier on the committee. She will take care of the U.S. participation in the Petchenik Children's Map Competition.
- Amy Lobben replaces Hal Moellering and will take up his duties in writing travel grant proposals.
- Scott Seeley of Intergraph will succeed Jon Thies.
- A replacement for Leo Dillon has not yet been chosen. A candidate from the State Department is under consideration but this person has not been asked. It might be desirable, although not necessary, to have a person from State on the committee because the State Department assists in shipping the exhibit materials to the ICA meetings.

Planning for Durban

- U.S. National Report: A candidate for editor is being considered and will be contacted soon. Two themes for this publication were discussed at the November USNC conference call: (1) Cartographic Information and Society, and (2) the Interface between Cartography, GIS and Visualization.
- Tanya reported on plans for the Map Exhibits at Durban. Initial contacts to the list of map exhibitors will be made soon.
- Judy will use the same e-mail strategy for publicizing Durban. Names on the CaGIS and NACIS lists will be included in the mailings if feasible. She will put word out to UCGIS on their listserv.
• The deadline for submitting abstracts for Durban is October 30. Both Durban (www.icc2003.gov.za) and La Coruña (www.icc2005.org/html-eng/english.html) have web sites.

• Petchenik Competition: A flyer went to the Geographic Alliance coordinators just before Geography Awareness Week last fall.

• Travel Funding: In May, Amy (with support from Judy) will write a proposal to NSF. We are going back to the same sources who supported Beijing travel, plus USGS and possibly other Federal agencies. We are always open to suggestions for fund raising. We sometimes publish a special issue of CaGIS with a theme of interest to federal agencies with extra copies made for the agencies to purchase. Profit from these sales goes to fund travel. It was suggested that a special issue might be tied into an upcoming conference on sustainability. Further discussion of this idea is needed. CaGIS will do a national report issue with the normal number of pages and the normal number of copies for no extra charge. If we want extra pages, or extra copies, USNC must provide production funds for them.

ICA Commission Updates
• Spatial Data Standards: Hal Moellering reported that this commission met just before Beijing and will also meet prior to Durban. They hope to go to publication with their metadata standards book late in the spring or in early summer.

• National and Regional Atlases: Tim Trainor reported that they met at Beijing and are considering meeting in India.

• Education and Training: Ute Dymon reported that they also met in Beijing.

• Mountain Cartography: They will be meeting May 15-19 at Mt. Hood. Jon Thies, Map Production Commission member, has offered his help, as he lives in the area.

• Map Production: This commission will meet in Zurich in June. They recently had workshops in Cuba.

• Census Cartography: Tim Davis of Canada can no longer serve as chair. Canada is not sure what they will do for replacement.

Next Meeting
• A conference call in May, 2002

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