
ACSM Report (Tim Trainor)
- The proposal for the "new" ACSM will go before its members sometime after the April ACSM meeting. Under this proposal, ACSM will be separated from the four organizations of which it is now composed. As part of this process, CaGIS is now incorporating as a separate organization, which will then contract with the new ACSM for various services such as publications, meetings, etc. CaGIS would replace ACSM as the U.S. adhering organization in ICA.

ICA Executive Committee Report
- The ICA Executive Committee has distributed for comment to selected individuals a draft strategic plan which it is considering.
- Bengt Rystedt will not run for re-election as president. At this time the only candidate for president is Milan Konecny
- Bob McMaster is the U.S. candidate for one of the Vice-President positions. Other candidates for the Vice-President slots were discussed. The bios for candidates will soon be on the web.

U.S. National Report (Francis Harvey)
- The theme of the report, which will be released as a special content issue of CaGIS, is the transition of cartographic visualization and representation. Francis is working with authors of 14 articles, 3 of which are peer-reviewed (10,000 words) and 11 of which are non-peer-reviewed (5,000 words). The articles are in various stages of completion at this time.
- Francis understands that the absolute latest deadline for his submission of last materials is June 15. That seems a bit late so he will confirm the deadlines with Ilse at ACSM.
- Shipping of copies to Durban was discussed. Tanya will look into the possibility of sending them via diplomatic pouch.

Durban Funding and Participation
- We have verbal approval from NSF for a grant covering both Durban (2003) and La Coruna (2005). The grant will cover awards of $1,750 each for 10 young scholars and $1,000 each for 6 mid-career scholars.
- We have received $5,000 gifts from ESRI and Intergraph.
- We are hoping for some additional income from sale of copies of the U.S. National Report.
- Judy will soon send word to U.S. presenters who applied for travel funds. Over 50 applications were received. Total participation at Durban from the U.S. should be around 60.

General Assembly Issues
- Elections will take place at Durban for President, Vice-President, and Commission Chairs. Votes will also be taken on establishing new commissions and renewing existing ones. A new commission on map projections is being proposed and Daan Strebe of the U.S. will be nominated as its chair. Also, the re-nomination process is underway for the following U.S. commission chairs: Mike Peterson (Maps and the Internet), Tim Trainor (National and Regional Atlases), Alan MacEachren (Visualization), and Hal Moellering (Spatial Data Standards).
- A vote will be taken on a new name for ICA. The change will probably add a subtitle to the name.
- A vote is also likely to be taken on the venue for the 2007 conference.
Petchenik Competition
- Gail Ludwig has sent notices to schools. Not many entries have been received, but most are expected to arrive at the April 15 deadline.
- Prizes for the participants and winners have been donated by ESRI and Microsoft.

Exhibits (Tanya Allison)
- Entries are also coming in slowly for exhibits. The deadline is April 15 for forms and April 30 for maps.

The Durban Experience
- All were encouraged to take safety precautions while in Durban: stay in groups, know where you're going, don't wander about after dark, and take taxis. The Hilton Hotel is next to the conference center and gives safe passage.
- There are two air routes to South Africa. One involves a stop in Europe; the other is a direct flight from Atlanta or New York. Ask your travel agent for a consolidator ticket. Cost now is about $1,850-$2,000.

Commission Reports
- Visualization (MacEachren). They are close to finishing a book. They will be meeting in Durban in connection with the Maps and the Internet Commission.
- Spatial Data Standards (Moellering). Their book is going to press. They will meet in July in the Czech Republic.
- National and Regional Atlases (Trainor). They co-sponsored a conference in Calcutta and will conduct a workshop for national mapping agencies prior to the Durban conference.
- Generalization. They will meet April 28-30 in Paris.
- Mountain Cartography. They held a workshop last May with 40 attendees.
- History of Cartography. Dalia Varanka of USGS volunteered to be a corresponding member.
- Mapping from Satellite Imagery. We are not aware of much activity by this commission.
- Maps and Graphics for Blind and Visually-Impaired People. This commission apparently has no chair now.
- Census Cartography has disbanded.
- The Commission chairs have been summoned to meet in Budapest.

USNC Membership
- Cindy Brewer is being asked to join USNC contingent upon approval of the CaGIS Board. The terms of the following members expire in 2003: Tanya Allison, Ann Johnson, John Kelmelis, Judy Olson, and Bill Thompson. Judy will not seek re-appointment. The committee tries to keep a rough balance of members from academia, government, and private industry, so it may be time to add a new person from government.

Next Meetings
- USNC conference call sometime soon.
- Open meeting at Durban, August 10-16

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