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Those of you attending midwinter will notice a few more gray hairs on your Chair's chinny-chin-chin. Yesterday we closed on our first home. It was a stressful situation that many of you know well. We also got our first respectable winter storm. We also had a furnace that wouldn't fire up. And so it goes.... Elsewhere in this issue you will find the final meeting schedule for midwinter. Please note the meeting of a new group, the Acquisitions for Academic & Research Cartographic Materials Collections Discussion Group. Collection development and acquisitions have been a neglected topic of discussion within NAGERT. This discussion group will aim to rectify this, with ample and able direction from Mary Larsgaard, Phil Hoehn, and HelenJane Armstrong. See you in Chicago.

FROM THE EDITOR

Gotta watch my "p's and q's" ... the "p" is sticking.... Much to my very great amazement, it's holiday time, and I'm putting together another issue. Time surely does fly when there's a deadline lurking in the calendar....

This is Tamsen Emerson's last issue as Production Manager of base line, and I'd like to say a tremendous "THANKS!" for the patience she's shown to a rookie editor. I really appreciate all the hard work she's put into this publication. Jim Coombs will be the new Production Manager beginning with the next issue, and I'm looking forward to working with him.

A NOTE TO EVERYONE WHO SENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND DON'T SEE THEM IN THIS ISSUE: I'll use them in the next issue; I just had too much for 16 pages and not enough for 20!

MISCELLANEOUS

The Illinois State Library has announced that the first issue of its map acquisitions list, Cartograph, is available. If you would like to have your name added to their mailing list, contact Arlyn Sherwood, Map Librarian, Centennial Building, Springfield, IL 62756. (AS)

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"40 maps of Revolutionary War battles drawn by a Hessian Ensign were found in 1987 in Portugal. The maps ... [are providing valuable and previously unknown information about several major Revolutionary battles] .... The maps will be appearing in several publications planned by the Center of Military History." (MM)

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OFFICIAL NEWS

ALA/MAGERT MIDWINTER CONFERENCE FINAL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, 2 January 1990
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Reception, MAGERT Suite, Talbott Hotel

SATURDAY, 6 January 1990
9:30 - 11:00 Cartographic Statistics Task Force, SWIS-Geneve
11:30 - 12:30 Acquisitions for Academic & Research Cartographic Materials Collections Discussion Group, SWIS-Vevey Ste.
2:00 - 4:00 Publications Committee I, HIL-Conference Rm. 4H
4:30 - 5:30 OCLC Users Discussion Group, SWIS-Appenzell Ste.

SUNDAY, 7 January 1990
8:00 - 9:00 Atlanta Conference Planning Committee, MAGERT Suite
9:30 - 11:00 Executive Board I, SWIS-St. Moritz
11:30 - 12:30 Education Committee, MAGERT Suite
2:00 - 4:00 Publications Committee II, BIS-Parlor B
4:30 - 5:30 Membership Committee, SWIS-Zermatt
4:30 - 5:30 Constitution and By-laws Committee, MAGERT Suite

MONDAY, 8 January 1990
9:30 - 11:00 Executive Board II, SWIS-St. Moritz
11:30 - 12:30 Map Online Users Committee, SWIS-Neuchatel Ste.
2:00 - 4:00 Cartographic Users Advisory Task Force, MAR-Conference Rm. 6
4:30 - 5:30 Candidates Forum (No Conflict), HIL-Internat. BR South

TUESDAY, 9 January 1990
9:30 - 11:00 Executive Board III, SWIS-St. Moritz
11:30 - Lunch and debriefing (all welcome)

HOTEL ABBREVIATIONS: SWIS-Swiss Grand, BIS-Bismarck, HIL-Chicago Hilton & Towers, MAR-Marriott.

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'90 ANNUAL CONFERENCE CALL FOR PAPERS

The Map and Geography Round Table (MAGERT) of the American Library Association (ALA) is seeking contributed papers for programs to be held during ALA’s annual conference in Chicago, Illinois, June 23-28, 1990. Papers will be considered on the following topics: automated geographical/cartographic reference tools; and, non-cartographic images of early exploration (i.e., photographs, birds-eye views, etc.).

Please contact the Program Chair, Brent Allison, John R. Borchert Map Librarian, University of Minnesota, S 76 Wilson Library, 309 19th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55455. (612) 624-0306. (BA)

ALA NEWS ALERT: WIN A FREE TRIP TO ANNUAL

"The 50,000th member to join the American Library Association (ALA) will win an all-expense-paid trip to an ALA Annual Conference.

"Any personal member, new, renewing, or reinstated, is eligible to win the award. The winner will receive free air fare to the conference site, registration, hotel accommodations, meals and daily expenses, and will be recognized at ALA’s Membership Meeting and other conference highlights.

"The ALA member responsible for recruiting the award winner will receive free conference registration. ..."

(Condensed from ALA News Alert submitted by Mary Larsgaard.)

COMPUTER CORNER

Highsmith offers three software packages for elementary and junior high school students which make extensive use of maps and geographical information sources. The software is produced by Brøderbund Software and involves the students in a hunt for a group of international criminals. Check your Highsmith catalog for more information on "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?" (world geography), "Where in the USA is Carmen Sandiego?," and "Where in Europe is Carmen Sandiego?" (JBP)

There is a review of Electromap, Inc.'s World Atlas in Information Today, June, 1989, v. 6, no. 6, p. 27. As stated in base line (v. 10, no. 4, p. 109), this software is available both in floppy and in CD formats.

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EMAIL Addresses of GeoInformation Specialists:

The following list was begun in February in response to a need among MAGERT members to avail themselves of the advantages of improved electronic communication technology. The resulting list contains addresses for not only MAGERT members, but also for other "geoinformation" people who have responded to our requests. This preliminary list is being published at this time, primarily in order to have any errors or changes reported to the compiler. The Directory itself, with corrections and additional information, will become part of MAGERT's Open File Report series.

Unfortunately, due in great part to the relative newness of EMAIL and the constant "improvements" being made to various systems, EMAIL addresses keep changing, much more rapidly than either postal addresses or telephone numbers. The compiler will attempt to keep this Directory current, with new editions published (and advertised) as necessary.

Please send additions and corrections to Mary Anne Waltz, Syracuse University Library, 222 Waverly Ave., Syracuse, NY 13244, or to libmaw@suvm.

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For the third year in a row, NACIS members were blessed with warm, sunny October days for their annual meeting. This time taking place in the northern university town of Ann Arbor, Michigan, the meeting was broken up in what has become the traditional way, with field trips on Thursday afternoon and social outings on Saturday afternoon. Because of this, and because our hotel was located in the center of town, among eating places, bookstores, plazas, and
shopping streets, and within a short walk of the university, we were able to enjoy the weather and the locale in addition to the substance of the meeting.

Vice President and Program Chair Diana Rivera and her committee brought together the usual inspired and inspiring combination of map-interested professionals. Judy Olson of the Michigan State University Department of Geography presented the keynote address at the meeting's opening session. In keeping with the conference theme of "New Perspectives," she caused the audience to look at map color from a new perspective as she spoke about research into effective map color schemes for those with color-impaired vision.

Poster sessions displayed the procedures and products of university cartographic labs from Hawaii to Helsinki and from Toronto to Tallahassee. The products of the labs displayed here included, as always, not only student projects, campus maps and small-circulation maps and atlases that we would otherwise not learn about (e.g., Florida County Atlas and Municipal Fact Book), but also maps and atlases for our map collections (e.g., Historical Atlas of Canada). Two large government mapping agencies, NOAA and DMA, exhibited their products.

Paper sessions dealt with such varied topics as boundary symbols in pre-1800 world atlases, map library management, time-space mapping, patterns on choropleth maps, geographic information systems, cartographic education, and use of maps in children's literature. Some differently formatted sessions were roundtable discussions of ethics in cartography and inter-American mapping issues, and a hands-on workshop with mapping software for microcomputers (Macintosh as well as IBM-compatible).

Some of the presentations had particular application to map librarianship. Among those were Johnnie Sutherland's overview of map library management; Jim Minton's model for recording collection policy beyond the outline nature of RLIN's Conspectus; Chris Baruch's update on Geodex, which now includes historical records for U.S.G.S. topos, converted from the U.S.G.S. Map and Chart Information System; Maria Grandenetti's session on map and atlas preservation; the roundtable on inter-American mapping led by Bill Stewart; and the software workshop.

In a session on map projections, not something that a map librarian would necessarily be drawn to, Douglas Dudycha of the University of Waterloo presented a paper on a microcomputer program he has developed for teaching map projections. In addition to its intended purpose, the program might also be useful in satisfying library requests for maps of various projections centered on various parts of the world -- a worthy computer-mapping application for a library that embarks upon producing maps on demand.

The field trip that included map library visits began as a multi-dimensional tour of Ann Arbor. Most of us were sold on the town; too bad there aren't enough map library jobs for all of us. Karl Longstrath, Jerry Thornton, and staff hosted us at the University of Michigan's Harlan Hatcher Graduate Map Library; David Bosse showed us the facilities and samples from the historical map collections at the William L. Clements Library; and Leonard Coombs introduced us to the heavily archival and manuscript map collections at the Bentley Historical Library.

D.R. Fraser Taylor, the NACIS banquet speaker and President of the International Cartographic Association, exhorted us to look with new perspectives on the meaning of cartography and to deal with the "applications challenges" of socio-economic development, the degradation of the environment, and global information networks.
At the NACIS business meeting, we learned about the positive response to our new periodical, Cartographic Perspectives. The results of elections were announced. James Fryman of the University of Northern Iowa is now Vice President, James Anderson of Florida State University is Secretary, and newly elected (or re-elected) board members are Patrick McAffie of the University of Kentucky, Craig Remington of the University of Alabama, Nancy Ryckman of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and Johnnie Sutherland of the University of Georgia. Diana Rivera of Michigan State University has become President, and Greg Chu of the University of Minnesota remains Treasurer.

Among the many map librarians in attendance this NACIS meeting were MAGERT members Harry Davis, Julia Gelfand, Ed Hall, Dan Seldin, Paul Stout, and myself.

The next annual meeting of NACIS will take place in Orlando, Florida, October 24-28, 1990.

Submitted by: Nancy Kandoian

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NEW BOOKS


"At last, Europa Publications has applied its years of experience and excellence to a major work covering the USA and Canada. This long-awaited reference book will provide a detailed analytical survey of these
neighboring North American nations as well as their constituent states, provinces and territories. Separate sections for each country will include: essays on various aspects of its political and administrative system, economy, social structure, and international relations; extensive statistical and directory material, including national, state and provincial data; and several detailed discussions on the vital developments taking place in the US-Canadian trade relationship and other issues influencing relations between the two countries.


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**NEW MAPS**

**Asia and the Pacific**


**Europe**

Economy of the World 1:12,000,000. 1989. 280 X 170 cm. By Dr. Wigand Ritter and Dr. Karl-Ludwig Storck, Institute for Economic and Social Studies. Justus Perthes. Distributed by G.F. Cram. Shows manufacturing, service industries, agriculture, minerals and mining, and major import/export shipping routes. $270.00. #11.393.


Espana, Portugal y Islas Canarias. 1:1,000,000. 1989. 52 X 68 cm. Madrid: Instituto Geographico Nacional. OCLC 20267389.


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The States of Europe. 1:3,000,000. 1989. 220 X 192 cm. Justus Perthes. Distributed by G.F. Cram. $270.00. #11.393

Central and South America


United States

Air Travelers' Reference Map of the United States. 1:5,780,000. 1989. No size listed. Available from: Airmaps Inc., Box 35285, Minneapolis, Mn 55435. $20.00 plus $4.00 shipping and handling.

The Ancestry of the American People. No scale listed. 1989. 18" X 24". Available from: Map Makers. P.O. Box 97, Kenmore, New York, 14217. Shows dominate ancestry group in each of the 435 Congressional Districts for 22 ancestry groups. Includes five inset maps. Four color, coated matte paper. $9.95 ppd.


The Singles Map. No scale listed. 1989. 18" X 24". Available from: Map Makers. P.O. Box 97, Kenmore, New York, 14217. Shows ratio of single men to base line 10(6): 166
single women in 150 largest metropolitan areas. Four color, coated matte paper. $9.95 ppd.

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE INTERNATIONAL MAP COLLECTORS SOCIETY

"The theme of the eighth annual International Symposium of the International Map Collectors Society (IMCOS) will be MAPPING AMERICA. Sponsored by the Washington Map Society, the Symposium will be held October 1-4, 1990 at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. Highlights include presentations of professional papers by eminent speakers, tours of major map depositories in the nation's capital, a Map Fair (October 1 & 2), a Map Auction (October 3rd), receptions, and a banquet. ... There will also be visits to the National Archives, the National Geographic Society, and to George Washington University.

"Until May 1, 1990, the registration fee for the Symposium is $95 ($75 for accompanying persons) and covers all Symposium events. After May 1, the fee is $115 ($95 for accompanying persons). ... "For additional information contact Eric W. Wolf, 6300 Waterway Drive, Falls Church, VA 22044 or Malcolm R. Young, Whyr Farm, Winterbourne Bassett, Swindon, Wiltshire SN4 9QE."

(Extracted from news release submitted by Arlyn Sherwood.)

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GREAT MOMENTS IN MAP LIBRARIANSHIP

HEY! COME JOIN THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!

SORRY BUT I'VE GOT A BUNCH OF NUDES ON THE COMMITTEE WORK TO DO BEFORE ALA MIDWINTER...

BUT AREN'T THERE ONLY 3 OF US WORK!

THE MAP LIBRARIAN KNOWS WHERE IT'S AT

GOSH, MRS. GOOD! LIGHTEN UP AND WITH EVERYONE HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

(Extracted from news release submitted by Arlyn Sherwood.)