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Do NOT contact the hotel directly. You will be sent a confirmation.

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This field trip, promised to leave you with lots of memories, will be an all day event with pick-up at and return to the Comfort Inn in downtown Atlanta. Options for early return are possible from Stone Mountain by taking a bus for an additional dollar. The proposed schedule is as follows:

8:30 a.m.   Leave downtown Atlanta and travel to Athens, Georgia
10:00 a.m.  Visit Map Collection and Libraries at the University of Georgia
            as the guest of John Sutherland, Map Librarian
12:30 p.m.  Lunch at Trumps Restaurant at Georgian Hotel, Athens, with
            program on Southern theme
2:15 p.m.   Tour around Athens to see ante-bellum architecture
3:30 p.m.   Arrive at Stone Mountain, where one can see the Memorial
            Carving of Confederate President Jefferson Davis and Generals
            Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson on the world’s largest
            exposed granite mountain. Then visit an ante-bellum plantation,
            antique auto and music museum, ride a paddlewheel riverboat,
            skylift with views of the North Georgia countryside, colorful
            lasershow, (supposedly one of the best around). A picnic dinner
            and drinks are included.
10:30 p.m.  Return to Atlanta.

Arrangements will be comfortable in an air-conditioned bus. Cost is $60.00 dependent upon filling a bus with 30 persons. Make checks payable to Julia Gelfand, and send to her at Reference Department, Main Library, University of California, Irvine, CA 92713 by April 15. Questions? Phone 714-856-4971 or E-Mail: JGELFAND@UCI.bitnet. Confirmations will be sent.

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"See the exhibits from the insider's view! Work the MAGERT booth for an hour or two, have some fun meeting new persons and answering some questions about map libraries, AND get a free MAGERT ribbon (2 hours = 1 ribbon). Times available are Saturday through Tuesday, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. preferred, earlier or later times if you are available. Get in touch with Harry Davis, Library, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901-6632. Tel. (618) 453-2705." (ML)

1991 ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN MAP LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

"The 1991 ACMLA Conference will take place May 26-30, 1991 in Ottawa, Ontario at the National Archives of Canada. Day one will be devoted to all aspects of the new non-paper based cartography, emphasizing the various products now appearing and trying to understand their impact on map collections. Day two will focus on the documentation of map collections: progress in describing them and of sharing that information and how we can use personal computers to make map collections more accessible. A call for papers has been issued for the morning of the third day.

"1991 marks the 25th anniversary of the founding meeting of the Association which was held in Ottawa. A number of special events and activities are planned to commemorate this special occasion.

"For further information, please contact Louis Cardinal, Cartographic and Architectural Archives Division, National Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N3, tel.: 613-996-7619, fax: 613-995-4451."

(Submitted by Grace D. Welch, Chair, 1991 Conference - Local Arrangements Committee)
WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF MAP LIBRARIES

1991 SPRING MEETING
MARCH 20-23, 1991
Map and Imagery Lab, University of California, Santa Barbara

Theme: Spatial Data in a Digital World

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

March 19  POSSIBLE  UC/Stanford Map Librarians meeting

March 20  Workshop: "Manipulating Cartographic Data in Digital Form" (lectures and labs)

March 21  8am-noon  WAML Executive Board
          12:30-1:00pm  Registration
          1:00-3:00pm  Spatial Data in Digital Form - the basics
          3:00-3:30pm  Break
          3:30-4:30pm  WAML business meeting
          4:30-5:30pm  Sounding Board; vendor introductions
          6:30-9:00pm  Reception, MapLink

March 22  9:00-noon  Geographic Information Systems - the basics
          noon-1:30pm  Lunch
          1:30-3:00pm  Remote Sensing in Digital Form - the basics
          3:00-3:30pm  Break
          3:30-5:00pm  Digital Spatial Data in the Map Publishers World

March 23  Tour - possibilities are: Historic Santa Barbara; Santa Barbara region wineries

NEED A ROOMMATE?

Send us your name and telephone number, and we'll tell you who else has called us and is interested in sharing a hotel room. We're still negotiating as to hotel, and have it down to about 3. Looks like about $70.00 per night + taxes.

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I am Katherine Rankin, and I am happy to be the new Cataloging Editor. I am the Special Formats Cataloger at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Please send me any cataloging news that would be of interest to map catalogers. I would also like to devote a part of this column to questions and answers on cataloging maps. Since I am not a map cataloging expert, Mary Larsgaard of the University of California at Santa Barbara will be answering the questions. Please send your map cataloging questions to me. My address is: Katherine Rankin, 3371 Brussels St. No. 1, Las Vegas, NV 89109. You can also send me your news items and cataloging questions via e-mail. My e-mail address is krankin@arrakis.nevada.edu.

If you need to phone me, my work number (which was wrong in the last issue of this newsletter) is (702) 739-3062.

A change has been made to the way scales are stated in cataloging multi-part items with two scales. AACCM 3B4 (AACR 23.3B4) now reads:

If the description is of a multi-part item with two scales (or a single item with component parts at two scales), give each scale in a separate statement. Give the larger scale first unless the smaller scale predominates (e.g., two primary component parts of a single item are selected for transcription in the physical description area and the smaller scale component is given greater emphasis in other parts of the description).

Scale 1:10,000 - Scale 1:200,000

During the MARBI and the USMARC Advisory Group meetings at the ALA Conference in Chicago last June, Discussion Paper 35: Handling Indirect Geographic Subject Subdivisions in Authority Records was discussed. The three options this paper presented were to use the existing 151 field, to use a combination of 151 and a new field 552, and to use a new field, 154, for all subject subdivisions, whether topical or geographical. No consensus was reached.

The Library of Congress is publishing an in-house map cataloging manual. It is being put in machine-readable form. As of last June, it was being reviewed for accuracy and should be published this winter in loose-leaf form.

COMPUTER CORNER

See an article elsewhere in this issue for information on MAPS-L. It's a new computer forum, and its official name is "Maps and Air Photo Systems Forum."

Both Electromap World Atlas and PC Globe 4.0 are favorably reviewed in Booklist, v. 87, no. 7 (1 December 1990), p. 772-773. (JW)
The December 1990 issue of Geotimes (v. 35, no. 12), p. 16-17, has an article by Allen M. Hittelman and others entitled "Compiling North America: Geology on Compact Disc," which discusses the "Geophysics of North America" product. This database "includes topography, magnetics, gravity, satellite imagery, seismicity, crustal stress, and thermal aspect data."

Boaters who use computers can now take advantage of DMA's Navigation Information Network (NAVINFONET). Its print equivalent is the Notice to Mariners, published weekly. There is no cost for using the service. For further information write DMA Hydrographic/Topographic Center, ATTN: MCN/NAVINFONET, Washington, DC 20315-0030 or telephone (voice) (301) 227-3296.

(Information from article of unknown origin submitted by Jim Walsh.)

EarthInfo, Inc. has a number of products available which might be of interest to geographers. All are available on CD-ROM and require IBM PC or compatible (DOS 2.0 or higher). They recommend 640K RAM and a minimum 20MB hard drive. Below are brief descriptions of the products taken from their sales brochures. For additional information, contact EarthInfo at 5541 Central Avenue, Boulder, CO 80301 tel.: (303) 938-1788 or (800) 222-0920.

"HYDRODATA USGS DAILY VALUES offers rapid access to the streamflow data collected by the U.S. Geological Survey for more than 100 years at gauging stations in all 50 states. ... The database comprises the WATSTORE daily values file, including daily streamflow and stage data, along with some climatological and water quality data, on four regional CD-ROM discs.

"HYDRODATA USGS QUALITY OF WATER puts more than 3 million analyses from the USGS Quality of Water file for the whole period of record - every water quality analysis in the master WATSTORE Quality of Water database - in service to personal computers.

"CLIMATEDATA SUMMARY OF THE DAY... [accesses] all the TD3200 data compiled by the National Climatic Data Center... it store[s] the full period of record (in some cases more than 100 years) for observations at nearly 25,000 cooperating stations in all 50 states on four regional compact discs.

"CLIMATEDATA HOURLY PRECIPITATION presents the precipitation records in TD-3240, the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) file for hourly precipitation (HPD). The product is indexed by state and station; only three optical discs contain the entire digitized period of record (some stations have hourly precipitation records from the early 1900's) for the approximately 5,500 stations nation wide that have recorded hourly precipitation measurements."

MAPS AND AIR PHOTO SYSTEMS FORUM

(The following message has been received from several different sources. One copy came from the Public-Access Computer Systems Forum [PACS-L2UHUPVM1.BITNET]; another came from Mary Anne Waltz; I'm afraid that I lost the cover part for the third
copy, so I'm not sure where it came from. In any event the message originated with
John Sutherland, University of Georgia, and the Maps and Air Photo Systems Forum
[MAPS-L@UGA]. Thanks also to Margaret Brill for her help in tracking down this
forum.

"MAPS-L is an international computer conference that deals with all forms of
cartographic information. MAPS-L is dedicated to promoting communication among
those who produce, disseminate, curate, and use cartographic information. MAPS-L
will be used to promote and coordinate the acquisition, preservation, loaning,
dissemination, and automated processing and retrieval of all types of cartographic
information. It is dedicated to discussing ways of effectively and efficiently exploiting
cartographic resources. This forum is intended to serve as a professional networking
and information source. The goal is to share ideas, solutions, experiences, problems,
and data.

"Many members are librarians, but MAPS-L also serves cartographers, remote sensors,
geographers, cartomaniacs, and all other types of cartographic information users.
MAPS-L is open to all who are interested in cartographic information. The list is
independent of and open to all professional organizations and institutions. MAPS-L
was founded in January 1991 by John Sutherland and James Minton, after discussions
with members of COSML, NACIS, the G&M Division of SLA, and delegates to the
Congress of Cartographic Information Specialists Associations. The University of
Georgia Computer Center and Libraries provides technical and other support for the
list.

"This list is run from the LISTSERV at the University of Georgia and is moderated
by John Sutherland.

"To join MAPS-L, send to LISTSERV@UGA the following e-mail message:
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EMAIL DIRECTORY

Due to the great number of responses to this directory when published in the December
issue, I am submitting this most recent version with updates through January 1991.
Please continue to send me additions and corrections to this list, and I will continue
to report in base line. Thanks to all for your cooperation. (Mary Anne Waltz, Syracuse University Library, libmaw@suvm).

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*Free Library of Philadelphia*

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AND FROM THE EDITOR

Merry 1991! Base line is off and running in its 12th year, and we celebrate by welcoming four new editors and two new features. First, Katherine Rankin is making her first appearance as Cataloging Editor. Next, Anita Oser will take over the New Books feature, beginning with issue number 3 (June). If you are doing an exhibit contact Andrew Johnson with the details; he's starting a feature which will allow libraries to share neat exhibits ideas with other libraries. Finally, John Crissinger will be starting a column dedicated to the concerns and interests of small map collections. Welcome!

I'd like to remind everyone that the official deadline for submitting material for any specific issue is the 15th of the month before the cover date. That is,

- 15 January for the February issue
- 15 March for the April issue
- 15 May for the June issue
- 15 July for the August issue
- 15 September for the October issue
- 15 November for the December issue

If you see that you cannot make the deadline for a specific issue, please let me know, and we can work out some sort of an arrangement. However, I need to know if something is going to come late (and approximately how late!) so that I can make allowances for it in the production schedule. It takes Jim 2 to 3 weeks to get base line printed and mailed (unless major problems develop), and I would like for people to be able to expect to receive their copies between the 15th and the 20th of the month. The only way that this is possible is if everyone cooperates. This is particularly important in May and November, because of the ALA conferences, and in July because of my schedule at work.

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CHANGES ANNOUNCED FOR DMA
HYDROGRAPHIC CATALOG

(The following is excerpted from "DMA HYDROGRAPHIC CATALOG CHANGES" Administrative Notes, 30 Sept. 1990, vol. 11, no. 20, p.6 and was submitted by Donna Koepp.)

"The Defense Mapping Agency (DMA) has simplified its ten unclassified Catalog of Maps, Charts, and Related Products, Part 2, Hydrographic Products... into one volume... entitled Catalog of Maps, Charts, and Related Products, Part 2, Hydrographic Products, Volume 1, Nautical Charts and Publications [which] will be published annually. As a result... SuDocs class stems D5.351/2:2 through D351/2:10/ and item numbers 0378-E-12 through 0378-E-20 will be discontinued.

"Updates... will be published as a Catalog of Maps, Charts, and Related Products, Part 2, Hydrographic Products, Quarterly Bulletin (SuDocs class stem D5.351/2:2 and item number 0378-E-11) and in the weekly Notice to Mariners... as appropriate.

"There will be no item number survey. LPS will merge depository selections of item numbers 0378-E-11 through 0378-E-20 into item number 0378-E-11. The September List of Classes will reflect these changes. DMA will ship the new catalogs directly to the depository libraries."

NEW BOOKS AND ATLASES


We have a new New Books Editor! I'd like to welcome Anita Oser of Western Carolina University, who'll be taking over with the June issue. Anita can be reached at Hunter Library, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC 28723 tel.: 704/227-7316 or Bitnet: aoser@wcuvaxl

Jon Walstrom sent a Minnesota Genealogical Society brochure which announced reprints of several Minnesota plat books. The following is quoted from that brochure:

"MGS is pleased to be able to reprint these maps, fully indexed, and make them available to Minnesota researchers. All were indexed by Arthur Louis Finnell, CGRS, and include the entire county in one alphabetical listing of names. Ann H. Peterson, CGRS assisted with Cottonwood County..."


"1886 Plat Book of Faribault County, originally compiled by Brown and Wright and published by Northwest Publishing Co., Minneapolis. $12."

"1887 Plat Book of Jackson County, originally compiled and published by the Interstate Publishing Company of Philadelphia. $12."

"1902 Plat Book of Lyon County, originally compiled and published by the Northwest Publishing Company of Minneapolis. $12."

"1886 Plat Book of Rock County, originally compiled and published by the Interstate Publishing Company of Philadelphia. $12."
To order send a check for the total amount plus $1.25 pph for the first item and $0.50 for each additional item to Minnesota Genealogical Society, MGS Bookstore, P.O. Box 16069, St. Paul, MN 55116-0069. Minnesota residents should add 6% sales tax.

NYPL MAP DIVISION ANNOUNCES NEW HOURS

Alice Hudson writes that, effective 4 February 1991, the New York Public Library Map Division will have new operating hours. These are:

- **Monday**: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday**: 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday**: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **Thursday**: CLOSED
- **Friday**: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **Saturday**: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **Sunday**: CLOSED

NEAT IDEAS

I will be editing a new column listing displays that libraries have put together with map-related themes. The purpose of the column is to give other librarians ideas on what kinds of displays they could do as well. For those submitting ideas please feel free to include comments about the display so as to help others visualize its contents. The column will probably be quarterly. Send your ideas to me, Andrew Johnson, in care of the Map Collection, Free Library of Philadelphia, Logan Square, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to MAGERT! We have several new members to introduce this time: Anke Gray of Seattle, WA; Michael Lutes of South Bend, IL; Mark Thomas of Bryan, TX; Ming Wong of Dublin, OH; and Thomas Zogg of Duluth, MN. Also joining us are Judith Andrews of Ashland, OR; John Myrick of Dora, AL; and Shari Stein of Montclair, NJ. We would also like to welcome the Talman Company of New York City as a new member. (MLL)

Watch this space for information and announcements of interest to new members. If you have any comments, suggestions, or ideas for base line, please feel free to contact me at the address shown on the masthead. (NB)
NEW MAPS

ASIA AND PACIFIC


Japan Guide Map for roads and sight seeing, handy map of Kyushu. 1:500,000. 83 x 59 cm. [1990.] Yokohama, Japan: Japan Guide Map Co., Ltd. OCLC 22274254.


Tonga. Scale ca. 1:1,000,000. 35 x 21 cm. [1990.] Tolworth, England: Directorate of Overseas Surveys. OCLC 22109975.

AUSTRALIA

Resource development projects. Western Australia, as of July 1989. 1:3,000,000. 85 x 61 cm. 1989. Perth: Department of Land Administration. OCLC 22109730.

Road surface. Western Australia, strategic planning. January 1990. 1:5,000,000. 55 x 41 cm. Perth: Main Roads Department of Western Australia. OCLC 22109732.

EUROPE


Plan of Lisbon, tourist guide. 1:20,000. 59 x 88 cm. [1990.] Lisbon: Distri Cultural. OCLC 22273752.


NORTH AMERICA


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Maine highway map. The. With large print map of the Maine Coast from Kittery to Bar Harbor and inset maps of fourteen cities and towns. Scale ca. 1:560,000. 89 x 59 cm. 1989. Freeport, ME: Harnett House. OCLC 22274899.

Map of Blackstone River Valley and northern Rhode Island. Scale ca. 1:42,000. 59 x 89 cm. 1990. Cumberland, RI: Blackstone Valley Tourism Council. OCLC 22275356.

Northern Colorado campground, travel, and recreation map. No scale given. 22 x 55 cm. [Colorado Springs]: US Travel & Campground Guides. OCLC 22278262.

TVA power system. 1:1,000,000. 75 x 98 cm. [1990]. Prepared by the Mapping Services Branch. Chattanooga, TN: The Branch. OCLC 22492496.


WORLD

One world. 1:23,000,000. 35" x 63" [1990.] Medford, OR: Raven Maps and Images. Laminated $60.00, paper $35.00.

Wises world map, first ed. Scale ca. 1:40,000,000. 70 x 98 cm. [1990.] Auckland, NZ: Wises New Zealand Map and Guide Co. OCLC 22490990.

World map. Scale ca 1:50,000,000. 51 x 77 cm. 1990. Burlington, VT: Northern Cartographic, Inc. OCLC 22491071.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Geography and Map Library at Indiana University now has a fax machine. The number is (812) 855-4919. (DS)

J.B. Post sent a newspaper ad for "Mideast Crisis Maps." No idea who placed the ad ("Buy below wholesale. Distributors needed now.") No address - just a phone number: 800/582-0810, x22.

"Keep your eyes open for the 6-part PBS production The Shape of the World, due to be broadcast in April 1991. The program discusses exploration, geography and
mapping, and is hosted by Patrick Steward (Captain Picard on Star Trek: The Next Generation.) Mr. Stewart’s introductory remarks, as well as interviews with a geographer and an astronaut, were filmed in the Map Division of the New York Public Library. Several of the Division’s maps will be shown, and the program should be good PR for maps. A companion volume has just been published by Rand-McNally.” (AC)

The Winter 1990 issue of Whole Earth Review (no. 69) is a special issue on Japan. It includes short reviews of several books and atlases dealing with that country. (MM)

Phil Hoehn sends an excerpt from an Oakland (CA) Tribune article by Rebecca Smith (21 Jan. 1991, p. B1) stating that the San Francisco Rand-McNally store has been doing a booming business in Middle East maps since the outbreak of war.

Some recent articles of interest:

Corsaro, James, “Control of Cartographic Materials in Archives,” Cataloging and Classification Quarterly, vol. 11, no. 3/4, p. 213-227. (NB)


“The article identifies 69 sites in the 50 United States that have spiritual importance to Native Americans. Most of the sites mentioned are on public land making them easily accessible. A three page, computer generated, fold-out, oblique map of the United States accompanies the article. Computer Mapping, Inc. of Boulder, CO (303) 444-1670 is responsible for the map.” (MM)


“It concerns map making in a totalitarian state and deliberate errors on maps.” (JBP)

FROM THE CHAIR

The Midwinter conference seems as if it was not only weeks ago, but months and moons ago, because for those of us from mild climates Chicago was freaking cold and something we care not to remember much.

The meetings allowed us to handle lots of business, and I will note some of the highlights:

1. Our efforts to coordinate with GODORT seemed to be favorable, and we will continue to increase those bonds;
2. The MAGERT New Members Breakfast was obviously successful with several new members eagerly awaing committee assignments and willing to serve in various ways - this will definitely be repeated at each conference on Monday morning.
3. The new Task Force for Map Librarians in Small Collections held its first meeting.
4. The Organization Manual was outlined and will be revised for the Atlanta meeting; suggestions were made for a public relations liaison in MAGERT to handle
publicity and communications, as well as defining and revising some of the tasks of
the other executive officeres.
5. The Preconference is coming together, and we look forward to lots of interest
and cooperation from other ALA divisions.
6. The Roundtable Caucus was resurrected to handle some of the ALA business
and organizational issues of MAGERT and other Roundtables.
7. We can look forward to a future discussion of whether MAGERT should
increase its dues.

Please be generous with your time and volunteer to participate in MAGERT
activities, such as staffing the booth at the Annual Conference and serving on
committees when asked. There will be many social engagements at the annual meeting
as well as interesting programs and sessions for you to attend. We hope that you will
buy a MAGERT shirt to remember the occasion and consider registering for the field
trip and staying at the "MAGERT/GODORT" hotel. Form for both are found elsewhere
in this issue.

Until next time..... A Happy Groundhog's Day, Valentine's Day, President's Day,
St. Patrick's Day, and whatever else falls between the last and this issue of base line.

Julia