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MAGERT/ALA MIDWINTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, 23 January 1993

8:00-9:00 a.m. Nominating Committee (J. Walsh)
9:30-11:00 a.m. Honors Committee (J. Walsh)
9:30-11:30 a.m. Education Committee (J. O'Donnell)
11:30-12:30 p.m. RLAG (M. Larsgaard)
2:00-4:00 p.m. CUAC (M. Brill)
Publications Committee I (P. Stark)

Sunday, 24 January 1993

9:00-11:00 a.m. Publications Committee II (P. Stark)
9:30-11:00 a.m. GeoTech Committee (N. Butkovich)
11:30-12:30 p.m. Conference Planning Committee (New Orleans)
(A. Carlucci)
Maps in Small Libraries (A. Sanders)
2:00-4:00 p.m. Cataloging and Classification Committee (C. Kollen)
Publications Committee III (P. Stark)
4:30-5:30 p.m. ALCTS

Monday, 25 January 1993

8:00-9:00 a.m. Conference Planning Committee (New Orleans)
(P. McGlamery)
9:30-11:00 a.m. Executive Board (P. McGlamery)

Room assignments were not available at the time base line was being prepared. Please check your program at ALA for assignments. Thank you.
NEW MAPS

ASIA

Metallogenic Map of South and East Asia. 1:5,000,000. 4 sheets. 107 x 77 cm. Commission for the Geological Map of the World (CGMW), Subcommission for South and East Asia. UNESCO.

EUROPE


NORTH AMERICA

State of California Wilderness Status Map. 1:1,000,000. 112 x 103 cm. Includes lists "California wilderness study areas" and "California desert district". U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management. OCLC 25512724


The Coexistence of Indigenous Peoples and the Natural Environment in Central America. 1:2,150,000. 68 x 99 cm. folded to 18 x 25 cm. Includes text and 4 ancillary maps of "Deforestation in Central America" and "Pre-Hispanic Panama". National Geographic Society (U.S.) OCLC 26738795.

WORLD


MAP SERIES

The Petroleum Economist has published a series of energy maps of various locations. All are available from: The Petroleum Economist Ltd., PO Box 105, 25/31 Ironmonger Row, London EC1V 3PN, United Kingdom, tel. 071-251-3501, fax 071-253-1224. Price of each title: single $100, multiple $80, laminated $115. Catalog available from publisher.

Energy map of the Middle East. 1:4,000,000. 80 x 84 cm. OCLC 26217785.

Energy map of Europe. 1:6,500,000. 82 x 84 cm. OCLC 25359415

Energy map of Sub-Saharan Africa. 1:10,000,000. 80 x 84 cm. OCLC 25522434

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Energy map of the World. 1:35,000,000. 120 x 72 cm. OCLC 25522433
Energy map of the North Sea. 1:1,800,000. 80 x 112 cm.
Energy map of the United Arab Emirates. 1:565,000. 99 x 71 cm.
Energy map of Latin America. 1:10,000,000. 120 x 66 cm.
Energy map of Central and Eastern Europe. 1:3,000,000. 80 x 83 cm.
Energy map of China. 1:6,000,000. 83 x 80 cm.
World Gas Map. 1:35,000,000. 72 x 120 cm.

MAP LISTING AVAILABLE

``New Maps of Ireland Published in 1991''. Compiled by and available from Paul Ferguson, The Map Library, Trinity College Library, College Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 702-2087. Fax: 719003.

NEW BOOKS AND ATLASES

Churches and Church Membership in the United States 1990. Atlanta, GA: The Glenmary Research Center, 1992. $36. Available from The Glenmary Research Center, 750 Piedmont Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30308. (An enumeration by region, state, and county based on data reported for 133 church groupings. Includes a color map, 28"x41", entitled Major Denominational Families by Counties of the United States 1990 (available separately for $8). An additional series of maps based on this study are also available. Ask for brochure)


of world changes before December 31, 1993. The atlas features 20 new countries, including the 15 former Soviet Republics and four former Yugoslavian Republics, along with the realigned boundaries of a new Yugoslavia.


ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

OCLC has added new codes to the fields Country of Publication Code and Geographic Area Code for new countries that were part of Yugoslavia, added a new geographic area code for the South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands, and deleted the geographic area code for Yemen (People's Democratic Republic) because of the unification of that country with the Arab Republic of Yemen.

**Country of Publication Codes.**
Prior to this change, all the republics used the code *yu*. This code continues to be used for the republics of Montenegro and Serbia.

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**Geographic Area Codes.**
Prior to this change, all Yugoslavian republics were assigned the code *e-yu---*. Continue to use this code for the geographic area covering the republics of Montenegro and Serbia. Add *lsxs---* for South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands, which became independent in 1985. There were both previously coded as *lsfk---* (Falkland Islands).
Do not use the geographic area code a-ys--- for the geographic Yemen (People’s Democratic Republic). Use code a-ye-- for the geographic area Yemen (Arab Republic of Yemen.)

The MAGERT Cataloging and Classification Committee will meet at ALA Midwinter in Denver on January 23, 1993, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The ALCTS/MAGERT Map Cataloging Discussion Group will meet at Midwinter on January 24, 1993, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

MINNESOTA AWARDED RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION GRANT

The University of Minnesota has been awarded a Research and Demonstration Grant under the U.S. Department of Education College Library Technology and Cooperation Grants Program (Title II-D) to establish a model Automated Cartographic Information Center within the John R. Borchert Map Library. Brent Allison, Associate Librarian and Head of the Borchert Map Library, will serve as Project Director.

The project is one of two Research and Demonstration Grants funded for fiscal year 1992, from among 55 applicants.

The Automated Cartographic Information Center (ACIC) will be dedicated to developing innovative approaches to providing library users with direct access
to locally owned and remotely accessed digital cartographic and spatial information.

With first-year funding of $133,058, six workstations will be equipped with the latest in computer hardware. A range of mapping software and geographic information systems (GIS) will be employed to provide access to, and manipulation of digital information. The establishment of electronic links will be pursued between the ACIC and the University of Minnesota's Government Publications Library, Machine Readable Data Center, the Geography Department's Digital Cartography Laboratory, and the Minnesota State Land Management Information Center. The project is recommended for a noncompeting continuation award in fiscal year 1993, during which time the ACIC will be expanded to include additional hardware and software.

The John R. Borchert Map Library is a U.S. Government Printing Office regional map depository library, serves as the U.S. Geological Survey Earth Science Information Center for Minnesota, and is a participant in the Association of Research Libraries GIS Literacy Project.

(Press release submitted by the John R. Borchert Map Library, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus.)

NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome eight new members to MAGERT! We're glad to have you as members, and we hope that you'll become active in the organization. The new members are:

- Michael L. Gold, Toronto, ON
- Karen Osborne Pope, Eau Claire, WI
- Melody Ballard, Phoenix, AZ
- William C. Barrow, Mentor, OH
- Sue A. Kaczor, Guilderland, NY
- Terri L. Cosgrove, Madison, SD
- Douglas M. Hintzman, Milwaukee, WI
- Ramona L. Reno, Tucson, AZ

See you in Denver!
There is an article in GPO's Admin Notes (v.13, no.5, February 29, 1992) entitled "Map Availability Records Affected by Change in Cataloging Practice." [Ed. note: This was supposed to have been included in "On the Cataloging/ Cataloguing Front." Mea culpa.] (KR, VM)

Cartifact collectors take note! The front cover of Cricket: the Magazine for Children (v.20, no. 2, October 1992) is a map, apparently of Cricket-land. It is suitably illustrated with winds, flying fish, sea monsters and dragons. There is also a cricket sailing a leaf and a napping cat (for you feline fanciers.) (JBP)

The 12 September 1992 issue of the Washington Times has an article entitled "Geographer says his world is more than just maps" by Siobhan McDonough. The article is based on an interview with George J. Demko, who was formerly the director of the Office of the Geographer for the U.S. Department of State. He is also the author of Why in the World: Adventures in Geography. (CW)

Michael McDonnell sends word of two interesting items:

"Churbuck, David C. "Smart Charts." Forbes, 31 August 1992, pg. 70-71. Digital nautical charts are being developed by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services. These charts will be updated in real time. All crafts having transponders will be located on the screen. Future movement of these crafts can be interpolated from past movement. Clicking on icons will give information on lights, bouys, and a myriad of other objects."

Kraus International Publications is putting out a set of Curriculum Resource Handbooks aimed at the K-12 audience. According to their press release, these publications "have numerous uses - for background relating to curriculum revision, information on lesson and program development, materials relating to textbooks and supplemental publications, and more." The two that I've seen are for Science and Social Studies; however, other subjects are also represented. Each volume costs $19.95 (pap.) Social Studies Curriculum Resource Handbook is ISBN 0-527-20805-1; Science is ISBN 0-527-20806-X. (TO)

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WHAT OTHER FOLKS ARE DOING

ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN MAP LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES

Bulletin, no. 82, March 1992

Articles of interest:
It also has reviews of:

The National Archives of Canada is working on a Multi-Year Disposition Plan to identify cartographic materials being produced by various agencies and departments of the Canadian government which have archival significance. This plan would insure that significant cartographic documents are preserved. (Pg. 27-28).

Alberta Auringer Wood reported on the meetings of the British Cartographic Society and the International Cartographic Association. (Pg. 34-38).

Bulletin, no. 83, June 1992

Interesting article:
  Cathy Moulder, "Will Your Library be the Spatial Data Centre of the Future?" (The first article from a panel discussion with Carol Marley, Colleen Beard, and Barbara Znamiorowski.), Pg. 5-11.
Book reviews:
Subject to final approval by the British Library Board, the National Archives of Canada will have, on a long-term loan from the British Library, the Goad fire-insurance plans. The Cartographic and Audio-Visual Archives Division will microfilm these plans on both color and black and white film using a 105mm camera. (Pg. 21)

*Carto-Canadiiana* is available and includes "federal government cartographic publications, published between 1981 and 1990 which have been catalogued by the Cartographic/Architectural Sector." It is in microfiche and has three indexes: geographical, author/title, and French and English subject indexes. For more information, contact Cartographic and Audio-Visual Archives Division of the National Archives of Canada. (Pg. 22)

**Bulletin, no. 84, September 1992**


Book reviews:
- Reference Manager. (Computer software.) Pg. 7-11.
- Reports of the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives Meeting, Calgary, 2-5 June. (Pg. 21-31.)

Frances Woodward was the winner of the 1993 ACMLA Honours Award. She is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and the founder of the Historical Map Society of British Columbia. Presently she is a special collections librarian at the University of British Columbia. (Pg. 34-35)

**AND FROM THE EDITOR**

My thanks to everyone who sent in contributions! Please keep them coming; I used virtually all of my backlog of material in this issue! (Remember, if I don't have the space in one issue for something, I usually save it and run it in the next issue!) See you in Denver!
GREAT MOMENTS IN MAP LIBRARIANSHIP

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE LITTLE TOWN WE JUST PASSES THOUGH HAS 312 RESIDENTS?

AND IF YOU TURN LEFT HERE, IN 5 MILES YOU COME TO THE TOWN OF PECULIAR, WHERE JESSIE JAMES ONCE SLEPT... HE TRIED TO ROB THE BANK, BUT THERE WAS NO MONEY IN IT!

WE'RE EXACTLY 1050 FT. ABOVE SEA LEVEL, BY THE WAY...

COULD YOU PUT THOSE MAPS AWAY FOR A WHILE AND LOOK AT THE SCENERY, PLEASE?!

I BET HE KNOWS HOW MUCH FARTHER IT IS, THOUGH!

HOW WAS YOUR VACATION OVER THE HOLIDAYS?

AW, IT WAS OK...

WHAT!? I THOUGHT YOU LOVED TO TRAVEL!

WELL, I USED TO, BUT LATELY MY DAD KINDA OVERDOES THE MAPS AND GEOGRAPHY STUFF...