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FINAL VERSION

Friday, June 24

8:00-10:00pm  Welcome Reception (R: Cavalier I & II)

Saturday, June 25

8:00-9:00am  Research Libraries Collection Management Group (H:Tuttle N)
9:30-11:00am  Education Committee (H: Pearson I)
9:30-11:00am  Publications I (S: Caracus B)
11:30-12:30pm  Cataloging and Classification Committee (F-Imperial I)
11:30-12:30pm  GeoTech Committee (I-Raphael)
2:00-4:00pm  PROGRAM I: Mapping the Changing Face of South Florida (MB-B212)
Evening  Reception: Publication of OP4 and MAGERT Honors (TBA)

Sunday, June 26

8:00-11:00am  SIGIS Task Force (H-Brickell S)
9:30-11:00am  Membership Committee (M: Salon K)
11:30-12:30pm  Joint Cataloging Discussion Group MAGERT/CCS/ALCTS (F: Lorraine)
11:30-12:30pm  Miscellaneous Committees Joint Meeting (MBCC-C223)
11:30-12:30pm  Cartographic Users Advisory Committee (MBCC-D234)
2:00-4:00pm  Publications II (H: Stanford)
2:00-5:30pm  PROGRAM II: Basic Map Cataloging for Non-Map Librarians (MBCC:B211)
8:00-10:00pm  Joint Committee on Rare and Endangered Government Documents (MAGERT/GODORT/RBMS/LITA) (I: Bayfront B)

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Monday, June 27

8:00-11:00am  Executive Board (F:Lorraine)
2:00-4:00pm  General Membership Meeting (SE:State)

Tuesday, June 28

9:30-11:00am  PROGRAM III: Geographic Information Systems: A New Service Opportunity for Libraries
[Organized by LITA, cosponsored by ACRL and MAGERT] (MBCC A204-A205)
Afternoon  MAGERT Field Trip (TBA)


MAGERT PROGRAMS AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MIAMI, 1994

"Mapping the Changing Face of Southern Florida"

This program will focus on the use of cartographic materials and techniques to describe and analyze environmental changes in southern Florida.

Speakers:

Dr. Joseph Fitzgerald, Coral Gables, Florida
"Early Mapping of South Florida and the Everglades"

David Greene, Supervisory Cartographer, US Geological Survey
"Mapping the Greater Everglades Ecosystem"

Christopher Friel, Research Administrator, Florida Marine Research Institute
"Using GIS to Study the Florida Keys and Florida Bay"
``Basic Map Cataloging for Non-Map Librarians''

This introduction to the cataloging of maps will focus on the aspects of maps which differ from other forms of material, including having no title page, scale, coordinates, physical description, etc. The program will also cover subject analysis of maps and applying the Library of Congress Classification: Schedule G. The impact of Format Integration on maps will also be discussed.

Speakers:
Mary L. Larsgaard, Map and Imagery Lab, University of California, Santa Barbara
Elizabeth U. Mangan, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress

``Geographic Information Systems: A New Service Opportunity for Libraries''

Jointly sponsored by LITA/ACRL/MAGERT

This panel will provide an overview of the present and potential role of libraries in using geographic information systems (GIS). GIS software makes it possible to access and display graphically spatial data and imagery sets distributed via electronic media, such as CD-ROMs. The panel will describe the adoption of GIS into small as well as large libraries of different types. It will identify hardware and software needed for effective service delivery.

Speakers:
James Augur, Adult Services Librarian, Ontario City Library, Canada
``GIS in a Small Public Library''
Ann Watts, Coordinator of Downtown Branch, St. Louis Public Library
``GIS Services and Community Involvement''
ON THE CATALOGING/ CATALOGUING FRONT

MAGERT meetings of interest to map catalogers at the ALA annual conference in Miami are the meeting of the Cataloging and Classification Committee, which will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 25th, and the meeting of the joint MAGERT/CCS/ALCTS Map Cataloging Discussion Group, which will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 26th. MAGERT will also be presenting the program Basic Map Cataloging for Non-Map Librarians from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, 1994. For a description of this program, see the article titled MAGERT Programs at Annual Conference, Miami, 1994, preceeding my cataloging column in the April, 1994, issue of base line. Maybe even map librarians who do not catalog all the time would learn something from that program.

The joint MAGERT/CCS/ALCTS Map Cataloging Discussion Group met at ALA Midwinter in Los Angeles in February. Karl Longstreth from the Univer-
sity of Michigan is chair of this group. There was a discussion of why OCLC has dropped the GMD for maps. Dan Seldane had made a survey, and of the twenty-four libraries which responded to his survey, fourteen used this GMD and fourteen did not use it. Robert Bremer from OCLC explained that OCLC is following LC’s practice in this matter. One reason for using this GMD is so that patrons will not be misled into thinking the bibliographic record they are looking at is for some type of material other than a map. Possibly this GMD could be generated from the code in the Type fixed-field element. People who disagreed with this decision could have contacted Ellen Caplan, who is our liaison with OCLC.

Contract cataloging of cartographic material was discussed. One comment was that the library should check the quality of the contract cataloging agency’s work even if it means having to hire a consultant to do that checking. The comment was made that these companies would have to do a good job to stay in business. Someone said that this is a way to get things cataloged when one can’t hire enough people to catalog them in-house.

Betsy Mangan brought up the LC proposal to redo the atlas section of the G schedule. This was also discussed in the Map Cataloging and Classification Committee meeting. If LC approves the G schedule changes, they will go out to SLA G&M, and to SAC and other groups that would be concerned with this issue, so they can discuss it at their meetings in Miami.

Library of Congress has a pilot copy cataloging project in which they search OCLC for records they can use in cataloging material they own. The Geography and Map Division will be searching particularly for records for maps of states that have had a project to catalog their maps. LC may not receive the money to carry on this project. The problem has been that they have been unable to load the records they find into their system. They do not do full checking on these records. They check authority records for names but do not look at most of the descriptive cataloging unless it is obviously wrong. They check to see if the subject headings are constructed correctly. LC would accept bibliographic records from some libraries but not from others. These records would not become LC records, they would retain the code of the original inputting library, but LC would add a code d in the Modified Record fixed field. This is to be a six-month pilot project. LC Geography and Map Division has lost its only cataloging technician, so it would have to find someone else to do the searching for this project. The person would have to know LC G&M Division’s procedures and OCLC searching.

LC’s Geography and Map Division’s attitude toward the proposed LC decision that LC would stop doing authority work on series is that it is a mistake and
will cause catalogers more work: LC's G&M Division probably establishes only about twenty series a year. They have many more series-like phrases that they would like to document because otherwise they would have to search their catalog every time they cataloged cartographic material that was part of one of these series. Catalogers would probably start keeping local tickler files of series decisions, which would be less constructive than LC's doing authority records everyone could use.

One suggestion for the next meeting was to invite a person from a contract cataloging agency of cartographic material to speak to this group. It was also suggested that the topic to be discussed in meetings of this group be announced in _base line_ and in the _ALCTS Electronic Newsletter._

NEW BOOKS AND ATLASES


ATLAS OF NATURAL DISASTERS IN CHINA. Comp. by The People's Insurance Company of China & Beijing Normal University. 1993. $150. Avail


IMAGEN DE VENEZUEALA. Petroleos de Venezuela, 1992. $195. Available from Bill Stewart, 928 Westwood, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. (Detailed studies of geology, natural resources, climate, fauna, hydrogeography, land use, minerals, etc.)


NEW MAPS

ASIA

Bathymetric map of the central part of the North Fiji Basin, southwest Pacific. 1:750,000, 2 sheets, 50mm x 92mm. Lambert's conformal conic projection.

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Results of the Starmer French-Japanese Joint Project, 1987-1992, the information was compiled by the Hydrographic Depart, M.S.A., Japan in March 1992 under the Special Coordination Funds for Promoting Science and Technology. The maps are a supplement to *Marine Geology*, vol.116, no.1/2, January 1994.

**NORTH AMERICA**

*Bathymetric charts of the Great Lakes.* 5 charts, 1:750,000, with contour intervals of 30 feet. Different shades of blue indicate depth. Other information includes water levels, currents, morphometric parameters, and watershed land use. Printed on 80lb. paper in a limited edition of 2000 copies, signed by the authors, Ratko J. Ristic and Jovanka R. Ristic. Prices range from $10-$14 each, $40/set in paper; $12-$16 each, $50/set laminated. Available from Ratko J. Ristic, 3558 North Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211.

*Central United States earthquakes, 1974-1991.* Poster, 26in x 32.5in, 1:1,000,000. "Central U.S. is one of the most earthquake-prone regions in the nation. This map poster illustrates earthquake epicenters recorded in the region that encompasses parts of eight States (Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Missouri)." Available for $3.50 from the U.S. Geological Survey, 1-800-USA-MAPS.

*Historical maps of Canada.* 17" x 22", printed on high quality beige paper in brown ink. Portfolio 4 (maps numbered 126-150) is now complete. It is available for $100 plus shipping. Reproduction maps may be purchased separately at $3 each as well. Orders/Enquiries may be directed to Cheryl Woods, Compiler, ACML Facsimile Map Series, Serge A. Sauer Map Library, University of Western Ontario, London, Canada N6A 5C2. Tel.519/661-3424, Fax 519/661-3750, e-mail cawoods@uwo.ca (CW)


*North American vegetation index map, August 11-20, 1990.* 62cm x 58cm, folded in envelope 30cm x 24cm. plus text, 1:12,500,000; Lambert azimuthal equal area proj. Developed and produced jointly by EROS Data Center, National Mapping Divisionm, USGS and Canada Centre for Remote Sensing, Surveys, Mapping and Remote Sensing Sector, Energy, Mines, and Resources Canada. Available from the U.S. Geological Survey 1-800-USA-MAPS. (CW)
Washington, DC. 21.5in x 18in; folded: 3.5in x 9in. Printed on first-class stock, 70lb. patina. This "new Washington street & Metro map, an aid in navigating the nation's capital", was designed by John Tauranac. It includes an introduction to the city's design and an introduction to the city's Metro. Text and keys to both the street and Metro maps are in English, French, Spanish, Italian, German, and Japanese. Available from John Tauranac, Tauranac, Ltd., 900 West End Avenue, New York, NY 10025. Tel.212/222-7731. (AH)

NEW CATALOGS

Historic American maps and urban views, 1994-95. Historic Urban Plans, Box 276, Ithaca, NY 14851. Facsimiles of engravings, lithographs and manuscript drawings from major museums, libraries, archives, private collections. Priced at $6 each. Includes Canada, Caribbean, Western Hemisphere, world views.

Satellite image poster series. High quality, glossy finish, poster, most are 24in x 36in. Recorded by the Thematic Mapper aboard Landsat 5, 438 miles above Earth. Most posters are $14.95. Also included are laminated posters. Available from Earth Observation Magazine, Inc., 13741 E. Rice Place no.125, Aurora, CO 80015. Fax 303/690-2522

NEW MEMBERS

We have several new members to welcome! They are:

Nancy L. Sosnik, Raleigh, NC
Kathleen Cole Dystra, Kingston, RI
Kyler R. Capp, San Jose, CA
Mike Mollett, Santa Barbara, CA
Peter Linberger, Barberton, OH
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Chere J. Negaard, Hawthorne, CA
Christopher A. P. Fitts, Alexandria, VA
Benson M. Karanja, Atlanta, GA
Lynn K. McNamara, Nikiski, AK
Joseph A. Abel, Aiea, HI
Carol B. Marley, Montreal, Canada
If you're going to Miami for ALA, we hope to see you at Welcome Reception Saturday morning!

**NEW EDITOR**

We have a new editor for base line! Beginning with the next issue, Pat Seavey will take over the editorship of base line. She can be reached at the following:

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**AND FROM THE EDITOR**

Well, folks, it's been fun. I've really enjoyed working with the fine group of people in MAGERT. I want to thank the Editorial Board members for all their help. They do most of the work, what with gathering material and putting the columns together and getting them to me. A special thanks goes to Jim Coombs, the Production Manager for the last four and a half years. He's done a terrific job in getting base line through the printers and mailers and into the mail stream. The MAGERT Publications Committee also deserves a round of applause for their continued support of base line. Finally, I want to thank the
Contributing Editors. These are all the people who take the time to drop us a line and let us know about new books or maps or atlases or anything else that might interest other MAGERT members. Without everyone doing this, base line, and even MAGERT, couldn't function. Thanks to everyone.

I hope that Pat Seavey, the incoming Editor, has as much fun with base line as I've had. She'll be working with a great group of people.

VOLUNTEERS (AND IDEAS) NEEDED

I know that we haven't even enjoyed the beaches of Miami yet, but it isn't too early to start thinking about Philadelphia (Midwinter '95) and Chicago (Annual, '95). I'm forming Local Arrangement Committees for these two conferences (one for each city.) If you're familiar with the city and want to volunteer, please contact me at the following address:

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BOOTH REMINDER!!!

If you're interested in working the MAGERT booth in the Exhibit Hall at the Miami conference, get in touch with Steve Rogers (Map Room, Ohio State University Libraries, 1858 Neil Avenue Mall, Columbus, OH 43210, Tel.: 614/292-6175). It's a lot of fun, and you get to meet a lot of people.
GREAT MOMENTS IN MAP LIBRARIANSHIP

THE GREAT LIBRARY CONFERENCE DILEMMA:

SHALL I GET OUT OF THIS AUTOGRAPHING LINE SO THAT I CAN MAKE THAT MEETING?

I NEED TO GET MY PRIORITIES STRAIGHT! WHO'S RATH WILL WORSE: MY COMMITTEE CHAIR'S IF I DON'T ATTEND THE MEETING, OR MY DAUGHTER'S IF I DON'T GET BEVERLY CLEARY'S AUTOGRAPH!

JIM COOMBS 6/94