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FROM THE CHAIR

Well, Miami ALA is over; next stop, Philadelphia! You’ve probably already received your AMERICAN LIBRARIES by now, so you know that the Miami attendance figures were down. John Stevenson will have the full report from Miami in an upcoming issue of BASE LINE, so I won’t go into detail on it. However, MAGERT’s OCCASIONAL PAPER 4: MAPPING THE NATIONAL PARKS has finally been published. It looks pretty exciting, so if you want a copy, contact the MAGERT distribution manager.

Are you interested in becoming active in MAGERT? There are a number of ways in which you can become involved. Among other things, I’m still looking for some people to volunteer to help with the Local Arrangement Committees for Chicago and Philadelphia. If you’re interested in either of these, or want to get involved in some other manner, let me know. MAGERT can’t function with just a handful of people doing all the work. It takes a lot of people dividing the work up between them. Without volunteers to help with the workload, things won’t necessarily get done the way we’d like. Whether it’s committee work or submitting material to BASE LINE or MERIDIAN, every contribution of your time is greatly appreciated and helps make MAGERT a viable organization. So, let us hear from you!

Nan

There is an urgent need for a base line Subscriptions Manager. Contact Nan or myself for details. Jim Coombs, Pubs. Comm. Chair

ON THE CATALOGING/ CATALOGUING FRONT

The MAGERT Map Cataloging Committee met at the ALA annual convention on June 25, 1994, in Miami Beach. Mary Larsgaard is the MAGERT representative to AACCCM, and Dorothy McGarry is the SLA Geography and Map Division representative. Mary and Dorothy went through the draft and noted changes and additions, and Mary is inputting the changes on the diskette version of the draft. She hopes to finish it by the end of the third week of July and to send it to Dorothy and to Betsy Mangan. Mary will put a notice on MAPS-L when she has finished
the diskette, and she hopes to have the document available for ftp. The committee hopes to have received all the changes by the end of August and will try to meet as a committee in the fall. Dr. Helen Jane Armstrong and Mary will work on the spatial data section of this manual, and the Canadian map librarians will work on the rare book section. Betsy will work on whatever else that has not been covered. Mary has the changes that MAGERT members gave to Nancy Vick Edstrom when she was liaison to AACCCM a few years ago.

The subject headings for remote sensing are on the Library of Congress Weekly List 25 for June 22, 1994 and are to be reviewed by the Editorial Board. Betsy is working with the LC Cataloging Policy and Support Office liaison, and she understands that there is no problem with these subject headings. Remote sensing will not be used for cartographic material but will be used for “works on the theory or methodology of collecting and gathering images with equipment or devices not in physical contact with the object or property under study.” The subdivision remote-sensing images can be used under world maps and atlases as well as under countries. The subdivision remote-sensing maps takes the place of photo maps and is used for remote-sensing images upon which grids or other mapping data elements have been added. The limits on what is added have not been decided on yet. For instance, does just adding a title count? Aerial photographs and aerial photography are not used for cartographic material. Photographs from space will probably be left as is and will not be used for cartographic material.

The remote sensing subject headings have probably already been approved. The Library of Congress has postponed the whole issue of the series decision and is looking at it as part of the Cooperative Cataloging Council. A subcommittee is looking at that issue. The LC Geography and Map Division would like to do authority records for series-like phrases for cartographic material. They would like to be allowed to do this even if they are not required to do it. Changes have been made in the classification schedules. In Weekly list 24, Czechoslovakia was split into two countries. That probably passed. The call number for the re-united Germany has not yet appeared on the Weekly list. The proposed number is G6080-6082. The cities of Germany would be classed in G6299. There is no reason to suppose that these numbers will not pass. Eritrea used to be part of Ethiopia, but it now has its own full range of numbers. It will probably be on the Weekly list soon. Next LC will work on the Soviet Union and will expand the range of numbers for the republics. They are waiting to work on Yugoslavia—nothing has been done about it yet.

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LC is working on putting the G and the GA schedules into the MARC format and is converting the lists of foreign cutters into machine-readable format. Then the cutters will be exported into the classification schedules. LC has committed to finishing all of the schedules by the end of this calendar year. Then they will be put on CD-ROM. No cutters will be published as printed products—all of them will be on CD-ROM. Until that is done, cutters in the G schedule will not be kept up to date through the Additions and changes. They want to make as many changes as possible before the G schedule is on-line.

LC Geography and Map Division has been rotating catalogers to be the head of the unit. They will run out of people to do this by the middle of July. They are trying to get a permanent job posting for that position.

The proposal for digital data set standards from the Federal Geographic Data Committee will be put on MAPS-L. The proposal is very long and complex. It is going to MARBI. The federal government must begin using these standards by January 11th, so there is a push to issue them provisionally. Mary will try to make the standards available via ftp. It may be possible to expand them to cover all spatial data instead of just digital data. Standards for the metadata accompanying the item would also help. The standards were accepted at the June 8th meeting of the Federal Geographic Data Committee. The standards will become federal data processing standards. I will report on the discussion of the proposed changes in the classification of atlases in my next column.

Katherine

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome new members:

Don H. Ko, Huntsville, TX
Vivienne R. Roumani-Denn, Berkeley, CA
Jose A. Aguinaga, Houston, TX
Annette Blum, Charleston, SC
Margot T. Burchard, Carrollton, TX
Raymond Dickinson, Big Rapids, MI
Leta Hunt, Champaign, IL
Lawrence H. Schankman, Mansfield, PA
MISCELLANEOUS

Jim Walsh, formerly Head of Government Documents and Microforms, O'Neill Library at Boston College, is now Head of Reference in the Arts & Sciences Library at Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts.

MAPHIST-L is a discussion group whose primary focus is historical maps, atlases, globes and other cartographic formats. This listserv is open to all persons interested in the history of cartography and discussion is encouraged on all aspects of this broad subject. To subscribe, simply send a “SUB MAPHIST first name _ last name” command to LISTSERV@HARVARDA.HARVARD.EDU and you too will be able to join in the discussions. Please pass this information on to interested colleagues. (DC)


From the Chicago Tribune (April 17, 1994), Mark Shuman’s review in the Travel Section of a Bucktown bar, The Map Room at 1949 N. Hoyne Ave., may interest ALA Chicago Conference goers. (NS)


BASE LINE SURVEY

A total of 27 responses were received to the survey of base line readers which ran in base line 15(1). The results of the survey are given below. Since the Publications Committee did not meet in Miami, no action has yet been taken on this survey, although a copy of it, complete with all the comments, has been sent to members of the Committee.

1. Do you have access to the Internet?
   Yes: 24
   No: 3

2. Do you use e-mail?
   Yes: 24
   No: 3

3. Do you subscribe to any map listservs?
   Yes: 21
   No: 6
   If yes, which ones:
   Carta: 3  Geonet: 1  Innopac: 1
   Maps-l: 21  Maphist: 5  ERSI-l: 1
   UGIS-l: 1  LISMaps: 1

4. Are you familiar with using FTP?
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6. Do you subscribe to more than one map librarianship news magazine?
   Yes: 15
   No: 10

Which ones:
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- Globe: 1
- Cart. Perspect.: 1
- GIS: 1
- NEMO Newsletter: 1
- European cart. journals: 1
- Most international map library news mags (English): 1

If so, do you find that much of the information contained in them is duplicated?
   Yes: 5
   No: 10

7. Would you be interested in receiving base line via the Internet?
   Yes: 18
   No: 7

8. Would you be interested in receiving one combined newsletter via the Internet?
   Yes: 14
   No: 8

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Geoscience Information Society Annual Meeting Seattle, Washington
October 23-27, 1994

The Geoscience Information Society (GIS) will hold its 29th annual meeting in conjunction with that of the Geological Society of America (GSA) in Seattle, Washington from October 23 to October 27, 1994. In 1994 GSA will be looking at geology at "the Leading Edge," both as an active, dynamic geological process and as a field at the cutting edge of technology.

In its symposium entitled "Changing Gateways" the Impact of Technology on Geoscience Information Exchange," GIS will consider not only the technological changes, but how they impact individuals, societies, and organizations as they deal with the exchange of geoscience information. Charlotte Derksen (Stanford) and Jim O'Donnell (Caltech) will focus on the changes in information centers from 1970 to 2000. Other invited speakers will discuss geoscience publishing philosophy and the future; effects of technology on the information seeking behavior of geoscientists; policy changes for government information access; electronic journals and electronic publishing issues; the balance between technology and scientific creativity; and geographic information systems as they relate to earthquake hazard mapping for use by public agencies.

GIS will also sponsor a volunteered paper session and a poster session. The annual Database Forum will inform both information professionals and geoscientists of the current developments in digital geoscience resources (including online, tape, floppy, and CD-ROM products). The GIS exhibit booth will provide an interactive INTERNET demonstration featuring earth science resources. During the Collection Development meeting, Celia Wagner of Blackwell North America will discuss science monograph publishing trends and pricing. The GeoRef Users' Group will sponsor a GeoRef workshop centered around the new WINDOWS version of the GeoRef SilverPlatter CD-ROM product, in addition to its usual GeoRef Users' Group meeting. And GIS, AGI, and AESE will co-sponsor a short course on Geowriting, to be held on Saturday, October 22.

For more information about the GIS annual meeting, contact: Barbara Haner, 1994 GIS Program Chair, Physical Sciences Library, University of California, Riverside, CA 92517-5900; 909/787-3511; internet: haner@ucrac1.ucr.edu

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Reading the World: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Maps, and an international conference will be held October 14-15, 1994 in conjunction with the opening of The Osher Map Library and the Smith Center for Cartographic Education, at Holiday Inn By The Bay, Portland, Maine.

This multi-disciplinary conference is scheduled to coincide with the opening of the Osher Map Library and the Smith Center for Cartographic Education at the University of Southern Maine. It will bring together professionals and non-professionals who are interested in any aspect of cartography. The conference will focus on the map as a cultural artifact, offering views of many disciplines including anthropology, art, astronomy, cultural development, geography, history and sociology.

Activities for the two-day conference include individual presentations with formal comment, panel discussions, a special buffet reception, opportunities to see the opening exhibition TREASURES OF THE COLLECTION, a Map Fair, and a special invitation to attend the formal opening ceremony of the map library on Sunday. The conference is open to the public and may be attended on Friday only, Saturday only, or both days. Registration deadline: September 15.

The conference will be held on 14-16 October 1994. For more information contact University of Southern Maine Department of Conferences, 68 High Street, Portland, Maine 04101, tel: 1-800-800-4UWM, ext. 4542 or fax (207) 780-4836.
