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## FROM THE CHAIR

Steve Rogers, Ohio State University


As the last winter storms of the season blast the northern parts of the country, I, for one, am looking forward to the warm sunshine—and, yes, even the humidity—of Florida later this summer when ALA descends on Orlando for the 2004 Annual Conference June 24-30<sup>th</sup>. MAGERT's meetings have been tentatively scheduled (see the preliminary schedule appearing elsewhere in this issue of *base line*) and plans are in the making for an outstanding conference.

In addition to MAGERT's always interesting committee and discussion group meetings, three very exciting public programs are being planned for the 2004 Orlando Annual Conference. Descriptions of the three programs are provided below:

- **“Paper Maps and Vapor Maps: Finding Maps for Your Library’s Users/Readers/Researchers.”** The speakers will be Alice C. Hudson (Chief, Map Division, The New York Public Library) and Kathleen Weessies (Map Librarian, Michigan State University). Aimed at non-map librarians, the program is intended for those not expert in using maps and spatial data. It will illustrate how to find and use maps and atlases for reference and research use—locally, nationally, internationally and via the Internet. The program is planned for Saturday, June 26 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.
- **“Florida Geography: Immigrants, Hurricanes and Sinkholes.”** Three experts in their respective fields will discuss: the impact of immigration on Florida and Metropolitan Miami; the human and economic impact of nature’s most dangerous storm—hurricanes; and the presence and study of sinkholes in Florida, including the Orlando area. Speakers will include Dr. Thomas D. Boswell (Chair, Department of Geography and Regional Studies, University of Miami), Dr. Hugh E. Willoughby (International Hurricane Research Center, Florida International University), and Dr. Shiou-San Kuo (Director, Florida Sinkhole Research Institute, University of Central Florida). The three-hour program will take place on Sunday, June 27 from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
- **“Scanning the Sunshine State: the University of Florida Map & Imagery Library Experience.”** Speakers will include Dr. HelenJane Armstrong (Head, Map and Imagery Library, George A. Smathers Libraries, University




of Florida), Erich J. Kesse (Head, Digital Library Center, George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida) and Joe Aufmuth (GIS Librarian, George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida). Historical maps and aerial photographs offer unique graphic resources for tracking the evolution of Florida's landscapes. Florida from the Air, a Florida LSTA grant, integrates the spatial mapping functions of GIS with 40,000 Florida aerial tiles captured by the U.S. Department of Agriculture between 1937-1951. Ephemeral Cities: Color and Connections for the Sanborn Maps, an IMLS grant, develops digital city atlases using GIS technologies to integrate Sanborn maps with city directories, newspapers, and other place-related data and objects found in libraries, archives, museums, and agencies. While all pre-1924 Florida Sanborns were scanned, the goal of the grant is to develop an historic sense of place for Gainesville, Tampa, and Key West. Both of these projects will be integrated into the broader statewide PALMM initiative that is supported by all of the public academic libraries. This program will discuss both the general and technical aspects of these projects. The program is scheduled for Monday, June 28 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

In addition to these interesting programs, don't forget to attend the MAGERT Welcome Reception scheduled for Friday, June 25 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Radisson Barceló Hotel, 8444 International Avenue. If you're already a member of MAGERT, attending the reception is a great way to socialize with old friends and colleagues. And, if you are considering joining the round table, attending the reception is an excellent way to introduce yourself and to get to know many of the members of MAGERT—the Map and Geography Round Table. 

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## DISCUSSION GROUP LEADER NEEDED

MAGERT is looking for a volunteer to serve as coordinator for its Research Libraries Collection Management Discussion Group. This discussion group, which meets at both the Midwinter Meeting and at the Annual Conference, is a forum for discussion (and possible action) on collection management issues concerning maps and other spatial data. The coordinator sets the topic(s) and facilitates discussion at the 2 annual meetings. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact Steve Rogers at Ohio State University, Map Room, 211 Main Library, 1858 Neil Ave. Mall, Columbus, OH 43201. phone: 614.688.8774 e-mail: [rogers.20@osu.edu](mailto:rogers.20@osu.edu) 

## PRELIMINARY MAGERT SCHEDULE 2004 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, ORLANDO

The next ALA Annual Conference will take place in Orlando, Florida from June 24–30, 2004. Any changes to the preliminary schedule below (plus meeting and program locations) will appear when that information is available on the MAGERT Web site (<http://magert.whoj.edu>), as well as provided at the MAGERT Reception on Friday night. For additional information on all ALA programs, see the ALA Conference Web site <http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/an2004/home.htm>

**Note:** All MAGERT meetings are open to all ALA members. Feel free to attend any meeting that interests you.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 25

Welcome Reception	7:00 – 9:00 PM
Radisson Barceló Hotel, 8444 International Drive	

### SATURDAY, JUNE 26

<b>Executive Board I</b>	<b>8:00 – 9:00 AM</b>
Federal Spatial Information Discussion Group	9:00 – 11:00 AM
Publications Committee I	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
<b>Program I: Of Paper Maps &amp; Vapor Maps</b>	<b>1:30 – 3:30 PM</b>
Small Map Collections Discussion Group	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Research Libraries Collection Management Disc. Group	4:00 – 5:00 PM

### SUNDAY, JUNE 27

<b>ALCTS-CCS/MAGERT Map Cataloging Discussion Group</b>	<b>8:00 – 9:00 AM</b>
Cataloging and Classification Committee	9:30 – 11:00 AM
Education Committee	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Program II: Florida Geography	1:30 – 4:30 PM
Membership Committee	4:00 – 5:00 PM

### MONDAY, JUNE 28

Publications Committee II	8:00 – 9:00 AM
GIS Discussion Group & GeoTech Committee Meeting	9:00 – 11:00 AM
Program Planning Committee	10:00 – 11:00 AM
<b>Program III: Scanning the Sunshine State</b>	<b>1:30 – 3:30 PM</b>
Field trip, followed by informal dinner	approx. 4:00 PM

### TUESDAY, JUNE 29

Executive Board II	8:00 – 9:00 AM
General Membership Meeting	9:30 – 11:00 AM

## PROPOSED MAGERT DUES INCREASE

For the past decade there has been a steady decline in the amount of money MAGERT retains at the end of each fiscal year. This is the amount carried over from year to year after all expenses are deducted from all revenues. For example, at the end of FY 1994 MAGERT had a balance of \$14,255. At the end of FY 2000 our ending balance was \$11,991. Last year the ending balance was down to \$8,989. A major reason for this budget decline is the lack of MAGERT publications (along with any advertising revenue), which have in years past brought in additional money to our organization. Since our journal *Meridian* is no longer being issued, that source of revenue has ended. Also, very few, if any, copies of the 1990 *Guide to U.S. Map Resources* are being sold today, and just a handful of the *Occasional Paper Series* volumes sell in any single year. It is true that a new edition of the *Guide to U.S. Map Resources* is underway, but there is no guarantee that this directory when published will reverse the negative trend in MAGERT's finances.

*Other factors in our organization's declining financial condition include the various expenses involved with putting on programs at the Annual Conference, printing the MAGERT brochure each year to distribute to new and potential members, sponsoring the MAGERT reception twice a year (although this is often co-sponsored by corporate sponsors), as well as helping to reimburse members who represent MAGERT at international conferences, such as those of IFLA.*

*The last time MAGERT raised its dues was back in 1993. That year personal dues went from \$10 to \$15 per year—a 50% increase.*

*At my urging, the Executive Board has agreed to bring before the membership at the General Membership Meeting in Orlando a proposal to raise the dues of personal members to \$20 beginning in 2005. At the same time the Board will propose increasing institutional dues from \$45 to \$60. This would be the same percentage increase as that of personal members—a 33% increase.*

*So what then, exactly, are the benefits of being a MAGERT member? For starters, membership includes....*

- *A subscription to base line, the bi-monthly newsletter, containing the latest news in map, GIS, and geography librarianship, plus reviews of new maps and atlases, as well as regular columns on new developments in map cataloging and electronic mapping.*
- *The opportunity to attend two conferences a year in which to learn, mentor, network, interact, and share ideas with other fellow map/GIS/geography librarians.*

- The MAGERT Web site, hosted by the Woods Hole Institute, providing a resource for MAGERT's electronic publications, a site for the organization's current roster and governing documents, presentations, and publications from various conferences, plus an up-to-the-minute listing of the conference schedules.
- A role and voice in the presentation of map and geography programs at national conferences, an important continuing education responsibility we provide to our profession.
- Discounted conference workshop pricing when MAGERT sponsors workshops at ALA Conferences.
- Representation to and interaction with national and international map library organizations, such as the Congress of Cartographic Information Specialist Associations, AACCCM, the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials, and IFLA, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions.
- Platforms for discussing profession-wide issues through liaisons with other ALA committees, including CC:DA and MARBI for cataloging, RBMS and GODORT for rare library materials and government documents, and the Round Table Coordinating Assembly for issues of common concern to the ALA round tables.
- Access to the many government publishers of maps and other geospatial data through representation on CUAC, the Cartographic Users Advisory Council, which meets with map-producing federal agencies once a year to discuss new products, concerns, trends, and developments in the federal arena.

To my way of thinking, these are fairly substantial benefits for \$20. In today's world the price of a MAGERT membership is equal to the cost of a DVD, or the cost of filling up your car with gas. Still a bargain, I would even say.

Please feel free to send me your comments—good or bad—about the proposed dues increase. You can send them to me at [rogers.20@osu.edu](mailto:rogers.20@osu.edu)

The vote on the proposed dues increase will take place at the General Membership Meeting, Tuesday, June 29, 2004 at 9:30 – 11:00 AM.

I hope to see you in Orlando.

Steve Rogers, Chair  
Map & Geography Round Table





# ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

Rebecca Lubas, Massachusetts Institute

## MAGERT Cataloging and Classification Committee

Sunday, January 11, 2004

Submitted by Barbara Rapoport

After welcome and introductions, Nancy Kandoian, Chair of the Committee, distributed copies of the Agenda, a printout of the MAGERT web page describing the purpose, membership, and duties of the Cataloging and Classification Committee, and a copy of MARBI discussion paper 2004-DP02. She encouraged those who were interested in either joining or leaving the Committee to let her know. She spoke sadly of the death of Mark Croteau, who had passed away shortly after ALA Annual in Toronto last year. She conveyed the greetings of Barbara Story, previous Chair of this Committee, to the group. She welcomed Richard Fox of the Library of Congress. The LC report had been given the last slot on the Agenda because of its length.

### AACCCM

Mary Larsgaard reported on the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials. The important news was the publication in October 2003 of *Cartographic materials: a manual of interpretation for AACR*, the long awaited 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the AACCCM Manual, which was now on sale at the ALA bookstore. The Secretariat of the AACCCM would remain at LC, and when necessary meet at LC. Much work, such as discussion of nec-

essary revisions, could be accomplished by e-mail. Betsy Mangan, who was not attending the San Diego Midwinter Meeting, had agreed to serve as editor for revisions. She would be paid on an hourly basis from the royalties from the sale of the Manual. Mary Larsgaard, in her capacity as Chair of CC:DA, ALCTS Cataloging and Classification Section, would be the ALA voice on changes to the Anglo-American rules. She thought there would be no major revisions to the *Cartographic Manual* for four or five years. AACR3 would probably come out in four to six years, and this would, in turn, mean changes in the *Manual*. E-mail would be the most usual means of communication for discussing changes. The Committee would use the royalties parsimoniously. Face to face meetings were rare. Usually the funds would pay for Committee members traveling from abroad (New Zealand, Australia and Great Britain) and/or for per diem expenses. Richard Fox announced that the Geography and Map Division had spoken to CPSO and CDS to encourage them to work towards putting the *Cartographic Manual* on Cataloger's Desktop. This was a question not of "if" but "when." Betsy Mangan was contacting ALA to the same end. Mary Larsgaard said this issue had come up at CC:DA. She would talk to Don Chatham of ALA publications about this. She suggested that Nancy Kandoian should send a

memo to Don Chatham pointing out that the *Manual* was an indispensable tool for cataloging cartographic materials. Richard Fox pointed out that the *LC Map Cataloging Manual* and the *G Schedule* were already on Cataloger's Desktop and/or Classification Web.

#### CC:DA

**D**orothy McGarry gave the CC:DA report. She covered or referred to reports from: Mary Larsgaard, Chair of CC:DA; the LC representative; Don Chatham, Associate Executive Director, ALA Publishing Services; the ALA representative to the JSC; CC:DA/MARBI Program Planning Committee; and the Task Force on Rule 21.0D. Also covered were announcements, discussions and actions on a variety of topics. [The full CC:DA report is included below.]

#### MAP CATALOGING DISCUSSION GROUP

**R**ebecca Lubas expressed how honored she felt to be the new **Cataloging Editor of *base line***. She welcomed ideas for special topics and/or columns. Her e-mail address is [rll@mit.edu](mailto:rll@mit.edu). She reported on the Map Cataloging Discussion Group, held from 8:00 to 9:00 AM earlier the same day. This had been in the form of a question and answer session, with a panel of experts. They had covered subjects such as corporate main entry for maps, and subject headings. It had been such a resounding success that they would probably have a repeat session at ALA Annual in Orlando. There had been 24 attendees. [The full dis-

ussion group report will be in a future *base line*.]

#### MARBI

**S**usan Moore gave the MARBI report. MARBI had met on Saturday, January 10. The proposal to make delimiters e, f, and g repeatable in the 260 had been passed. This change had been requested by the Rare Books Committee. Frequently a rare (antiquarian) book would be printed by one person then distributed by another. Current rules only allow for one of the names to be in the 260, with the second in a note. Now all could go in to the 260. There was much discussion of handling diacritics, and of the Unicode report—this would be discussed at Annual. Susan Moore reported that at the next MARBI meeting, to be held that same afternoon, our Discussion Paper 2004-DP02 would be first on the agenda. This is the paper which “explores the variety of current usage of the MARC 21 field 752, Added Entry-Hierarchical Place Name, and the ways that some online systems index the field. It suggests the need of some institutions to index the different uses differently, and presents a possible way to facilitate such capability by either adding an indicator to show whether the place name designates place of publication or subject or defining a new field in the subject range for subject use.” Nancy Kandoian reviewed the history of the discussion paper. LC had modified and expanded the proposal. It had been discussed at a bibliographic standards meeting. She had also received several e-mails on the subject. Among the Rare Book people there was no consen-

sus about whether they were in favor of indicators in the 752 (Paige Andrews) or the introduction of another 6xx field (April Carlucci). In the past, the 752 could be used for both the descriptive aspect and the content aspect. It had not been curtailed by keeping the 6xx field for subject, and the 7xx for description separate. But people wanted more understanding of the issues.

In response to the question as to whether we would be adding a hierarchical field to each map, Nancy Kandoian replied that this was probably so, though it would be voluntary. Richard Fox stated that LC had found this type of subject access useful. The Digital Cataloging Team uses it for indexing terms for the American Memory Project in addition to 650s and 651s. LC had set up guidelines for this based on the hierarchy of the G schedule. This was a special application: Betsy Mangan had felt it to be the most appropriate field. The Digital Team had used it for about 7,000 records. Rare book catalogers use the field for place of printer. The catalogers in G & M do not normally use it in cataloging, and do not expect to do so in the future. CPSO had wanted to look further at the 652, which had been used some time ago for reversible subject headings. Were we back to redefining the 652 with indicators?

Nancy Kandoian said that the issue had been raised because of a potential reference need by researchers of early maps printed in a specific location. Other libraries might use the 752 differently. Clarity would be good. Betsy Eggleston commented that her library (Harvard) had often wondered how the

computer could bring together maps of a certain area. There seemed many ways a record could do this. Often there was no precise enough geographic subject heading. The 752 with indicators might be a good way to narrow down to the desired area. People wanted to “draw a box” on the map. This might be possible with electronic searching. Nancy Kandoian pointed out that this could be done with coordinates. A 752 with hierarchical place names could provide the same information, if a library system did not index the 052, or could not search coordinates. Richard Fox reported that Betsy Mangan had not thought anyone would index this. LC with Voyager did not search on 052 or 072. The 650s and 651s were sufficient. Mary Larsgaard commented that she could search on the 052, but that only someone knowledgeable about classification would know how to do this. Patrons in general do not know that the code for California is 4360. Another attendee commented that the 052 was searchable on RLN.

## OCLC

The OCLC report from Ellen Caplan was read by Nancy Kandoian. It will be found in full elsewhere in *base line*. First, it reported on quality control, giving statistics up to June 30, 2003, together with a six month update bringing the figures to Jan. 1, 2004; second, it addressed the change whereby OCLC now allows parallel records for the same title in different languages; third, the report described Connexion—both Browser and Client; and, last, it reported on the discontinuance of Passport. Carolyn Kadri commented

that the Client version of Connexion was easier to use than the web version. Anyone wishing to contact Ellen Caplan could do so at: [caplane@oclc.org](mailto:caplane@oclc.org)

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no “old business” besides the discussion paper.

## NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Kandoian called for any new business. Two new job postings were announced. Harvard was advertising a job opening for a cataloger of antiquarian cartographic materials for a 2½ year project. The University of Minnesota was advertising for the Head of Collections for a rare and prestigious collection of antiquarian maps in the James Ford Bell Library.

Dorothy McGarry reported on the international cataloging front that ISBD was being revised to take into account FRBR mandatory and optional provisions. Monographic publications had come out with a broad revision. Electronic resources should be out soon. Bibliographic standards for description for antiquarian materials were being revised, the papers going now to a small group for review, with the idea that this will achieve a greater consensus when circulated world wide. Anyone wishing to review these materials should contact Dorothy McGarry at [dmcgarry@library.ucla.edu](mailto:dmcgarry@library.ucla.edu), though they would soon be on the IFLA web site. The ISBD for cartographic materials should be out in a few months. Dorothy would post announcements

of developments to MAPS-L. Nancy Kandoian reported that at the meeting of the Bibliographic Standards Committee of RBMS they had discussed the transcription of “I” and “J,” and “U” and “V.” Dorothy McGarry said that an Italian group wants to normalize the letters, while a German group wants to scan the title! Also mentioned at RBMS was a Special Task Force investigating the need to expose hidden collections, and this could well apply to hidden pockets of cartographic materials in libraries. Anyone interested in this should check the ARL web site.

Nancy Kandoian also reported that Melissa Lamont, in her report to the Publications Committee, had suggested adding each Committee’s lists of goals and projects to their own web page. Wangyal Shawa cautioned against putting on the web anything that could conflict with *base line*, since this publication is sold and makes money for MAGERT.

## LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

### INTRODUCTION

Richard Fox introduced himself. He is currently the Acting Cataloging Team Leader in the Geography and Map Division. This is temporary position, which will be rotated among the staff. He joined the Geography and Map Division in 1972 as a cataloger, and has been a senior cataloger since 1977. He worked with Betsy Mangan for 27 years, and with Barbara Story for 14.

In addition to the Agenda of his report he handed out the new CDS Product

Catalog, which had come out just a few days earlier, the new “Understanding MARC bibliographic” 7<sup>th</sup> edition, and “Understanding MARC authority records” issued for the first time in 2003. They were working on MARC for subject headings.

He also distributed records for two exceptionally important maps. The first was the 1507 world map by Martin Waldseemüller, the only one in existence, recently acquired by the Division. This is the earliest document in which the name “America” is mentioned. The second map was the “Anonymous nautical chart in portolan style.” Dating from 1300, this is the oldest cartographic item in the Division. Records for both maps had 500 notes detailing the maps’ importance.

#### CORE CATALOGING

The Cataloging Team implemented core cataloging early in 2003. Certain categories of material would always be given full level cataloging: vault items, (such as rare maps, ms., etc.); also map sets, new editions of items previously given full level cataloging, and cartographic web sites. Beyond that, choice of full or core cataloging was up to the cataloger. Currently 30% was done at core level. Core records differed from the “less than full” MLC records, the guidelines for which were developed in 1986 and are described in the G & M Cataloging Manual. Over the years, 19,000 MLC records had been produced, and these would remain as MLC. In January 2003, with the introduction of core cataloging, MLC cataloging was discontinued and will probably not resume.

#### DIGITAL TEAM CATALOGING

Two teams do the cataloging in G & M: the Cataloging Team, with about 15 members, and the Digital Team, consisting of three staff. The Digital Team began work in 1996. It scans and catalogs for the American Memory Project, using an abbreviated cataloging standard. They have cataloged over 7,000 maps. They implemented core cataloging this January. If they feel a map needs full cataloging it is transferred to the Cataloging Team. There is much interaction between the two teams, who have cataloging meetings on a regular basis.

Wangyal Shawa asked whether, if a previously cataloged map was digitized, would LC make a second record? If the map was in two formats, yes, it would be cataloged in the two formats. A record with appropriate extra fields would be created for the digitized map.

#### VAULT CATALOGING

In October of 2003 G & M began an ambitious cataloging project—to catalog the rare items and maps in the Vault. These items form the core of the collection and are now given priority. Starting with Ortelius and Ptolemy, they hope to finish within two years. The collection is not only maps, there are also other items—such as powder horns. Those items already cataloged in pre-MARC will be upgraded to MARC records. Pre-MARC records are frequently not on OCLC and the cataloging teams are working to correct that.

#### ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Electronic resources have been cataloged for ten years. As of

the beginning of this year 1,240 records had been created: 1,158 CDs, 12 DVDs, and 70 cartographic web sites. This number includes several restricted NIMA products, but apart from these all records will go out on OCLC. This year G & M will train an additional three catalogers for electronic materials.

#### **PRE-MARC RECORDS**

**T**here are 35,000 pre-MARC records, some created as recently as the early 1980s, for maps, atlases, globes etc. G & M has just created new internal guidelines to upgrade these records, and several changes and additions have been approved by CPSO. One example of a large category of these is the “UNK” records with no LCCN. Current guidelines for upgrading these did not allow geographic subject headings, but CPSO has now approved subject heading access. The project to upgrade the pre-MARC records will benefit the entire cartographic community, since many will be distributed on OCLC for the first time. There are different encoding levels of pre-MARC, and these will require different treatments. In some cases pre-MARC records will be upgraded, in others they will be converted to MARC. The pre-MARC record effort is made up of many mini projects.

#### **G SCHEDULE AND CLASSIFICATION WEB**

**N**ew geographic cutters are created on an almost daily basis, and these appear on Classification Web. One project this year is to have the maps which appear with “g” cutters added to class web. Errors will be corrected, such as Middle Atlantic States, now

printed as 3709, which should be 3790. Several of the schedules are being revised. G & M hoped they would be revising the G schedule in the near future.

#### **G&M MAP CATALOGING MANUAL**

**F**irst published in 1991, a new updated and expanded revision of the Manual is now needed. Richard Fox had met with Bruce Johnson of CDS several times to discuss a new edition. There would be three phases. First, areas existing now, but not appropriate, such as those reflecting internal decisions, should be deleted. This should be relatively easy. These are sections at the back of the Manual. Second, the main part of the Manual will be revised and updated to reflect current cataloging standards and G & M practice with instructions and examples. Third, selected parts will be expanded, such as special treatments (eg. forest maps, and National Park maps.) CDS hopes to publish this new edition in print form and have it up on Cataloger’s Desktop in 2005. Since Cataloger’s Desktop is revised quarterly, some of the changes might appear later this year. Richard Fox pointed out that the LC Map Cataloging Manual addresses classification and subject treatment, which other manuals do not.

#### **FORM/GENRE HEADINGS**

**R**ichard Fox met with CPSO a couple of months ago to discuss a list of headings to be revised—a list originally created in 1991 by Betsy Mangan and Mary Larsgaard. The first category they would now tackle would be atlas-related headings, specifically country atlas headings, which are the

most confusing. As proposed, for example, a heading such as “Atlases, French” would be replaced with a 655 “Atlases” followed by a geographic heading. In addition, there would be a new 651: “Earth maps” a concept already started in “Earth — Remote sensing images.” CPSO had agreed to perform most of the authority work associated with these changes, and to assist in updating the records. This

would have a big impact on the database, there were about 250,000 records. It was a major change and would take time. Already by 1999 there had been 2 big changes: road maps and zoning. There were still approximately 20,000 records with road map headings to be changed. Nancy Kandoian asked whether, if someone wanted French atlases, this would now have to be searched using delimiters of language or place—depending on the system. Richard Fox confirmed this.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

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## **Committee on Cataloging : Description and Access (CC:DA)**

Dorothy McGarry for Betsy Mangan.

**A**s is its custom, CC:DA held meetings Saturday afternoon and Monday morning. More detailed information can be found on the CC:DA web site.

The Chair, Mary Larsgaard, reported on CC:DA motions and other actions since the annual conference. Some votes had been taken on points left over from the annual conference. Some motions included: a motion to use “earliest” rather than “first” as the basis of description of multipart monographs and non-support of use of “conventional terminology” in chapters 6 and 7. Also, several task forces had been formed: on Specific Material Designations; for the Review of “Guidelines for OPAC Displays;” for the Review of “Guidance on the Structure, Content, and Application of Metadata Records for Digital Resources and Collections,” and to Review ISBD(G). The publication “Differences Between, Changes Within: Guidelines on When to Create a New Record” was approved for publication on the Web. A draft orientation

document for new members of CC:DA was prepared.

A report was given by the LC representative. A few points: LC has recruited 51 new catalogers and 2 new Dewey classifiers. LC is planning migration from MARC character sets to Unicode cataloging sets. LC issued a rule interpretation on 1.0C on punctuation/spacing. “Web Based Training for Cataloger’s Desktop” is now available on the Web at no charge at <http://www.loc.gov/cds/desktop-training>. In addition to the three documents for which CC:DA formed task forces, there is also available the “Functional Requirements for Authority Records” <http://www/ifa.org/VII/s13/sc.htm#> and a draft statement of International Cataloguing Principles [http://www.ddb.de/news/ifa\\_conf\\_papers.htm](http://www.ddb.de/news/ifa_conf_papers.htm)

Don Chatham, Associate Executive Director, ALA Publishing Services, said that the 2003 update was released in July. Development of InfoBase for the Joint Steering Committee is more complex than they expected. Using the InfoBase, the JSC can then edit the information rather than re-transcribe. The manuscript for the Concise AACR2 was sent to the JSC for review recently. *Cartographic Materials* seems to have been received well. The outcome is seen as very successful. *CM* may or may not be in Cataloger's Desktop. ALA is supportive, but it has not yet been discussed with LC.

A proposed revision to the glossary of "Coloured illustration" was discussed further. Different chapters cover black & white and colour differently. A proposed modification to send to the JSC was, "An illustration containing any colour. Black, white, or shades of gray are not to be considered colours."

A joint CC:DA and DCRB (Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Books) group task force will be formed to consider a document dealing with rules for early printed monographs in chapter 2 of AACR2.

The ALA representative to the JSC reported. The 2004 package of revisions will be sent to the publisher by the end of February. It includes a new index, rules for multi-part items, conventional terminology, and a few other things. The spring 2004 JSC meeting will be held in Ottawa April 19-22. It will be a joint meeting with the Committee of Principles, and AACR3 will be discussed, as well as the hiring of

an editor to work on the project. To be discussed are the responsibilities of an editor and the editor's relationship to the JSC. Among topics to be discussed are reorganization of part 1, taking into account the CC:DA Consistency TF work, papers on the concept of class of materials, a report of the CC:DA TF on reconceptualization of Chapter 9, a Format Various Working Group's proposed draft for Chapter 25, work on FRBR terminology, a part 3 on authority control, and specific material designations.

A report was made by the CC:DA/MARBI Program Planning Committee for a 2004 preconference on FRBR that will be held Thursday afternoon and all day Friday of conference week.

A report was heard from the Task Force on Rule 21.0D, which examined an optional rule on designations of functions in headings. A proposed revision was made for "Optional addition."

Documents on FRBR terminology and on Consistency Across Part One (areas 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7) were discussed and will be sent to the JSC.

A document on proposed changes to CC:DA liaison policies was discussed and passed. Some groups that may overlap ALCTS committees and were not eligible for liaisons may now be eligible.

The full minutes of the meeting should be out within a few months, and information and documents will be available on the CC:DA web site. If there are any questions for further information or clarification, please contact me at [dmcgarry@library.ucla.edu](mailto:dmcgarry@library.ucla.edu)



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## OCLC Update

Report provided by Ellen Caplan,  
delivered by Nancy Kandoian.

### Quality control efforts related to database maintenance in general and cartographic materials in particular

Quality Control staff members continue to correct errors reported by users, correct errors found through scanning activities, and merge duplicate records. There is nothing to report specifically for quality control efforts related to cartographic materials.

Although the statistics for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003 are a bit old, they will give you an idea of worked processed by QC staff.

Records replaced: 7,426,576  
Manual merges: 15,492  
NACO records added: 711  
NACO records replaced: 858  
Change requests received: 59,483  
Automated scans: 2,678,131

So far this fiscal year beginning July 1st, we have received 25,640 change requests. We have replaced 2,622,160 records and merged 6,769 sets of duplicates. We have also contributed 262 new authority records as well as modifying 242 records.

Change requests reported by users may result in change to only one record. For example, if there is a typo in a date on the record, QC staff may only correct the date on that record. However, a change request may trigger changes to other records depending on the request. The typo "histry" to the correction of "history" in a subject heading may

result in 500 changes. This type of correction is done very quickly with a macro.

### Parallel Records, Technical Bulletin 250

The following is information from Technical Bulletin 250 that explains why OCLC implemented a change allowing parallel records.

Effective immediately, OCLC policy has changed to allow for parallel records within WorldCat by language of cataloging. This policy applies only to online cataloging and not to records contributed via batchload. OCLC will address batchload in the future with the Oracle implementation.

As part of OCLC becoming the leading global library cooperative, it has long been envisioned that WorldCat would need a parallel record structure to display records by language of cataloging. This change in policy allowing parallel records anticipates the implementation of the relational database capabilities that will be possible once Oracle has been fully implemented. That implementation, however, is still a few years away. Therefore, the policy change announced in Technical Bulletin 250 <http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/worldcat/tb/250/> is being introduced as an interim policy.

OCLC Members Council's Cataloging and Metadata Interest Group approved this interim policy at their May 2003 meeting.

Previously, records for the same title, but cataloged in different languages, such as English, Spanish, and French, were considered duplicate records. OCLC will no longer consider these records duplicates, but will consider them parallel records. Only one record per language of descriptive cataloging will be allowed for each title. For complete information on parallel records see Technical Bulletin 250.

### **Connexion Browser & Client**

**I**n the last six months, OCLC staff has been working on many improvements and enhancements to the Browser. These include enhancements to improve workflow productivity and response time. We have installs almost every month and announce them on the OCLC-Cat discussion list. I will not detail the enhancements in this report. You can check OCLC-Cat and the OCLC web site for information on the latest and future enhancements.

Connexion Client 1.0 was released in October 2003. It is a Windows-based interface and is available from the OCLC web site. It provides much of the same cataloging functionality as exists in the browser interface, but also includes macros and additional keyboard customization. Version 1.10 will be released in March/April 2004. Again, check the web site for all the details related to versions 1.0 and 1.10.

If you have not subscribed to the OCLC-Cat discussion list you may want to consider it.

### **Passport End-of-Life for Cataloging**

**O**CLC continues to add functionality to Connexion, which will eventually replace all current cataloging interfaces. Initially, OCLC is focusing on adding Passport functionality to Connexion, since Passport for cataloging use will be discontinued in the future. Previously, the end-of-life for Passport for cataloging was announced as December 31, 2003. This has now been extended, and OCLC will provide six months advance notice of the new date.

If you have not already migrated to Connexion or CatME, be sure to check out the OCLC web site. There is information to help you with migration issues. You can also check at the OCLC booth or with your regional service provider if you have questions.



# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

ALA Midwinter Meetings, San Diego

Tuesday, January 13, 2004

**Present:** Steve Rogers (Chair), Chris Kollen, Patrick McGlamery, T. Wangyal Shawa, Nancy Kandoian, Dan Seldin, Richard Fox, Betsy Eggleston, Michael Leach, David Allen, Carolyn Kadri, Scott McEathron, Barbara Rapoport, Susan Moore, Mary McInroy, Katherine Rankin, Linda Gordon, Annabelle Kerrera, Jeff Gibbens

No report.

**Past Chair**  
**Mary McInroy**

No report

**Secretary**  
**Betsy Eggleston**

## OFFICER REPORTS

No report

**Chair**  
**Steve Rogers**

**Treasurer**  
**Mike Furlough (Acting)**

The Conference went well. MAGERT needs to appoint a representative to IFLA for the 2005-2009 term. The position of the Research Libraries Collection Management Discussion Group is open. Steve will put a notice in *base line*.

Revenues from dues to MAGERT totaled \$7,385, an increase of almost 2% over the previous year's \$7,254.

The Executive Board passed a resolution proposed by David Y. Allen requesting MAGERT's Cartographic Users Advisory Council (CUAC) representatives to encourage other map library organizations within CUAC (such as WAML, NEMO and the geography and map unit within SLA) to work more closely together to discuss matters of mutual concern and to achieve common goals.

Sales of Occasional Papers and Circulars decreased 59% to \$165, down from revenues of \$402 in 2001-02.

Revenues from *base line* amounted to \$1,311, down 5% from \$1,386 last year. However, operating expenses for *base line* decreased 18% to \$4,273 compared with \$5,229.

The overall MAGERT account balance, which carries over to the new fiscal year, was \$8,989.

**Vice Chair/Chair-Elect**  
**Susan Moore**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Cataloging and Classification**

## Nancy Kandoian

There were 20 people present at our meeting on Sunday morning, January 11; 8 of the 12 members of the committee were present. Barbara Rapoport recorded the minutes. We welcomed Rebecca Lubas, the new cataloging editor of *base line*. Liaison reports were presented by Mary Larsgaard for AACCCM, by Dorothy McGarry for CC:DA, by Rebecca Lubas for the Map Cataloging Discussion Group, by Susan Moore for MARBI, by Barbara Rapoport for OCLC, and by Richard Fox for the Library of Congress. One of the committee's activities during the last several months was the preparation of a draft for a MARBI discussion paper on the 752 field, about which Susan reported more later, after MARBI took up the discussion later that day. Dorothy also reported briefly on ISBD-related activity at IFLA, and Nancy Kandoian told about an ARL task force on "Exposing hidden collections." We were all glad to see over the previous months the publication of the revised edition of the Cartographic Materials manual, edited by our member Elizabeth Mangan, with significant contributions by others of our members via AACCCM. The CCC chair will prepare and send a letter to the head of ALA publications encouraging the inclusion of the revised Cartographic Materials in Cataloger's Desktop. Also the CCC will stand by to see how we can contribute further or lend our support as the LC Network Development and MARC Standards Office converts our MARBI discussion paper into formal proposals.

## Constitution and Bylaws

### Mary Larsgaard

No report.

## Education

### David Allen

David Allen opened the meeting by commenting on the committee's inability to define its mission or find projects on which members were willing to work. In the past year the committee's activities were limited to work on two Web pages. One of these is a small collection of course syllabi and related materials, which has been posted on the MAGERT Web site. The other page is a list of MAGERT members' Web sites, which Joy Suh has developed. David Allen also remarked that he has been unable to locate anyone to replace him as committee chair, and was wondering if the committee should be suspended or disbanded.

The first agenda item was a discussion of the committees' mission and purpose. This elicited quite a range of proposals. Pat McGlamery and others remarked that the committee could be doing more to assist teachers of map librarianship. Additional reading lists, course syllabi, etc. could be gathered and posted on the Web. Scott McEathron added that we might consider publishing something on core competencies for map librarians.

Another focus of discussion was how to carry out the committees' mission of educating practicing librarians about map librarianship. Several members suggested holding workshops about basic map librarianship at ALA and

elsewhere. David Allen commented that MAGERT had decided to hold at least one session on some aspect of basic map librarianship at each ALA annual conference. Although past efforts by the Education Committee may have influenced this decision, the actual planning of these sessions (at least the one in Orlando) is being done by the Program Planning Committee. When a proposal was made to hold a preconference on basic map librarianship it was rejected by the MAGERT Executive Board because of cost concerns. Several committee members expressed interest in holding regional workshops—possibly in cooperation with other map library organizations.

Scott McEathron indicated willingness to serve as the next committee chair. David Allen said he would forward this information to the MAGERT Chair and Executive Board.

The last item on the agenda was the list of MAGERT members' Web sites that Joy Suh had prepared. This page is based on a list of MAGERT members supplied by ALA. It had become evident that there were serious problems with creating and maintaining such a page. Many MAGERT members do not work at institutions where there are map related Web pages. In some cases there are institutions where there are MAGERT members, but someone else is responsible for maintaining the map collection Web page. The turnover of personnel makes it difficult to maintain a list of this kind. After some discussion it was agreed to create a smaller list of Web pages known to us to be maintained by MAGERT members, and to ask others who wanted to list their

sites to send in their information to us. Joy Suh volunteered to maintain the Web page so conceived.

## **Geotech Committee & GIS Discussion Group**

**Kimberly Kowal for Wangyal Shawa**

Following introductions, Scott McEathron provided the group with a summary of the meeting at ALA Annual in Toronto. One issue, establishing a means to share satellite imagery between libraries, was a continuation from the 2002 midwinter meeting. Patrick's suggestion at that time, to compose a white paper reviewing data availability and infrastructure enabling sharing between institutions, has not yet been undertaken. It was decided that the idea should be broadened to include sharing of any type of data.

The group discussed the usefulness of such a system for sharing scanned-in aerial photography. Various methods of organizing imagery were brought up, as well as a comparison of technical standards. The latter included determining an ideal dpi for scanning, georeferencing historical photos, and metadata creation. Some products for image compression and managing the conversion from legacy-sid format into tiff images were reviewed.

A round robin followed during which participants described current projects at their respective collections. Scanning projects, primarily of historical aerial photography but also of maps, was a theme.

T. Wangyal Shawa brought the meeting to a close at 11:30.

## Honors and Award

### Mary McInroy

The committee is considering the MAGERT award to be given in Orlando.

## Membership

### Carolyn Kadri

Membership continues to hold steady. According to the November, 2003 report our membership is 382 total. The break down is:

320 individual  
61 institutional  
1 corporate

These figures show 1 more individual member from that reported at the same time last year. The number of institutional and corporate members remains the same.

The Membership Chair corresponds with each new member, each dropped member and each reinstated member with appropriate messages.

The membership committee will be planning and organizing for the Orlando, 2004 conference exhibits booth during the winter and spring.

## Nominating

### Mary McInroy

The Nominating Committee met on Jan. 11. The slate for next year is:

Brenda Mathenia, Treasurer  
John Olson, Treasurer  
Tsering Shawa, President-elect

## Program Planning

### Steve Rogers, Chair (2004)

### Susan Moore (2005)

The Program Planning Committee met Monday, Jan. 12, 2004 from 12-1 PM. Five people attended the session. There are three programs planned for the 2004 Orlando Annual Conference. Some changes were suggested and were added to the descriptions of the Orlando programs, which are described below.

- “Of Paper Maps and Vapor Maps: Finding Maps for Your Library’s Users/Readers/Researchers.” The speakers will be Alice C. Hudson (NYPL) and Kathleen Weessies (Michigan State Univ.). The program, aimed at non-map librarians, will illustrate methods for finding and using maps and atlases for reference and research use—locally, nationally, internationally and on the Internet. The program is planned for Saturday, June 26 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.
- “Florida Geography: Immigrants, Hurricanes and Sinkholes.” Three speakers will address characteristics of the geography of Florida: the impact of immigration on Florida and metropolitan Miami; the human and economic impact of hurricanes; and the presence and problems of sinkholes in Florida, including the Orlando area. Speakers will

include Dr. Thomas D. Boswell (Univ. of Miami), Dr. Hugh E. Willoughby (Florida International Univ.) and Dr. Shiou-San Kuo (Florida Sinkhole Research Institute). The two- to three-hour program will take place on Sunday, June 27 at 1:30 PM.

- “Scanning the Sunshine State: the University of Florida Map & Imagery Library Experience.” Speakers will include Dr. Helen Jane Armstrong, Erich J. Kesse and Joe Aufmuth (all from the Univ. of Florida). The two-hour program will highlight how the University of Florida Library has used scanning projects to show how historical maps and aerial photographs offer unique graphic resources for tracking the evolution of Florida’s landscapes. “Florida from the Air” will describe the integration of 40,000 aerial photos with the spatial mapping functions of GIS. “Ephemeral Cities” will address the development of digital city atlases using GIS technologies to integrate Sanborn maps with city directories, newspapers and other place-related data and objects found in libraries, archives, museums and agencies. The program will discuss both the general and technical aspects of these projects. The program is planned for Monday, June 28 at 1:30 PM.

Susan reported on progress for the programs in Chicago in 2005. So far, there are two programs scheduled for Chicago. One will be on some aspect of GIS and the other will be on acquisitions for map collections. There

may be another program if warranted.

## Publications

### Steve Rogers

Eleven people attended the Publications Committee meeting on Saturday afternoon.

Steve Rogers gave the report for Mark Thomas, editor of *base line*, who was unable to attend the conference. Rebecca Lubas is the new cataloging editor of *base line*. Rebecca is special formats catalog librarian at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Wangyal Shawa and Fred Musto continue to serve as electronic mapping editor and new maps and books editor, respectively. Jim Coombs remains the production manager. The newsletter continues to be issued on time every other month.

The committee discussed the new edition of the *Guide to U.S. Map Resources* underway and the current task the regional editors have of encouraging libraries to fill out the online survey form for the *Guide*. It was noted that the survey, although pared down from its original form, may still be intimidating for some libraries. It was noted at last count, 180 libraries had completed the survey form, vis-à-vis over 1000 who contributed to the second edition in 1990. Several committee members believed the end of the calendar year was not an ideal time for people to fill out a survey, and that the survey would get a better response in the first few months of the new year. The chair will recommend to editor Chris Thiry to extend the deadline from January 31 to the end of February or March. The committee members

offered suggestions for getting individuals to complete the survey. There was a question on whether the new publication could retain the title of the earlier editions. The chair will check with ALA's Mary Ghikas about this.

Melissa Lamont's report on the MAGERT Web site was distributed to committee members. In the report Melissa noted that the site continues to gather more content. All of the speakers at the Annual Conference in Toronto submitted PowerPoint presentations, notes or handouts for the site. The conference schedules for the Midwinter and Annual meetings were available, and announcements for GIS Day and the new Directory were also added to the site. She noted that the MAGERT e-mail box does not receive much mail; however, it had several requests for assistance, mainly about map cataloging and one question concerning GIS. Melissa forwarded the questions to appropriate contacts and said that everyone usually remembers to copy [magert@whoi.edu](mailto:magert@whoi.edu) on the reply so that we will have a record. Melissa also suggested that each committee have its own page to list projects or program plans, keep a roster, links to related or associated sites, and perhaps place short versions of the meeting minutes. She added that she would like to include more photos on the Web site, and she is always open to suggestion to improve the site. She further noted that Earl Roy, catalog librarian for the Map Collection at Yale University, has volunteered to help with updating and revising the Web site. One suggestion mentioned at the meeting was to add a "site search" to the site, so that a user

could search within the MAGERT Web site for specific information.

David Allen of Stony Brook University raised the issue of establishing an online series of cartographic papers on the MAGERT Web site. The purpose of the series would be to publish a wide range of papers of interest to map librarians and users of map libraries. All papers would be peer-reviewed, and authors would be encouraged to take advantage of the capabilities of the Internet for handling color images and hyperlinks. Appropriate paper subjects would include: map and GIS librarianship, map cataloging and bibliography, history of cartography, online map collections, new developments in maps and GIS of interest to a broad audience. The publications committee unanimously approved of the idea for this irregular series of online cartographic papers. David agreed to serve as the first editor, and indicated he would begin to search for individuals to serve on an editorial board as well as individuals to provide technical assistance, pending Executive Board approval.

The committee briefly discussed the possibility of updating *Cartographic Citations: A Style Guide* (published in 1992) and selling MAGERT t-shirts in Orlando. No definite plans of action were made.



## **REPORTS FROM DISCUSSION GROUPS**

### **ALCTS-CCS/MAGERT Discussion Group on Map Cataloging Rebecca Lubas**

There were twenty-four people in attendance. The format of the discussion was a question and answer session with a panel of three expert catalogers, Nancy Kandoian, Susan Moore, and Mary Larsgaard. Questions ranged from the general to the specific. Overall, the session was very successful.

### **Federal Spatial Information Discussion John Olson**

Discussion focused on several topics. First: That the US Geological survey is making available hi-resolution aerial photography for 133 cities nation-wide and that they can be delivered on DVD or on a computer hard-drive. Discussion next turned to the efforts of the Library of Congress and Readex on scanning the color maps that are contained in the Serial Set. Finally digital storage and archiving was discussed and how everyone was dealing with the influx of data sets and how to keep them. One possible solution was to look into renting space from a private company who archives data and records for major corporations.

### **GIS Discussion Group Kimberly Kowal for Wangyal Shawa**

(Report given with Geotech Committee Report, above)

### **Research Libraries Collection Management Group Karl Longstreth**

The Research Libraries Collection Management Discussion Group met Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004 from 2-4 PM. Ten people attended the session. The group discussed several issues, including recent significant acquisitions, the presence of wall maps in libraries, and international data sets. One major resource recently purchased by several academic libraries belonging to NERL (North East Research Libraries) was the Sanborn fire insurance maps of the entire country in digital format. This set, available from University Microfilms, provides digital access to more than 660,000 large-scale maps of more than 12,000 American towns and cities.

### **Small Map Collections Discussion Group Brenda Mathenia**

Five individuals plus the moderator were in attendance at the 2004 Midwinter get together of the Small Map Collection Discussion Group (SMCDG). As moderator, I, Brenda Mathenia, sought input into the agenda through announcements of the meeting on MAPS-L and GOVDOCS-L and having received no specific items, the meeting would run without a specific agenda.

After settling in, I opened the floor for discussion. The first topic that was put forth was related to weeding map collections. Basically, the question of how you do it was raised. Working closely with the collection development librarian/officer and or the plan/policy is a method for not only acquiring material but also weeding. Attendees discussed their own experiences with weeding, including using the collection policy/plan as a guide or starting point, determining what items are relevant, what nearby collections might provide in terms of supplementation and of course the notion that keeping local area maps is important, particularly in small collections. Over all this discussion was interesting and I believe helped our attendees understand a bit more about weeding (and collection development/management) of map collections.

The conversation ranged into use of map collections (as part of the weeding question initially) and a discussion ensued about use of map collections and trying to understand why a collection may not be used to its fullest. Training of library personnel to deal with map questions was discussed. Small map collections or collections with only part-time staffing often suffer from a lack of subject knowledge (i.e., maps, cartography, geographic concepts, etc.) that can severely limit the use of a collection because personnel may not feel they know enough to help users access the collection fully. At Montana State University, I have developed “cheat sheets” of sorts to help my colleagues know where to look for specific items (mostly USGS material and online map

resources) and I’ve offered numerous training sessions on map reference. The discussion focused primarily on training and learning the resources in order to make the collection more useful to the librarians as well as the users.

There was a brief discussion/poll on who is using DeLorme Atlases.

Policies surrounding the circulation of maps was also discussed. The question was raised if others in the group allow circulation of maps and how that is done? In addition an attendee wanted to know how preservation of maps was taking place and what techniques were being used. Members of the group whose library allowed maps to circulate often use tubes for protecting the material when it leaves the building. As far as preservation, encapsulation was one method mentioned. More “traditional” preservation techniques such as mounting, laminating, and de-acidification were also briefly discussed.

Finally, a broad ranging discussing was initiated about what people are doing regarding digitization of map collections. This surfaced as a result of some of the conversation related to weeding and the preservation of maps. Attendees indicated that they were largely not involved in large-scale digitization projects related to their map collections, though the discussion highlighted what appeared to be some interest in the topic due to current lack of space issues we all suffer from, preservation of material and user needs/wants (i.e., all electronic access, all the time).

It was, overall, a successful event at Midwinter 2004. It was a pleasure to moderate this group as they are always cordial, interested and full of wonderful information.

I look forward to another successful meeting of the Small Map Collection Discussion Group during ALA Annual in Orlando, Florida. The SMCDG is currently scheduled to meet from 4-5 PM on Saturday, June 26, 2004. The location of the meeting has not been confirmed as of this date. As soon as I know more I will announce the details of location and put forth a call (MAPS-L, GOVDOCS-L) for agenda items or topics of discussion, as we get closer to our June meeting date.

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## **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES AND LIAISONS**

### **Anglo-American Cataloging Committee for Cartographic Materials** Mary Larsgaard

The 2d edition of the manual, Cartographic Materials, a Manual of Interpretation for AACR, was published in October of 2003.

The Secretariat for AACCCM will remain at the Library of Congress.

Elizabeth Mangan (LC, retired) will serve as editor of the manual for any revisions. She will be paid on an hourly basis.

No major revisions are anticipated until the publication of the proposed AACR3, which is some years away.

Royalties from the sale of the manual will be used for its revision in future, either paying for editor's time, or when needed to pay travel/per-diem expenses for face-to-face meetings of the committee. Business will in the main be conducted via email.

### **ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Committee** Nancy Kandoian

Nancy Kandoian attended the RBMS Bibliographic Standards Committee (BSC) meeting as well as the RBMS Information Exchange (sort of like our membership meeting, with reports from committee chairs and liaisons). At the BSC meeting, there was some good discussion about particular issues to be resolved for their revised manual DCRM(B) (Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Books)). The "beta version" of their revision is available at <http://www.folger.edu/bsc/dcrb/dcrmbeta20040105c1eancopy.pdf>. They also discussed MARBI issues related to rare books cataloging, including the issues posed by our discussion paper on the 752 field. They were glad to see that our revised Cartographic Materials manual has been published and are interested in the guidance there on cataloging early maps.

RBMS is sponsoring preconferences (just prior to ALA annuals) in New Haven in 2004, in St. Louis in 2005, and in Austin in 2006. The theme of

the New Haven preconference is “Ebb & Flow: The Migration of Collections to and from American Libraries.” For more info, see

<http://beinecke.library.yale.edu/rbms2004/>.

**ALA Education Assembly**  
**Mary McInroy**

No report.

**ALCTS-CCS CC:DA**  
**(Committee on Cataloging:**  
**Description & Access)**

**Betsy Mangen**

No report.

**CUAC (Cartographic Users**  
**Advisory Council)**  
**John Olson**

No report.

**Freedom to Read Foundation**  
**Susan Moore**

The Freedom to Read Foundation met on Friday from 9-5. The liaison could only attend the first half of the meeting where the updates on the various litigations in which the Foundation had filed amicus briefs were given. There are several court cases that the Foundation is interested in. Full information can be found on the Freedom to Read Foundation website at

<http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/othergroups/ft rf/freedomreadfoundation.htm>

**GODORT (ALA Government**  
**Documents Round Table)**  
**Becky Lutkenhaus**

There was little discussion of cartographic issues in GODORT, however the group continues to be concerned about the commercialization of legacy documents. Main discussion centered on the digitization of the Serial Set by two vendors, Readex and LexisNexis. GODORT will continue to monitor the situation and work to keep government information available to citizens.

**GODORT Committee on Rare**  
**& Endangered Government**  
**Documents**

**David Allen**

No report.

**IFLA (International Federation**  
**of Library Associations &**  
**Institutions)**

**Alice Hudson**

No report.

**LC Geography and Map**  
**Division**  
**Richard Fox**

The year ending September 30, 2003, the completing of Fiscal Year 2003 was a momentous one for the Geography and Map Division. Among the highlights of this year included the successful completion of the efforts to acquire the world treasure, the 1507 world map by Martin Waldseemüller, for which only

one copy in the world exists. That map is the first document on which the name America appears and the first to show a Western Hemisphere sides on both shores by oceans. The Waldseemüller map was placed on display as the lead item in the Lewis and Clark exhibition, "Rivers, Edens, and Empires" that opened in the Library's Jefferson Building on July 24, 2003. Plans for the permanent display of the Waldseemüller map in the Jefferson Building were in discussion stage at the end of the fiscal year. Funding for that display had been provided in FY2002 by Mrs. Virginia Gray, a docent in Visitor Services and a Friend of the Geography and Map Division. The successful purchase of the Waldseemüller 1507 World Map was made possible by generous contributions by the Congress of the United States, Discovery Communications, Gerry Lenfest, and David Koch.

In addition to the Waldseemüller map acquisition, the Geography and Map Division acquired the archives of the C.S. Hammond Map Company, a century old map and atlas producer considered one of the two most noteworthy American map firms. The extraordinary collection was in the process of being reviewed and arranged at the end of the fiscal year.

The Division held a number of conferences during the year, including the co-hosting of the Phillips Society, Texas Map Society, Garrett Lectures program at the University of Texas, Arlington in early October 2002; the Phillips Society meetings and lectures in April and on September

17 in the Library of Congress; the inaugural Walter W. Ristow lecture by Dr. Seymour Schwartz, a noted historian of cartography and a world-acclaimed surgeon on September 24, 2003; a reception for Virginia Gray in the fall of 2002 in honor of her gift to the Library of Congress to provide for the exhibition, preservation, and research associated with the 1507 Waldseemüller world map; the co-hosting, with the Center for the Book, of Dr. Iris Miller's presentation on her book *Washington in Maps*.

Division senior staff were active in publishing, including the work *Charting Louisiana* (New Orleans: The Historic New Orleans Collection, 2003), a major historical atlas on the mapping of Louisiana Territory over 500 years, in which the Chief served as editor; *An Historical Atlas of Nicaragua* (Managua: Grupo Uno, 2003), an historical atlas prepared by the former Foreign Minister of Nicaragua Francisco Aguirre Sacasa in consultation with the Chief, and utilizing exclusively the Division's collection of Nicaragua maps; the Phillips Society Occasional Paper by Dr. Ronald Grim and Paul McDermott, *Gustavus Sohon's Cartographic and Artistic Works: An Annotated Bibliography*.

The Division staff remained active in participating in national and international programs, as they attended and made presentations at the International Congress on the History of Cartography (Boston/Portland June 2003) on the American Revolutionary era maps in the collection and on the John Snyder Collection (on mapping

from space and map projections); Key staff continued to participate in and maintained a Geography and Map Division booth at the International Map Trade Association meeting in Santa Barbara, California in September 2003; A Division specialist participated in and maintained a Geography and Map Division booth at the Miami International Map Fair (February 2003) and at the Denver Map Fair (September 2003); the Chief gave public lectures throughout the year, including those in the Colorado Historical Society guest lecture series, at the January 2003 conference on the Louisiana Purchase (in New Orleans), as the Arthur Holzheimer Lecture at the American Geographical Society Library, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee on April 30, 2003, and in Nicaragua in early June at the formal release of An Historical Atlas of Nicaragua.

The Division was able to hire two cartographers to work in the Mapping for Congress Program, with their arrival in the Division in late June 2003. That increased staffing will allow the Division to continue and to improve service to Congress and the Congressional Research Service as it seeks cartographic objects, using Geographical Information Systems and other geospatial products, to inform on major legislative issues. As the process of developing a "Geography and Map Division Look" to its products, it is clear that a renewal of support of this effort by other forces in the Library is necessary, as new technologies imply new software, hardware, and, in many

cases, new ways to do business. In addition to the two new cartographers, the Division in early FY2003 brought into the staff three new catalogers who filled in behind previous vacancies. The addition of these new catalogers and the addition also of an Affirmative Action cataloger will add considerably to the Division's ability to reduce arrearage.

The Division's Digital Team continues to place materials on to our award-winning website. The addition of new scanning equipment, purchased by the end of the fiscal year, will allow the Division's efforts to remain on the cutting edge of the technology. Furthermore, the decision by the Division to switch its compression technology to JPEG 2000 is indication of its desire to remain a leader in the field of placing scanned images on the web in a manner that is of benefit to scholarship and scholarly review.

The Library announced in December 2003 that the Division had met its map arrearage reduction goals that were set in 1989. The goal for maps, as with other special formats, was to reduce the arrearage to 20% of the original level. As of September 30, 2003, the map arrearage stood at ca. 35,000 items. Although this was a reduction of only 45% from the 1989 level, in absolute numbers, maps now constituted the smallest arrearage of any special format. As a result, library management now considers the remaining maps in the Division as a working backlog rather than arrearage.

**MARBI (Machine-Readable  
Bibliographic Information  
Committee)**

**Susan Moore**

**M**ARBI met twice this conference. The proposal of primary interest to the cartographic community was Proposal 2004-01: Making Subfields e, f, and g repeatable in field 260 (Publication, Distribution, etc.) in the Bibliographic Format and this proposal passed. Also of interest was Discussion Paper 2004-DP02 which calls for either defining an indicator for the 752 (added entry-hierarchical place name) or adding another field to allow for both the location covered by a map as well as the place a map was produced. The Library of Congress Geography and Map Division currently uses the 752 field for area of coverage of maps that have been digitized, and other divisions of LC and other libraries use it for place of publication of rare books and area served for newspapers.

**NACIS (North American  
Cartographic Information  
Society)**

**Dan Seldin**

**T**he North American Cartographic Information Society met in Jacksonville, Fla., from Oct. 8-11, 2003.

The next meeting will be held in Portland, Me., in early Oct., 2004.

**NEMO (Northeast Map  
Organization)**

**Patrick McGlamery**

**N**EMO met in June, 2003. There was a good turnout. In 2004 the meeting will be held in Providence, R.I. Patrick McGlamery is serving as Captain of NEMO this year, and Captain-elect is Joanne Perry. The possibility of meeting every other year in Boston, probably at Simmons College, was discussed.

**NGA (National Geospatial-  
Intelligence Agency-formerly  
NIMA)**

**Lynne Tobin**

No report.

**SLA G&M (Special Libraries  
Association Geography &  
Map Division)**

**Alice Hudson**

No report.

**USGS (U.S. Geological Survey)**

**Mike Cooley**

No report.

**WAML (Western Association of  
Map Libraries)**

**W**AML met in Santa Cruz in mid-Sept. 2003. The next meeting will be held in Chico, Calif. in the spring of 2004. The meeting after that will be held at the Seattle Public Library in the fall of 2004.

Respectively submitted,  
Betsy Eggleston, Secretary

## NEW MAPS AND BOOKS

Fred Musto, Yale University

### NEW MAPS

#### Haiti

It often seems that every trouble spot in the world has a shortage of good maps, with the recent turmoil in Haiti the latest example. About the only good single-sheet map devoted solely to that country is the one from the French IGN. Produced in 1999, the 1:300K map, on a 35 x 43" sheet, is basically a satellite image with roads, administrative boundaries, and tourist information superimposed on it. It sells for \$12.95 at Omni at other vendors.

There are other good maps of Hispaniola that cover both Haiti and the Dominican Republic at smaller scales, including a recent one from Hammond. Issued in 2001, the 1:800K map, on a single-sided 19 x 47" sheet, retails for \$11.95. The maps by Hildebrand at 1:800K and by Nelles Verlag at 1:600K are two-sided versions, each side devoted to Haiti or the Dominican Republic. The Nelles map, perhaps the best of the lot, sells for \$8.95; the Hildebrand for \$11.95. Although the Dominican Republic is a popular tourist destination, I doubt many folks will be vacationing in Haiti any time soon.

For more detail, 1:50K topographic maps by NIMA (now the NGA, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency) are obtainable from the USGS Store. These are the largest scale maps available, covering the whole country in 90 sheets. USGS

sells them for \$7/sheet or \$630 for the set. Omni also offers 92 sheets (probably some overlap with the Dominican Republic) at \$20 each or \$920 for the set. Similar 1:50K topographic maps are also available for the neighboring Dominican Republic, 122 sheets at the same \$7 price from USGS. If that's more detail that you need, 1:250K JOG maps can be had for \$10/sheet from the USGS, \$20 from Omni. Because of the overlap, you might as well get all 8 sheets that cover both countries.

NIMA has also produced large scale maps, most surveyed and printed in the 1990s, of a dozen Haitian cities and towns. Aquin, Cap Haitien, Cayes, Fort Liberte, Gonaives, Hinche, Jacmel, Jeremie, Petit Goave, Port de Paix, Port-au-Prince, and Saint Marc are covered, most at a 1:10K or 1:12.5K scale. If your library has any interest in Haiti, these maps are a bargain at \$20 each. (Port-au-Prince, which is covered on 4 sheets, goes for \$80.)

<http://store.usgs.gov>

#### Pakistan

Maps of Pakistan have traditionally been difficult to obtain, but Omni has some new ones listed on their web site. New city maps by the Survey of Pakistan include an *Islamabad – Rawalindi Guide Map*, at 1:30K, *Karachi Guide Map*, at 1:40K, and *Lahore Guide Map*, at 1:30K. These all have survey dates of 2002 or 2003, and are folded maps printed on heavy paper, measuring 34 x 24" to 40 x



45". They show important buildings, built-up ("thickly populated") areas, major roads, mosques, churches, hotels, hospitals, etc. A map of Peshwar, at 1:25K, and marked as "second edition, surveyed 2000," came to us flat on a 30 x 40" sheet. (Listed, but not in stock, were similar maps for Multan and Quetta.)

Two large wall maps of Pakistan are also available. A new 1:1.5M map, dated 2003, measures 39 x 48" on a 45 x 51" sheet and features hypsometric tinting to indicate elevation. Not overly detailed, it shows cities and towns, roads, railroads, and provincial and district or tribal boundaries. Areas of bordering countries are left blank, but two inset maps are included: a map of Central Asia showing major roads and railways, and a map of "The World of Islam."

More detailed, but slightly older (1991) and rather poorly produced, is a two-sheet, 1:1M map, each sheet measuring about 38 x 56". While only slightly more detailed than the 1:1.5M map above, it includes adjoining border areas of Afghanistan, India, and China. Both these maps are decent if not great items, reasonably priced at \$25.95, and given the lack of anything better, certainly worth acquiring for most collections. However, if you can get by with just a single map of Pakistan, Nelles Verlag produces a very good one for only \$8.95. The two-sided 20 x 36" sheet, at 1:1.5M scale, uses attractive elevation shading and includes street plans of Karachi, Lahore, and Peshwar.

Also from the Survey of Pakistan is

a handy "Pakistan Administrative," a smallish (9 x 12") map on a larger sheet that identifies all 105 administrative districts in the country. Marked as the 2003, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of a map first issued in 1991, it includes a list of the districts by province, giving their area and population. It's priced at \$9.95. Omni also advertises 1:1M shaded relief maps of each of the four provinces for \$14.95 each. For all of these Pakistan maps, Omni warns that they have few in stock and "resupply is not guaranteed." <http://www.omnimap.com>

### South American

There are a number of new maps from South American publishers. Ediguas, based in Ecuador, offers several interesting maps of that country. New for 2003 are tourist maps of the capital Quito and of Cuenca, the third-largest city and a cultural and historic center. They are issued as pocket-size booklets, with a foldout street map measuring about 12 x 22". On the reverse is a smaller-scale map of the region around the city, and the booklet includes an index of cultural attractions, tourist information, etc. The Quito map sells for \$9.95, the Cuenca for \$12.95. Ediguas also has new editions of pocket maps of Quito and the Galapagos, and a detailed Quito street atlas with fold-out maps. All have varying scales, and all except the Quito atlas are in English. Descriptions can be seen at the Treaty Oak website <http://www.treatyoak.com>

Chilean publisher Atlas de Chile has issued the 2003-2004 edition of its *Plano del Gran Santiago*. On one side

is a detailed but clear 1:25K street map covering Santiago and its suburbs. The reverse is a road map of all of Chile. A chart of neighborhoods and their population growth is included, and the map comes in a folder with a bound-in street index. The 2003 *Plano de Santiago y mini atlas caminero de Chile*, in Spanish and English, includes a fold-out map of downtown Santiago, a loose sheet with a plan of the city at 1:25K on one side and a road map of Chile on the reverse, and an index booklet. They are priced at \$12.95 and \$11.95 respectively.

Prolific Mexican publisher Guia Roji has produced new city plans of Guadalajara, Leon, Oaxaca, Puebla, San Luis Potosi, and Tijuana. The detailed street maps are done at scales of 1:20K or 1:25K and sell for \$7.95. Guia Roji also publishes a complimentary city atlas series using a larger 1:15K scale. The small booklet-format averages about 50 pages of maps and includes an exhaustive index. Recent additions include atlases for Guadalajara, Monterrey, and Puebla. Prices range from \$18 to \$20 at Mexico Maps <http://www.mexicomaps.com>

Zagier & Urruty is an Argentine publisher that specializes in unusual maps of the southern tip of the continent. Their latest production is *Patagonian South Icefield*, a beautiful large-scale (1:50K) trekking map of the glacier area that's largely in Chile but extends into Argentina. It's a bit too cold and desolate for my taste, but apparently quite popular among the more adventuresome hiking crowd. The double-sided map uses shaded relief and 50-

meter contour lines to accurately show the landscape, and precise coordinates are given for campsites and other key places. Also included is a satellite image of the area with the routes of well-known icefield expeditions. \$16.95 from Treaty Oak.

### Briefly Noted

*Kamchatka Peninsula* is an interesting and attractive topo map of a sparsely settled and rather forbidding part of Russia. The 37 x 25" sheet has a great 1:1M color relief map of the peninsula on one side, while the reverse, titled "The Kamchatka Peninsula as Seen from Space," displays satellite photos and descriptions of some of the many volcanoes that dot the area. The map was created by an outfit called Polar Cartography and is published and distributed by Avacha Bay Co., apparently in an effort to spur on a budding tourism industry. It can be seen and ordered (\$12.99 plus s/h) on their web site <http://www.avachabay.com>

The National Geomatics Center of China has produced a nice "Beijing Aerial Photo-Map." The huge 1:14K air photo of the center of the city measures 41 x 64" and comes as a laminated roll map with plastic hanging rods at top and bottom. Three inset photos at an even larger 1:7K scale cover The Forbidden City (the once imperial palace grounds), Tiantan Park (Temple of Heaven), and Zizhuyuan Park/National Library of China. The detail is impressive, and it's interesting to compare it to printed maps of the city. A fascinating item, but of limited usefulness for most collections and expensive to boot.

\$175 from Omni.

There are few maps devoted to Lebanon, but ITMB has a new product to add to the short list. The fully-indexed 1:220K map, which opens to 34 x 27", uses elevation coloring, shows the usual communications and travel information, and has an inset map of Beirut. It retails for \$8.95. Other available maps of Lebanon include a good one from the French IGN published in 1994. Done at a 1:200K scale, it has an exhaustive index on the reverse with information about each settlement. Another excellent map was published by GeoProjects in the UK in 2002. It also uses elevation tinting and includes an extensive index and a street plan of Beirut on the reverse. GeoProjects also produces a nice 1:10K plan of the city of Beirut, about the only one available, for \$14.95.

The latest addition to the printed map series of the *National Atlas of the U.S.* is the 2003 edition of "Principal Aquifers." The colorful 1:5M, 30 x 42" map updates the original published in 1998, and shows the distribution of the major aquifers that supply the nation's ground water. If not received as a depository item, it can be purchased for \$7 from the USGS. <http://nationalatlas.gov>

### USGS Map Catalog and Store

The USGS has finally opened up a one-stop shopping site for all the products it offers. Besides the familiar USGS topos, open-file reports, etc., you can also see what NGA (nee NIMA) products are available, something that was often difficult to determine in the

past. Now items like the NIMA 1:50K topo series for Central America (Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador) and Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia) can be readily identified and ordered. The site lists full information (coordinates, dates of survey and printing, etc.) for every sheet. The prices are naturally lower, sometimes dramatically so, than at commercial sources like Omni, MapLink, and EastView, who also seldom seem to have everything in stock. The search interface and overall design of the web site is quite good, if not flashy. At this writing it seems to be still under development, but it's certainly worth a look. <http://store.usgs.gov>

### NEW BOOKS

**A**n *Historical Atlas of Central Asia*. Yuri Bregel. Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2003. 109 p. (Handbook of Oriental Studies. Section Eight. Central Asia; vol. 9). \$156. (ISBN: 9004123210).

This fine work covers the entire scope of Central Asian history, from the time of Alexander the Great to the year 2000, in 47 full-page maps, each accompanied by a page of explanatory text. Most use the same base map, which extends west to east from the Caspian Sea to western China, and north to south from the southern edge of present-day Russia to northern edges of Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. The area includes all of today's "stan" countries: Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan, while a few maps focus on smaller areas, e.g., city and tribal maps. Many

of the maps are original, while some were adapted from earlier publications. Topics range from the more general (“The Mongol conquest;” “Trade routes of Central Asia in the 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> centuries”) to the esoteric (“The early 13<sup>th</sup> century: the Ghurids, Khorezmshahs, Qara-Khitays, and Kuchluk,” “The Uzbek conquest of Western Turkestan”). The author is a noted historian of Central Asia, and the text is authoritative, providing a succinct history of the area over 20 centuries. The color maps are well-done, clear and not overly cluttered, on a large 14.5 x 11" page size. The atlas encompasses an area that has not been covered very well before, and, while it's expensive, would be a useful addition to most academic libraries.

***National Geographic African Adventure Atlas.*** Evergreen, CO: National Geographic, 2003. 336 p., \$49.95 pbk. (ISBN: 1566951739).

Nobody does this sort of publication better than National Geographic, combining great maps, striking photographs, and interesting text into a beautiful coffee-table-like book. Apparently designed with the “adventure” (or at least armchair) traveler in mind, the work begins with a “Countries of Africa” section, covering each with brief descriptions, factoids, and pictures of tourist attractions keyed to an index map. “Touring Maps,” the heart of the book, cover most of the continent at 1:3.5M scale, with southern and eastern Africa at 1:1M. There are also sections of town maps (70); maps of national parks; tourist maps; and a list of some 100 “Adventure Activities by Region” (e.g. camel trekking in Niger). The attractive maps are not overly detailed,

and almost sparse-looking for some areas. The book has been criticized for this lack of detail, as fewer places are identified on these maps than in the smaller scale *National Geographic Atlas of the World*. But the publisher's intent was not to create a reference atlas, but a touristy guide to a vast area. Since it succeeds at that level, it may be more appropriate for the circulating or travel section of a library than the map collection.

***Atlas of Lewis & Clark in Missouri.*** James D. Harlan and James M. Denny. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2003. 138 p., \$59.95 (ISBN: 0826214738).

The torrent of Lewis & Clark material being cranked out by publishers shows no sign of letting up. But this recent addition to the corpus, despite it's somewhat narrow focus, stands out as one of the better efforts. As its title implies, the *Atlas of Lewis & Clark in Missouri* focuses on the explorers' time spent within that state. At the heart of the book are the detailed daily historical synopses, based on the diaries, of the time the party spent in present-day Missouri, from August 31, 1803 to July 18, 1804 on the outgoing journey, and from September 9 to 26, 1806 on the return. The entries are tied to the 23 map plates which trace the route for the time period covered. The beautifully-done maps, which fill the 12 x 17" page size, use shaded elevation base maps made from current DEMs, with historical hydrography, vegetation; and settlements overlaid. The final few map plates are an interesting attempt to recreate the historical land cover along the Missouri River corridor. The book

is a first-class production and well-worth its price. While the somewhat restrictive coverage may limit its appeal to true Lewis & Clark aficionados and those with connections to the “Show-Me state”, it deserves a place in most historical collections.

***Petermann’s Planet: A Guide to German Handatlases and Their Siblings Throughout the World, 1800-1950.***

***Volume I: The Great Handatlases.***

Jurgen Espenhorst. Schwerte, Germany: Pangaea Verlag, 2003. Edited and translated by George R. Crossman. 684 p., 90 EUR (ISBN: 3930401355).

This impressive work, with a rather unfortunate title, examines the entire cartographic output of the most important German publishers of atlases from the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> to the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. (Volume II, to be published later, will cover the lesser firms.) The book is an accompaniment to the author’s bibliography *Handatlanten des Deutschen Sprachraums (1800-1945)*, published in 1994. The publishers included are divided into six “families,” Weimar, Stieler, Meyer, Soh-Berghaus, Andree, and Debes, and their output is examined in terms of the relationships of their sources. It sounds a little confusing (and it is), but once understood, the detailed organizational scheme brings order to the discussion of each “family’s” output. The atlases are described in great detail, including information on their history, development, binding, advertising, separately published maps, and pricing. It’s a massive undertaking, especially since, for most editions, surprisingly few copies have survived. *Petermann’s Planet* is beautifully produced on

glossy paper and heavily illustrated in color. It’s more than most libraries will need, but handy for collectors and historic collections in identifying the sources of those stray German atlas maps that occasionally cross their cartographic paths. Copies can be ordered from: George R. Crossman, Pangaea Verlag USA, 3410 Cypress Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042-3301 e-mail: [gcrossman@megapipe.net](mailto:gcrossman@megapipe.net) The books are shipped from the publisher in Germany.

***Imagined Corners: Exploring the World’s First Atlas.*** Paul Binding.

London: Headline, 2003. 314 p., £25 (ISBN: 0747230404).

This exploration of Abraham Ortelius and his 16<sup>th</sup> century world, leading to the publication of the first atlas, is a bit of a disappointment. It begs comparison with another recent book on Ortelius’ contemporary and fellow Dutchman, Gerhard Mercator. Nicholas Crane’s *Mercator: The Map Who Mapped the Planet*, (H. Holt, 2003), is a very well-written and interesting work that illuminates the unsettling history of Europe in the 1500s and its effect on educated men like Mercator who were caught up in the religious and political turmoil of the time. Like Crane, Binding follows a similar approach and focuses on the “times” rather than the life of Ortelius, understandably since sources on Ortelius are few. But the attempt is less successful, perhaps because the book is over-written, and the rather turgid style gets in the way of the presentation. At least it’s certainly better illustrated than *Mercator*, with many color illustrations on heavy glossy paper. Not necessary

for most collections, but perhaps useful for those building up their history of cartography holdings.

***Geographic Information: How to Find It, How to Use It.*** Jennie Marie Johnson. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2003. 216 p., \$65 (ISBN: 1573563927). Johnson, the Map & Geography Librarian at the University of Illinois (and MAGERT member), has compiled a guide to geographic information in all its forms. Divided into twelve broad chapters (e.g. “Map Basics,” “Special Format Maps,” “Geographical Information Systems”) and numerous sub-topics, the guide attempts to list the major printed and online sources in each area. While most of the topics are expected, there is an interesting ending chapter on “Geography Standards and the Curricula.” The book differs from other examples of the genre by the inclusion of a number of web-based sources, and by longer descriptive and evaluative annotations for some of the works included. The bibliographical information for each source is placed in a “Bibliography” list at the end of each chapter. While the author warns that this is not a comprehensive guide but more of a “sampler,” in truth a work of this length could never come close to comprehensiveness given the wealth of possible inclusions. The necessity for severe selectivity leads to such things as an “Antiquarian Maps and the History of Cartography” chapter that cites only 21 print and 18 online sources. And like all such works, it will quickly become dated, especially the listings of online sources. Still, given the obvious

limitations the author had to work with, it’s a carefully compiled and useful work, especially for those collections with staff of limited training or experience in geography.

***The Mapmakers: A History of Stanfords.*** Peter Whitfield. London: Compendium Publishing, 2003. 128 p., pbk., £14.99. (ISBN: 1902579755) Stanfords of London has a long and distinguished history of selling and publishing maps. While the publishing end of the business has been defunct for a while (but may be showing signs of revival), they have retained their reputation as one of the best map stores in the world. (If you don’t get a chance to visit their flagship store in London, you can still check out their operation on their fine website.) This is a slight but nicely done history of the organization from its beginnings, through its peak at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, to its gradual decline and recent revival in the 20<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps because the surviving records of the firm are limited, coverage is a little uneven and spotty, and often anecdotal. But the book is well-written and well-illustrated, and provides a good, if brief, overview of the map business in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century England.

<http://www.stanfords.co.uk>



## THE HELEN WALLIS FELLOWSHIP AT THE BRITISH LIBRARY

*Posted to Maps-L on February 10, 2004 by Peter Barber of the British Library.*

### **CLOSING DATE: 1 MAY 2004**

This annual, named fellowship offers a convenient and unusually privileged working environment in the British Library. The Fellow will be treated like a member of staff (i.e., not restricted to reading room hours) and provided with their own work-station, with an e-mail account and access to the Internet. In addition, they will be entitled to £300 to spend on Library services.

The award honours the memory of the former Map Librarian at the British Museum and then British Library, Dr Helen Wallis OBE (1967-1986) and confers recognition by the Library on a scholar, from any field, whose work will help promote the extended and complementary use of the British Library's book and cartographic collections in historical investigation.

Preference will be given to proposals that relate to the Library's collections and have an international dimension. The fellowship may be held as a full or part-time appointment, and would normally be for 6-12 months.

For the full terms of reference please contact the undersigned.

It would be most helpful if you told us where you saw this notice.

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### **Fellowship Details**

There will be an annual award. The fellowship may be held as a full or part-time appointment, but would normally be for one or two periods, totaling a minimum of 6 months. The maximum period will be one calendar year.

The fellow will not be restricted to reading room hours and will be able to order material from the collection and access databases on the same basis as staff members.

There may be an opportunity for the fellow to deliver a public lecture in the British Library on their research project.

A trust fund set up for this purpose has attracted donations from friends, former colleagues and admirers of Helen Wallis from all parts of the world. A sum of £300 will be made available to the fellow to be spent in the British Library, on photographs, books, or any other charged service. This award could usefully overlap with other forms of support.

### **Applications**


Please submit a letter of application, indicating the period you intend to be in London and outlining your proposed research project, together with a full curriculum vitae and the names of three referees to: Map Librarian, The British Library, 96 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB, UK. The closing date for each annual award will be May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Helen Wallis**

Dr Helen Wallis OBE (1924-95) was Map Librarian at the British Museum and then British Library for 19 years (1967-86), but her reputation rests as much on her prolific scholarly output and on the range of learned and professional organisations in which she played so active a part.

Helen Wallis's historical interests were diverse, including geographical globes; the mapping of voyages and colonial settlement, particularly in North America and Australia; the supposedly 15<sup>th</sup> century Vinland Map; the Jesuit mapping of China; and thematic mapping of the last century. Over and above these specific topics, her work was characterised by two qualities. Firstly, as a geographically-trained historian, it seemed natural to her to reach across disciplinary boundaries, especially those that had traditionally separated the studies of maps and texts. She showed historians how they had neglected vital evidence of a non-geographic kind on maps, and she taught map historians the value of related textual sources. Secondly, she was a gifted communicator, whose enthusiasm for each of her many and varied interests showed through so clearly in her lectures, publications and broadcasts.



It confers recognition by the Library on a scholar, from any field, whose work will help promote the extended and complementary use of the British Library's book and cartographic collections in historical investigation. An international dimension would be an advantage. Applicants will therefore be expected to refer, in appropriate detail, to the classes of material they intend to consult. They are also invited to demonstrate the ways in which their research would subsequently be disseminated. 

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## CONGRESS OF CULTURAL ATLASES

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Congress of Cultural Atlases: The Human Record  
May 7-10, 2004  
University of California, Berkeley

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In an increasingly digital age, scholars and institutions documenting the human record have turned to geographical information, virtual reality, and the Internet to create cultural atlases. Under the sponsorship of the Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative (ECAI), the Congress of Cultural Atlases offers an opportunity for those involved in creating digital atlases and digital representations of cultural heritage sites to come together for presentations, demonstrations, discussions, and training.

Delegates will have the opportunity to participate in workshops pertaining to specific issues in atlas development:

- Digital Gazetteers for Cultural Atlases, including a case study of database development for Chinese religious geography;
- Reconstructing Archaeological Landscapes Using the New Technology, a virtual reality and GIS workshop,
- Training Workshop in using GIS and other strategies for building and managing a cultural atlas.

David Rumsey, director of Cartography Associates, will be the keynote speaker. The David Rumsey Map Collection, with over 8,800 historical maps on line, is a pioneering effort to use new technologies to envision the geography of the human

past.

Other projects presented at the plenary session will include major cultural atlases already under development concerning the history and heritage of Tibet, Ireland, Korea, Italy, and more.

People who wish to present a poster or demonstration are invited to do so.

There is no cost for the Congress, however a registration of USD\$100 is required for attending the training session in cultural atlas development. Payment of the training workshop fee can be made by check or cash at the reception, plenary or workshop. We regret that credit card payment will not be accepted.

Cosponsors include the UC Berkeley GIS Center, the Committee for Information Technology Research in the Interests of Society, the Henry Luce Foundation, the National Science Foundation, and the the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche.


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## IFLA REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED

**M**AGERT is seeking a candidate to run for the position of MAGERT Representative to the IFLA Geography & Maps Standing Committee for the four-year term beginning in 2005. IFLA, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, meets once each year, usually in the late summer. A candidate for this position should be an expert in the field and should have a reasonable expectation of attending meetings of the Geography & Maps Standing Committee without cost to IFLA or to ALA. (In the past MAGERT has assisted with transportation costs.) Future IFLA Conferences will be held in Oslo (2005), Seoul (2006), Durban (2007) and Québec (2008). If you are interested in standing for election to this position, please contact Steve Rogers at Ohio State University, Map Room, 211 Main Library, 1858 Neil Ave. Mall, Columbus, OH 43201. phone: 614.688.8774 e-mail: [rogers.20@osu.edu](mailto:rogers.20@osu.edu) 

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