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Greetings to all! Am still involved in digging out my desk from the onslaught of mail that came in while I was at ALA in San Antonio. Speaking of which — any committee chairperson who has not received a copy of the MAGERT organization manual, please call me and let me know, and I'll send you one. And speaking of conferences generally — later on in this issue you'll find information on the MAGERT hotel in New Orleans, so please get your reservations in soon.

Some committee business:
Cartographic Statistics Task Force, members, 1987-88: Paul Stout, Coordinator; Phil Hoehn; Jim Coombs; David Cobb; Jenny Marie Johnson; Lisa Dalton; Gretchen Lake
Conference Task Force, members, 1987-88 (just created at San Antonio — the tf, not the members): Mary Larsgaard, Gary North; Dan Seldin

Some miscellaneous bits and pieces: an article in a chemical-engineering mag recently noted some unusual job requests from the employee to the company — my favorite was the person who wanted extra pay for time spent thinking about work at night or on weekends.
And if any of you would like a $300 coffee mill, which includes a brass globe as an ornament, let Helen Armstrong at U Florida know, and she'll introduce you to the antique dealer who possesses this gem.
Just recently Donna Koepp sent to me a map with a Colorado School of Mines stamp on it that had somehow found its way to Lawrence; as she put it, "Now if it had been something lost that we were really trying to get back, we probably would never have seen it again!" (it was a superseded USGS quad!)
Well, we're halfway through the fiscal year; unfortunately, my library is $34,000 in the hole in its operating budget, so don't be surprised if I ask you to call me back on your library's Ma Bell budget.

Mary Larsgaard
Chair, MAGERT

... AND FROM THE EDITOR

While Mary may be still digging out her desk from a San Antonio mail onslaught, I have been digging out of post-San Antonio snow, both newly fallen and recently drifted! New Orleans in mid-July is beginning to look better and better.

Thanks go to Heather Rex for overcoming the chaos of a move to her new facility and the galloping crud to get the minutes from San Antonio to me in time for inclusion in this issue. Heather's new address and phone number are: Map and Geographic Information Center, Centennial Library, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131, (505) 277-5513.

Deadline for material for the April issue is March 31.
NEW ORLEANS, JULY 1988 (from Mary Larsgaard):

HOTEL: The MAGERT conference hotel, with many thanks to Bob Martin for doing all the hard work of finding and then negotiating with a hotel, is PLACE D'ARMES, 625 St. Ann, New Orleans, LA 70116, (504) 524-4531. David Cobb informs me that there is an 800 number for it, but I forgot to ask him to send it to me, so just call up 800 information on your own. RATES are extremely good, apparently about half of what the usual rate is: Singles, $49; Double Doubles (ask the hotel to explain that to you), $49; additional persons, $10. These rates include a complimentary continental breakfast. The hotel is located in the heart of the French Quarter, which means a superb ambiance. It has a courtyard and pool (in the latter of which several of us shall doubtless disport ourselves, cooling off and giving impersonations of basking sharks). When you make your reservations, YOU MUST IDENTIFY YOURSELVES AS BEING FROM MAGERT, or you will not get the low rate.

DO YOU NEED A PERSON TO SHARE A HOTEL ROOM WITH? Call Mary Larsgaard, (303) 273-3697; I'll keep a list of names and telephone numbers so you may get in touch with each other. For San Antonio, this worked out perfectly - I had 4 persons call me, so it all worked out beautifully. To start this off: Jeremiah Post (Free Library of Philadelphia) needs a roommate; call him at (215) 686-5451.

T-SHIRTS: T-shirts will be either a Landsat image of the area or a pre-1900 map of the area. They will be available through the ALA Store, or, to those select persons who plan ahead, from Nan Butkovich. We'll figure out a time and place to hand them out to those persons who have wisely requested them prior to the conference. Place your order with Nan at:

Nan Butkovich
Texas A & M University
Sterling C. Evans Library
College Station, TX 77843
(409) 845-5741

MAGERT IS IN NEED OF A TAPE RECORDER: If you can bring one to the conference, please call Dan Seldin, Map Library, Indiana University, Bloomington (812) 335-1108 BEFORE June 15, 1988. We have 3 different cases of meetings that meet simultaneously and need to be recorded separately. Thank you for your assistance. Oh, this is standard cassette, not mini.

FUN-RUN/WALK: Jim Coombs is walking-team captain; call him at Southwest Missouri State University, Map Collection, (417) 836-5104 if you're interested. David Cobb is running-team captain; call him at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Map and Geography Library, (217) 333-0827. Yes, you do need to send in a little form to ALA if you intend to participate.
TOURS: Bob Martin, Gary North, and Carli and Stan Stevens are all working on this. So far, we have planned a trip to the Bay St. Louis federal complex on Wednesday, July 13; cost should be about $17-20. We may have a supper/jazz evening that night - this is still in the works. Then, on Thursday, we'll have either a plantation tour or a bayou tour (Stan and Carli estimate about $40) - SO please do plan on staying through the morning of the 15th. For heaven's sake, very often we only see each other once a year, lets do it right.

MAGERT SUITE: Some years ago, various members of MAGERT (the liquid core, I suppose you might call them) decided that going to bars and drinking alcoholic and non-spirituous beverages was a waste of money ($3.00 for a Seven-Up?), and it would be much less expensive, and serve the same purpose even better, if we librarians just quietly got together in a suite and all chipped in, or BYOB. This has worked out extremely well. Here is how it works: the MAGERT suite will be in the Place, usually after 9 p.m.; we'll try to have the suite number posted in the hotel lobby, and we'll also announce it at various MAGERT meetings. Any donations - drink, nibblies, or money - are most appropriate, and gratefully accepted. We'll have a goldfish bowl for the latter.

LAST CHANCE FOR SAN FRANCISCO T-SHIRTS: Just a few annual conference t-shirts with an attractive map of San Francisco Bay and the caption "ALA MAGERT 1987" are left (small and medium sizes only). Send check or money order for $8.50 each to:

Phil Hoehn
Library Map Room
University of California
Berkeley, CA 94720.

MAGERT/GODORT PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOP, New Orleans, Thursday, July 7, 1988, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Old Mint in the French Quarter: This is a jointly sponsored workshop of the Map and Geography Round Table and the Government Documents Round Table, specifically designed for government document librarians who are currently dealing with depository maps or contemplating selecting maps for their collections. It is the mission of the workshop to demonstrate the significance of cartographic resources in libraries, and to familiarize participants with the many map products available through GPO, how these products are used, interpreted, accessed, stored and preserved.

The workshop will be presented by David A. Cobb, Map Librarian, Map and Geography Library, University of Illinois, and Donna P. Koepp, Government Documents and Map Librarian, University of Kansas.

Please register by May 25, 1988, by sending your name, address, and a check for $45.00 made payable to MAGERT, to:

Donna P. Koepp
Government Documents and Map Library
Spencer Research Library
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas 66045

Registration will be limited to 25.
Mary Larsgaard, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:30. Officers present were Donna Koepp, immediate Past Chair, and Heather Rex, Secretary. Mary Anne Waltz, Vice-chair/Chair-elect, and Peter Stark, Treasurer had commitments at other meetings. The minutes of the San Francisco meetings were approved as published in baseline.

Chair's Report

Donna Koepp and David Cobb will be doing a maps preconference workshop in New Orleans very similar to the one they did in San Francisco. They requested that the registration fee be raised to $45 and asked for an honorarium of $100 each plus expenses. The Board approved the request.

Mary announced that Bob Martin will be working with Gary North on a tour of the facility at Bay St. Louis for the New Orleans conference attendees. Carli and Stan Stevens will also be conducting a tour, details of which will come later.

Old Business

Donna Koepp will be MAGERT's representative to the GODORT/RBMS/MAGERT Committee. There was a discussion of finance sharing among the three groups with David Cobb moving that "Whereas MAGERT has been invited to join the RBMS/GODORT/MAGERT Government Documents as Rare Books Committee, the Executive Board approves this merger as well as one-third of the related business expenses of midwinter and annual conferences." Brent Allison seconded and the motion passed.

New Business

Mary announced that Duane Johnson of the Kansas State Library approached her about having MAGERT co-sponsor a congratulatory message to the National Geographic Society on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. The proposal was approved as well as the message written by Duane Johnson. It will be read at ALA Council meeting on the morning of the 13th of January.

Mary proposed the formation of a task force for planning upcoming conferences. Such a task force would include the MAGERT Chair, Chair-elect, the Audio-Visual Chair, local arrangements people and two to three others. After discussion, the Board approved the task force idea.

Mary asked the Board to think about the possibility of selling program tapes or should we continue just archiving them? What should we do when two programs/meetings should be taped at the same time?

Announcements

Paul Stout asked for participants for a running/walking team.
Mary adjourned the meeting at 12:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Rex, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Brent Allison  Univ. of Minnesota, Minneapolis
Nan Butkovich  Texas A & M Univ., College Station
Ellen Caplan  OCLC, Dublin, OH
David Cobb  Univ. of Illinois, Urbana
Alice Hudson  New York Public Library, NYC
Jenny Marie Johnson  Clark Univ., Worcester, MA
Donna Koepp  Univ. of Kansas, Lawrence
Mary Larsgaard  Colorado School of Mines, Golden
Elizabeth Mangan  LC/G & M, Washington D.C.
Heather Rex  Univ. of New Mexico, Albuquerque
Charley Seavey  Univ. of Arizona, Tucson
Daniel Seldin  Indiana Univ., Muncie, IN
Nancy Vick  Univ. of Illinois, Urbana

MINUTES

ALA-MAGERT  EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING II
JANUARY 11, 1988  EL TROPICANO  SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Mary Larsgaard, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30. Other
officers present were Mary Anne Waltz, Vice-chair/Chair-elect, Donna
Koepp, immediate past Chair, Peter Stark, Treasurer and Heather Rex,
Secretary.

Vice-Chair's Report,  Mary Anne Waltz

Mary Anne announced she is looking for a local arrangements person
for Dallas. Mary Anne will be working on the rewriting of the
Organization Manual.

Treasurer's Report,  Peter Stark

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TOTAL $5,584.68

ENDING BALANCE (August 31, 1987) $5,015.15

Peter briefly explained ALA's new accounting system, one advantage of which is that expenses for and income from special projects can now be tracked.

Cartographic Statistics Task Force, Paul Stout

Paul moved that the Board allocate $250 to pay expenses for mailing the cartographic materials statistics form and accompanying cover letter to all entrants in the Guide to U.S. Map Resources, 1st edition. Mary Anne seconded. Motion passed.

Nominations Committee Mary Larsgaard for Charlotte Derksen.

The committee is looking for candidates.

Honors Committee Donna Koepp

The committee will meet by telephone later.

Cartographic Users Advisory Task Force Donna Koepp

Members of the task force are continuing their work with particular agencies. Linda Newman has requested the BLM participate more fully in the depository program. Their response will be presented at the March CUAC meeting. The NOS depository program as it has been implemented in the past has been cancelled. NOS should soon be depositing their products through GPO. About 20,000 sheets of the 60,000 to be produced by the Bureau of the Census will probably be depository, format to be decided later. NOAA will be issuing a new series through USGS of the Tactical Pilotage Charts (1:500,000) with the aeronautical information stripped off. CUAC will meet in Reston March 25-26, 1988.

Education Committee Suzanne Clark

The committee met informally to review slides for the education series. Suzanne moved that the Board appropriate $100 for the reproduction of slides. David Cobb seconded. The motion passed. Suzanne and Charley Seavey gave a presentation to ALISE incorporating map education into library school curriculum, entitled "Educating Map Librarians." Peter Stark brought up the necessity of disseminating standards for the proper citation of maps and asked if the Education Committee was the right place to bring up this issue. Discussion followed. A citation form will be published in base line, but getting a standard into formal citation handbooks will be pursued by the Education Committee.
Round Table Coordinating Committee  Mary Larsgaard

Sponsorship of these meetings will rotate among the 18 round tables. MAGERT sponsored the one the previous day, which dealt with an explanation of ALA accounting procedures by two people in Accounting at ALA headquarters.

Map Online Users Group  Elizabeth Mangan

Future discussions will deal with retrieval more than with cataloging.

Membership Committee  Nancy Vick

As of August 31, MAGERT had 418 members, up 4.8% over last year. The Committee has been reorganized over the last six months, incorporating the Exhibits Committee. Letters will still go out to new documents and maps librarians, but they will be accompanied by a list of officers or other MAGERT people from their state. A new Lucite flyer holder will be placed at programs or other meetings. It will hold flyers, announcements, etc.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee  Mary Larsgaard for Linda Sharp

Many changes are needed in the MAGERT Organization Manual. Mary Ann Waltz will work on this. Every committee chair should have a copy of the manual.

Phil Hoehn announced the further availability of tee shirts of San Francisco. Sales at New Orleans will be through the ALA Store, but MAGERT members may reserve theirs early by contacting Mary Larsgaard.

Library of Congress Report  Elizabeth Mangan

LC will have its summer maps project this summer. If you need further information, contact Betsy. Approximately 50% of the maps from the NGS project have been cataloged and all of the atlases have been cataloged. Geographic Cutters, expanded list, is progressing.

Mary adjourned the meeting at 10:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Rex, Secretary

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Nan Butkovich  Texas A & M Univ., College Station
Suzanne Clark  Univ. of Vermont, Burlington
David Cobb  Univ. of Illinois, Urbana
Carol Collier  Univ. of Wyoming, Laramie
Steve Hiller  Univ. of Washington, Seattle
Phil Hoehn  Univ. of California, Berkeley
Alice Hudson  New York Public Library, NYC
Jenny Marie Johnson  Clark Univ., Worcester, MA
Mary Larsgaard, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30. Other officers present were Mary Ann Waltz, Vice-chair/Chair-elect, Donna Koepp, immediate past Chair, Peter Stark, Treasurer and Heather Rex, Secretary.

Committee and liaison reports continued.

Cataloging and Classification Committee/CC:DA/RTSD-MAGERT Cataloging Discussion Group Ellen Caplan

The committee is looking at changes in the manual that need to be made. AACR2, rev. ed., may be out in August. A remote sensing/imagery cataloging preconference in Chicago 1990 is being proposed. David Cobb spoke to the discussion group about grants for cataloging. It was well enough received that he may be asked to speak on the same subject again.

Freedom to Read Alice Hudson

TV networks and others are concerned that access to satellite imagery not become prohibitively expensive.

SLA Mary Larsgaard for Anita Oser

The annual meeting will be in June in Denver.

WAHL Mary Larsgaard for Linda Newman

The 20th anniversary meeting was held in Reno in September. Stan Stevens stepped down from all duties except the publication of the Information Bulletin.

NACIS Mary Larsgaard for Nancy Kandoian

Reported on the 1987 meeting and announced the 1988 meeting will be in Denver in October.

Publications Committee Brent Allison

Base line operations are running smoothly. Linda Newman would like to be replaced as advertising manager. A volunteer is asked for.

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Three new proposals for Occasional Papers have been received by the committee: A guide to historical map resources of New York City, an introduction to the mapping of south Asia and a cartobibliography of the collection of the Ames Library, and an index to Carl Wheat's Mapping of the Trans-Mississippi West. Plans for a second edition of the Guide are progressing; surveys will be sent out in January of 1989. The committee has been looking at the possibility of publishing a scholarly journal of map librarianship to be called Meridian. Brent explained facts, figures and projections of the committee and moved that the Executive Board support a semi-annual, scholarly, refereed journal of map librarianship, the first issue of which will be published in 1989 requiring approximately $4,500 the first year and approximately $1,000 in year two, reaching cost recovery by year three. The journal will be provided as a benefit of personal membership in MAGERT and sold to subscribers at $20 per year. Peter Stark seconded. Discussion about money for promotion and advertising followed. The motion passed.

GIS Jim O'Donnell

GIS has new constitution and by-laws. Two volumes of Proceedings were published last year. GIS is working on cooperative exchange of geoscience information among libraries. The GSA/GIS meeting will be in Denver October 31 through November 3, 1988.

ALA Round Table Liaison Elaine Wingate

ALA Executive Board will review Round Table funding. David Cobb commended improvements in the ALA Publishing office.

Mary adjourned the meeting at 10:17.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Rex

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Jim O'Donnell California Institute of Technology, Pasadena
Heather Rex Univ. of New Mexico, Albuquerque
Daniel Seldin Indiana Univ., Bloomington
Peter Stark Univ. of Oregon, Eugene
Paul Stout Ball State Univ., Muncie, IN
Nancy Vick Univ. of Illinois, Urbana
Mary Anne Waltz Syracuse, Univ., Syracuse, NY
Elaine Wingate ALA HQ, Chicago

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Two libraries have been selected by OCLC to become Enhance institutions. The Map & Geography Library at the University of Illinois and the National Agricultural Library join the Illinois State Library in enhancing records in the maps format. Congratulations!

In response to the list of OCLC numbers for the LC G&M Land Ownership Maps, Phil Hoehn reports that about half of the fiche for California have been cataloged in OCLC. Numbers 11-30, 34 and 39 have been input so far, with others slowly being added. He also found that most of the New York fiche seems to be in RLIN.

While I have OCLC numbers on my mind, there are records in the database for almost all of the MAGERT Open File Reports. Several are order records only but they can be upgraded. The numbers are:

| 86-1 | Personal Name Index to the Guide... | #16820618 |
| 86-2 | Map Room Acquisitions Procedures | #15708673 |
| 86-3 | Illinois County Coordinates | #16906892 |
| 86-4 | Latin America Cutter List | #16842228 |
| 86-5 | United States State Coordinates | #16705026 |
| 86-6 | National Parks and Forests Cutters | #16842264 |
| 86-7 | Sample Map Workforms | #16705008 |

**AACR2 Revisions:**

Mary Anne Waltz has provided a summary of the more significant changes to AACR2, Chapter 3 which will be included when the consolidated revision is published, possibly in August but most likely in December of this year. I will repeat what she has written word for word, including her disclaimers:

First, this information comes primarily from the minutes of the October 1986 meeting of the Joint Steering Committee--minutes do not, by their nature and intent, include details. I also do not know if there were any additions or corrections to those minutes. In addition, I am paraphrasing, I hope correctly, from the minutes, and I am highlighting only the more substantive changes, not all the editorial changes. Finally, there were some issues that were not resolved at that October meeting (and possibly were not resolved in time to go to the printer's). This summary is meant as advance information only. However, while answering a few questions, it should also identify some real problems, i.e. the increasing number of discrepancies between Chapter 3 and AACCCM.

**3.07** - Examples will be "cleaned up" and revised to reflect changes made elsewhere in the chapter.

**3.1B4** - Examples will be added to reflect the addition of subject to supplied title.

**3.3B1** - First paragraph will be retained as is. An example
of a scale with "ca." on the item will be included.

The language regarding the scale statement will be made consistent in all paragraphs.

The fourth paragraph will be revised, and the last sentence will be corrected to read "Give the scale preceded by ca. in square brackets." The example will be corrected.

3.385 and 3.386 - Phrase will continue to be "Scales vary." (3.7B8 will include the sentence "If the scales vary and it can be expressed concisely, give an indication of the scales." An example will be supplied.)

3.5B1 - The list of nine specific material designations from AACCM will replace the current list. There was discussion on the use of the term "model" versus "relief model." Final decision on that term was postponed pending further investigation by Mr. Tucker.

The final paragraph will be deleted.

3.5B2 - The text of the entire chapter will be reviewed to ensure the proper use of the terms "section," "segment," and "plan."

(Further discussion and review was recommended on the appropriate description of both the item [i.e., the map] and its carrier [i.e., the sheets]. This review would include dimensions, number of sheets, etc.)

3.5B4 - This paragraph will be deleted.

3.5C3 and 3.5C4 - The example "pencil drawing" in 3.5C3 and the example "ink drawing" in 3.5C4 will be deleted, as there is no rule covering medium of creation.

3.5D1 - The term "neat lines" will be amended to "neat line."

The second paragraph will be amended to cover the cases in which maps cannot be measured.

3.7B1 - Examples will be added to include information on relief (e.g., contour intervals) and on date of situation.

3.7B3 - The instruction "Make notes on the source of the title proper if considered important" and an example will be added.

3.7B10 - The second sentence will be changed to read "If the item is a reproduction, indicate the method of reproduction if this is likely to affect the use of the item (e.g., when it is a blue line print)." The fifth example will read "Blue line print."

3.7B18 - In the second paragraph the word "parts" will be deleted, and in its last three examples the term "parts" will be replaced with "contents."

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Glossary - The terms "section (cartography)," "view" and "profile (cartography)" will be included, with definitions taken from AACCCM. The definition of "model" will be reviewed to remove the notion of scale.

CONFERENCES

GOES I-M SYMPOSIUM/WORKSHOP, June 27-30, 1988, Hyatt Regency Bethesda, Bethesda, Maryland: This conference will focus on NOAA's Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) system and satellites GOES-I (scheduled for 1990 launch) through GOES-M. Three parallel workshops will focus on operational requirements, research requirements, and plans for data acquisition, processing, dissemination, and archiving. For more information, contact:

Wayne D. Lasch
Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc.
P.O. Box T
College Park, Maryland 20740.

"The Land of Norumbega: A Multidisciplinary Conference on the Exploration and Settlement of Maine and the Northeast" is scheduled for December 2-3, 1988, in Portland, Maine. The conference should be of interest to historians, geographers, cartographers, anthropologists, and art historians. Abstracts will be accepted for consideration. For more information, contact:

Maine Humanities Council
P.O. Box 7202
Portland, ME 04112
(207) 773-5051.

The International Cartographic Association will hold its 14th International Cartographic Conference August 17-24, 1989, in Budapest, Hungary. The preliminary program includes sessions on automation in cartography; geographical information systems; uses of remote sensing in the national economy; maps for organizing and controlling agricultural and water resource management; national and regional atlases; modern education - modern maps; maps in the service of tourism; technologies of map production; poster sessions; and national-international map and technical exhibitions. For more information, contact:

Conference Secretary
Institute of Geodesy, Cartography, and Remote Sensing
H-1373 Budapest, POB 546
Hungary

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The North American Cartographic Information Society convened for
its seventh annual meeting in Atlanta from October 28 through 31, 1987.
It attracted not only about 125 of its members and guests, but also two
groups with related interests that met just preceding NACIS--the Map
Online Users Group, with its Maps Online in Libraries conference, and
affiliates of the National Cartographic Information Center from
southeastern states and beyond (many were present from the northeast
and at least one from the far west as well).

The broadly-scoped professional map interests of NACIS members
were well-represented in the papers presented at the conference. From
the more obviously library-focused topics to the geography- and
cartography-oriented papers that keep librarians in touch with their
users and the makers of the components of their collections, there was
much of interest to MAGERT members. Among the subjects treated were
library collection policies for maps, Latin American map publication
and distribution, copyright and other legal issues, automated control
of sheets in map series, maps on video disk, automated navigation,
automated map production, microcomputers in cartographic education,
children's understanding of maps, what's new in atlas production and
various aspects of atlas projects, and technical needs of cartographic
labs. Worthy of note because of a view it echoed that was expressed at
a MAGERT session in June was Carlos Hagen's paper on "Cartographic
Development and Latin America." As Bill Stewart had suggested to us in
San Francisco that more large-scale mapping and map distribution and
consequently more foreign visitors to Latin America may be contributing
to a deterioration of native crafts and quality of life there, so
Carlos Hagen presented the idea that mapping of Latin America is paving
the way for development that is ecologically damaging.

Since NACIS did not meet with the International Map Dealers
Association in 1987 as it did in 1986, there were not as many map
dealer and publisher exhibits this time around. For the most part,
exhibitors were government mapping agencies. These were combined with
university cartographic lab poster sessions, impressive and informative
as usual, at least from a librarian's point of view. Southeastern
universities were heavily represented, and there was continuing
participation of regulars like Michigan State and the University of
Wisconsin. Having the exhibit/poster session hall as the setting for
the reception and social gathering the first night of the conference
was an effective way to get attendees and participants warmed up to
each other and to provide some focus to their initial conversations.

Field trips went out on Thursday afternoon to different parts of
Atlanta, a sprawling city with different concentrated areas of
development; through these trips we experienced the geography of the
city more than its cartography. They were good complements to the
keynote address during the opening session on the previous night, when
Truman Hartshorn, geography professor at Georgia State University,
described a four-stage model of the growth of Atlanta, illustrated by
slides. To learn the basic geography of the metropolitan area at the
outset was some consolation for not being at a downtown hotel.

The NACIS business meeting went fairly smoothly, with some discussion on the possibility of publishing proceedings of our annual meetings in the future. There was agreement that the quality of papers presented is such that we would like to share them in published form. While the method may need to be worked out, it was decided that it will be done on an experimental basis, beginning with the 1988 meeting, with a request to those presenting papers that they provide their text in machine-readable form on a floppy disk. While an editor had not been found to oversee the new serial publication that NACIS has been planning, our newsletter has been beefed up over the past year, with Ruth Rowles, of the University of Kentucky, as editor. A request was made for contributions to the newsletter. Regarding cooperation with other map groups, a non-voting member of NACIS may sit on the boards of the American Cartographic Association and the Cartography Speciality Group of the Association of American Geographers, with members of those groups also to sit on the NACIS board. Announcements were made about forthcoming meetings and activities of the Canadian Cartographic Association and MAGERT. We learned that the NACIS CUAC representatives, Diana Rivera and Dick Stephens, are working, respectively, on the mapping publications of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Census Bureau. The Inter-American committee of NACIS has translated the NACIS membership leaflet into Spanish, and the NACIS calls for papers will come out in Spanish as well, to encourage participation from Spanish-speaking map people of North America. New officers elected were vice president, Juan Valdes, of the National Geographic Society; secretary, Diana Rivera, of Michigan State University; directors-at-large, Leonard Abrams of Panoramic Studios, Nancy Kandoian of the New York Public Library, Patrick McHaffie of the Kentucky Geological Survey, and William Schenck of the Delaware Geological Survey. Johnnie Sutherland, of the University of Georgia, who planned the program for this annual meeting in Atlanta, took the helm as president of NACIS. Annual meeting sites are being planned a few years in advance now, with Denver coming up in 1988, and Ann Arbor and Orlando likely after that.

USGS UPDATE

(This information was presented by Gary North, USGS, at the ALA/GODORT Federal Documents Task Force Update Program at ALA Midwinter.)

Recommendation #2 made by the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer at the Council's October 1986 session, which was that USGS shipping lists be furnished to map depository libraries, regardless of whether a library received any maps on a particular shipping list, has been implemented. Effective October 1, 1987, libraries that select USGS maps have been receiving all USGS shipping lists, either with the maps or separately for the libraries that do not select any of the maps sent on a particular shipping list. In January 1987, a program to compare the published topographic and geologic maps listed in the monthly New Publications of the Geological Survey against maps actually sent on deposit and shown on
the USGS shipping lists was implemented. This new program is designed to ensure that the libraries receive all maps selected, thus significantly reducing the need to write to the USGS to request maps that appear in New Pubs... but are never received on deposit or shown on shipping lists.

State index booklets and companion catalogs are being sent to libraries that selected the 0619-M-(no.) item number for the particular state being sent. Libraries that have not selected topographic maps for all states will therefore not receive all the the state indexes and catalog booklets. Those that do not select all states but wish to receive them all should simply request them when they are listed in New Pubs.... Write to the same address as you do for claims.

Now that the chaos at Map Distribution in Denver, caused by the consolidation of our warehouses, is smoothing out, the USGS is moving to distribute the backlog of DMA maps that we have not had the capacity to send until recently, GPO is supporting us by assigning the item numbers and titles; we, in turn, show the item numbers and titles on our shipping lists. The first three of about fifteen sendings (shipping lists #64, #68, and #79), have been mailed.

The 15-minute, 1:50,000-scale DMA maps that you receive from time to time in USGS map shipments are produced under a USGS/DMA cooperative agreement as part of the USGS national mapping program. They should not be confused as being part of the DMA program. These maps are prepared by USGS. DMA selects the maps to be prepared by USGS. It is the understanding of the USGS that DMA has no intention at this time of covering the whole country with these 15-minute maps. GPO's Administrative Notes, September 1987, vol. 8, no. 17, p.2, contains information pertaining to this series.

New style single-sheet state indexes are under development. They will be at the 1:1 million scale and will utilize a modified state base. They will show:

1. all published and unpublished 7.5 minute quads,
2. major drainage, towns, and roads,
3. county boundaries and names, and
4. township and range grids and section numbers for the 30 states affected.

The new single-sheet indexes will highlight the one-degree blocks and their identifying numbers, and will include the corresponding page number in the index booklet where the blocks are shown. They are expected to be used primarily by customers as a quick reference tool to obtain page numbers for the index booklets and by planners and others who need a way of observing an entire state at one time. The indexes will be folded and distributed with the booklet format indexes and catalogs. Colorado is being used for the prototype single-sheet index, and will be the first state to be printed. Printing is scheduled for February 1988.

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GPO DEPOSITORY NEWS

MAP DEPOSITORIES: There has been some confusion among documents librarians over the term "map depository." The phrase "map depository" is a convenient way to refer to those Federal Depository Libraries or their selective housing sites that select large numbers of USGS and/or DMA maps. When the Federal Depository Library Program subsumed the USGS and DMA map depository programs, some former USGS and DMA map depositories became selective housing sites for a Federal Depository Library at the same institution.

GPO's Library Inspectors often find that these selective housing sites (e.g., Geology or Geography Departments, other libraries, etc.) are not aware of their responsibilities under the Federal Depository Library Program. Depository Libraries are responsible for their selective housing sites. If depository maps are housed outside the library, the depository should ensure that the administrator of the selective housing site is aware of the rules and regulations of the Federal Depository Library Program and that a memorandum of agreement is formulated, if appropriate (see Section 11 of the Federal Depository Library Manual).

[From GPO Administrative Notes, vol. 9, no. 2, February 1988, p.1]
NEW PERIODICAL ARTICLES


Publisher's Weekly 233:3, January 22, 1988, pp. 26-64, focuses on travel books and geographic information in four articles:


DESIDERATA

Tufts University is looking for USGS 15' topographic sheet(s) for Freeport Maine. Any or all editions and printings are needed. They are willing to exchange 15' sheets of other states in their collection. Contact:

Jim Walsh
Wessell Library
Tufts University
Medford, MA 02155
(617) 381-3087

EXHIBITIONS

"Recent Acquisitions of the Geography and Map Division" is the theme of a current display at the Library of Congress. It includes 65 out of the 65,000 cartographic materials which were added to the Geography and Map Division during the past year. (JW)

Also at the Library of Congress is the "First in a Continuing Series of Exhibitions on the Geographer, Father Vincenzo Coronelli." The exhibit, featuring globes and a set of two gores ca. 1602, is on display indefinitely on the sixth floor of the Madison Building. (JW)
LC SUMMER MAP PROJECT: The Library of Congress is sponsoring its 34th Special Project during the summer of 1988. Qualified librarians, faculty members, or students will be accepted as participants. Sponsoring institutions are responsible for salaries and transportation costs of participants. The 1988 Project will begin on Tuesday, July 5, and terminate Friday, August 12. For complete information on the project and application information, contact:

John A. Wolter, Chief  
Library of Congress  
Geography and Map Division  
Washington, DC 20540

Phil Hoehn suggests that persons needing to cite maps take a look at:


This publication provides suggested forms for citing maps as well as other formats.

A prototype of the Census Bureau's TIGER/LINE File, the geographic data base which will be used for the 1990 census, should be available by now. The prototype file is for Boone County, Missouri, one of the 1988 dress rehearsal sites selected by the Census Bureau. See Data User News, November 1987, p. 5, for more information.

JOBS

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SURE! IT WAS ORIGINALLY DRAWN BY CLAUDIUS PTOLEMY ABOUT 150 A.D., JUDGING FROM THE TYPE OF PAPER, HERE, I'D GUESS YOUR COPY WAS PRINTED IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY.

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AT LEAST HE DIDN'T USE YOUR NAME!

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