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## Program on Cataloging Basics at ALA Annual Convention in San Francisco; Few Cataloging Questions on Maps-L

A program entitled "Map Cataloging: Learning the Basics" was presented on Saturday, 16 June 2001 in the Hilton Union Square Hotel by Susan Moore of the University of Northern Iowa and Lucinda Hall of Dartmouth College. The program was jointly sponsored by the ALCTS Cataloging & Classification Section and MAGERT and was very well attended, filling the room that was provided. The program covered the main differences between book and map cataloging; the treatment of scale in the bibliographic record and how to measure it; dealing with projection and coordinates; how to measure maps; tricks of the trade for dating road maps; and subject headings for cartographic materials.

Susan and Lucinda taught scale by going through a series of exercises that dealt with most of situations one would encounter, and the measurement of maps was presented with reference to actual maps that were displayed for all to see. I will not describe in detail what was covered in this presentation, as that has already been done. Susan and Lucinda have sent their detailed notes to MAGERT for posting on the website, and they are available at <http://magert.wholedu.edu:8000/elecpubs.html> under "ALA Conference Publications" at the bottom of the page.

In going over items I have saved over the past few months for possible inclusion in this column, I have found very little. My usual habit is to try to cover interesting information and discussion that has come to my electronic mailbox from Maps-L or other sources, especially trying to identify interesting map cataloging discussions. Unfortunately, the one or two cataloging questions that have been sent to Maps-L recently haven't generated any discussion. So I find I need to get back up on my soapbox and try to encourage people to send in any map cataloging questions to a forum that is regularly read by people with great expertise in this area. To subscribe to Maps-L and ask your special map cataloging questions simply send the message "Subscribe Maps-L <your name>" to [listserv@listserv.uga.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.uga.edu).

That's all I have for this time. My next report will be after Midwinter in New Orleans. Till then, keep cataloging the good maps.

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# NEW MAPS AND BOOKS

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## New Maps

### Afghanistan Again

In the previous issue of *base line*, written soon after September 11, I bemoaned the lack of maps available for Afghanistan. Not to worry. The entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well among map producers, and several new maps of that area were created in what must be record time. Naturally some are better products than others, but under the circumstances they are all generally well done.

Among the new entries is an excellent *Map of Afghanistan and Surrounding Territory* from MapLink, although there seems to be conflicting information as to the actual compilers of the map, GiziMap of Hungary ("from the most current Russian and Central Asian sources") or Britain's Oxford Cartographers. The map measures 28 x 26" at a 1:3M scale, uses hypsometric shading, and is quite detailed. Categories of roads and towns, distances between cities, district names, and boundaries are all shown, and there is a good index of place names. It's one of the best of the bunch, and only \$8.95 from MapLink. (ISBN: 0783498187) ([www.maplink.com](http://www.maplink.com))

Maps.com also has a nice entry in the field. Their *Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the Middle East* is a two-sided map, the front featuring Afghanistan and Pakistan at 1:3.6M, with a brief historical timeline for both nations, and the reverse an overall map of the Middle East with brief fact boxes for each country. The maps are very clear, and use shaded relief to show elevation. The clarity is obtained partly by limiting the number of places identified (only about 140 for Afghanistan), but there are certainly enough to follow the news in that part of the world. The folded 20 x 32" map sells for \$8.95 (ISBN: 1930194099).

If you're looking for something on the large side, Maps.com has also produced a series of wall maps of Afghanistan and surrounding areas. They offer two maps focused just on Afghanistan, one with the provinces color-coded, the other without. A flag image and basic statistics are included. The maps are not overly detailed, but suited to their purpose as wall maps. A similar map shows both Afghanistan and Pakistan, and there is an even more simplified and brightly colored version. All the wall maps in this series are laminated, and available in three sizes: 3 x 4', 4 x 5', and a huge 6' x 8'. They're produced to order, and rather expensive, at \$75 for the smaller, \$95 for the midsize, and a whopping \$245 for the largest. ([www.maps.com](http://www.maps.com))

*Afghanistan*, from Ayazi Publishing in Albuquerque, is an interesting map created by an

Afghan living in the U.S. At 1:1.5M scale, the 28 x 40" map is one of the most detailed for the country, showing roads down to the "Dirt Roads and Trails" level, and locations of historical ruins and shrines. Also included are a "Timeline of Afghan History," an "Afghanistan at a Glance" summary, and an inset map of the country in the context of South and Central Asia. Unfortunately the map is not indexed and no relief is indicated except for spot elevations. Nicely printed on heavy glossy paper, it's a little different from the others in this list, and more expensive, but certainly worth acquiring. Available for \$15 from Omni Resources, or \$19.95 from MapLink.

With all this activity, you would expect the good folks at National Geographic not to be far behind. Just out is their *Afghanistan, Pakistan and the Middle East*, a 1:6,087K scale, 20 x 28" map done in their usual distinctive style. And due out soon after I write this is their new *Afghanistan: Land in Crisis* map, which will be included with the December issue of *National Geographic* magazine and then released separately for public sale in December for \$8.99. It will be one of their familiar two-sided productions, with a detailed 1:3,363K political map of Afghanistan and Pakistan on one side, and on the reverse, "Afghanistan: Land in Crisis," with thematic maps, an historical timeline, photographs, and a satellite image of the area. (There is an interesting article on the making of this map, and the deliberate omission of some "strategic information," in the most recent "National Geographic News" at their website, ([www.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.nationalgeographic.com))).

Even smaller map producers are getting into the act. JIMAPCO is a regional map publisher whose products are usually focused on eastern New York and western Massachusetts and Vermont. They have just tested the international waters with their new map of *Afghanistan, Central Asia-Middle East*. One side shows the entire Middle East-Central Asia region, from Libya to India, at 1:10M; the other side is a more detailed 1:3M map of Afghanistan. The 21 x 38" sheet is attractive and reasonably priced at \$5.95, from MapLink or the JIMAPCO site ([www.jimapco.com](http://www.jimapco.com)).

## **Winkel Tripel**

I must have slept through this momentous change, but it has finally come to my attention that in 1998 the National Geographic Society chose the Winkel Tripel projection as their new official projection for world maps. The Winkel Tripel is a modification of the Robinson projection previously used by the NGS, and was developed to minimize distortion. Among the maps using the projection is their new antique-style *World Political* map, "elegantly and artistically rendered in warm, earthy colors." The 30 x 43" map is quite attractive, and would make a nice display piece. It's available laminated for \$19.95 from the NG online store. NGS also recently issued an interesting map of Mars as a supplement to the February 2001 issue of *National Geographic* magazine. *Destination Mars* is a composite of about a thousand images taken by the Mars Global Surveyor mission. It includes some ancillary maps, text, a timeline, etc. on the reverse, and also uses the Winkel Tripel projection. ([www.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.nationalgeographic.com))

## Secret City Maps

There was some buzz on the Maps-L list recently about the reorganization of NIMA and what it would mean for the distribution of its maps. Fortunately (or unfortunately in some eyes) the commercial vendors always seem to be able to get a hold of these things. For example, OMNI Resources has recently added to their online catalog a number of large-scale NIMA city maps for some out-of-the-way places. Maps from some 14 countries are listed, mainly from eastern Europe but also a few from Latin America and Africa. The scales vary from 1:10K to 1:25K, and most seem to have been produced in the 1980s and '90s. They are definitely not tourist maps, as they focus on the infrastructure and larger buildings (targets?) in the cities. However, in many cases they are the only large-scale maps available for these places. So if you're in need of maps of Brcko or Rogatica in Bosnia; Rijeka, Croatia; Podgorica, Montenegro; Subotica, Serbia; Boosaaso, Somalia; or Jacmel, Haiti ... now is the time to stock up. OMNI offers them for \$20 a sheet (some cities have up to 4 sheets) or \$75 per sheet for the "digital edition." A complete list of available maps is at their web site ([www.omnimap.com](http://www.omnimap.com)).

## Briefly Noted

I suspect a lot more people will be traveling by train these days instead of flying. They may find useful the new Professor Pathfinder's *Northeast USA Passenger Rail Travelers Map*. As the subtitle says, it covers "every passenger rail line and station in the Northeast Corridor" from Maine to Virginia. Produced by Hedberg Maps, the folded laminated map opens to 10 x 26", is done at a scale of about 1:1,425K, and sells for \$6.95 (ISBN: 188550876X).

Released earlier this year was a new *Native American Reservations* map from Russell Publications. The colorful 24 x 36" laminated map locates all 314 federally-recognized reservations and the boundaries of the regions handled by the 11 Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Offices. It also includes some interesting historical graphics and text about the Native population. The author, a Saginaw Chippewa now based in Phoenix, has previously issued several historical Indian maps. \$16 from Map Link (ISBN: 1881933113)

ITMB continues to churn out good reference and travel maps. Just out are several new maps of Far Eastern cities: Tokyo at 1:12K, Osaka at 1:13.5K, and Seoul at 1:15K. There aren't many English-language maps of these places, so they would be handy additions to all collections. \$10.95 each.

Like most folks, I usually like winners (except, of course, for the baseball Yankees). Avenza Software, the company that markets MAPublisher, a program used for the compilation of maps, recently sponsored the first map competition for users of its product. The overall winner was the *Official Map of Louisiana 2000* from the Department of Transportation and

Development and the Louisiana Geological Survey, and the first edition to be "produced entirely digitally." Another winner in the transportation category was the *Montana 2000-2001 Highway Map*, available free from the MT DOT ([www.mdt.state.mt.us/map](http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/map)). All of the winners, good examples of creativity in modern mapmaking, can be seen on the Avenza Systems site ([www.avenza.com](http://www.avenza.com)).

## New Books and Atlases

*Historical Atlas of the North Pacific Ocean: Maps of Discovery and Scientific Exploration 1500-2000*. Derek Hayes. Seattle: Sasquatch Books, 2001. 224 p. (ISBN: 1570613117). This is a wonderfully-illustrated historical atlas by the author of the well-received *Historical Atlas of the Pacific Northwest* published in 1999. Some 80 brief, 2-3-page thematic entries, each accompanied by several excellent map reproductions, trace the history of the exploration of the northern Pacific from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the present. The interesting text is almost overshadowed by the nearly 300 map illustrations (as it should be in a true atlas). The largest section is devoted to the great discovery voyages of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, but more recent developments (e.g., sonar bathymetry and satellite imagery) are also covered. Overall an outstanding production, reasonably priced, and suitable for all collections.

*The Nation Survey'd: Essays on Late Sixteenth-Century Scotland as Depicted by Timothy Pont*. Edited by Ian C. Cunningham. East Linton, East Lothian, Scotland: Tuckwell Press in association with the National Library of Scotland, 2001. 172 p. pbk. \$31.95 (ISBN: 1862321981). One of the treasures of the National Library of Scotland is the collection of manuscript maps produced by Timothy Pont around 1590. Pont was apparently the first person to survey Scotland in any detail, and his maps formed the basis for the first atlas of Scotland by Blaeu in 1654. Since 1995, "Project Pont" has brought together specialists from various fields to study Pont and his writings, and this volume is one result of their work. The nine essays range from the fairly general ("The Age of Timothy Pont") to the quite narrow ("Woodland in the Maps of Pont"). This well-produced and well-illustrated book is not an essential purchase, but useful for those interested in early maps or in all things Scottish.

*Holy Land in Maps*. Edited by Ariel Tishby. NY: Rizzoli; Jerusalem: Jerusalem Museum, 2001. 168 p. \$40 (ISBN: 0847824128). This beautiful book was evidently originally prepared as a catalog to accompany an exhibit at the Israel Museum. After a few brief introductory essays, the work is divided into several chapters of varying length covering world maps, "Maps of the Land of Israel," Hebrew maps, Islamic maps, and maps of Jerusalem. Each of the approximately 70 maps, some familiar, some rarely reproduced, is illustrated in color and accompanied by a brief descriptive essay. It's an eclectic collection, with interesting chapters on such topics as the Madaba map from the 6<sup>th</sup> century A.D., and the history of topographic mapping of Palestine-Israel. Maps of the Holy Land seem to have a special appeal to map collectors, so this informative volume would be a good addition to any collection.

*The Global Media Atlas*. Mark Balnaves, et al. London: British Film Institute, 2001. 128 p., pbk. £15 (ISBN: 0851708609). This is a fascinating little publication that takes the term "media" to new dimensions. A great variety of topics are covered within eight sections, such as "Press and Radio," "Cinema," and "Television and Beyond." Many cover things you probably never thought you needed to know, such as the number of internet connections by country, international sales of recorded music, and the number of Big Macs that can be purchased locally for the price of a movie. It's a little quirky but certainly informative and fun to browse, with clever and colorful maps and charts throughout.

*The Makers of the Blueback Charts: A History of Imray, Laurie, Norie & Wilson Ltd*. Ithaca, NY: Regatta Press, 2001. 158 p. \$45 (ISBN: 0967482658). Dating back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century, British sailors used nautical charts produced by a small number of chart makers working in London. Called "bluebacks" because of the blue paper on which they were mounted and to distinguish them from the new official charts published by the British Admiralty, the term was later used to describe any privately published chart. This book is basically a company history of the few firms responsible for the vast majority of these charts. A succinct overview of the English chart trade is followed by brief histories of the firms of Imray, Laurie, and Norie from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries until their amalgamation in 1904. Particularly interesting is the 20<sup>th</sup> century history of the firm as it faced increased competition from the Royal Navy and struggled to find new niches to keep its business viable. This would be a useful reference for anyone who has a number of early nautical charts in their collection.

*Representing the Republic; Mapping the United States 1600-1900*. John Rennie Short. London: Reaktion Books, 2001. 256 p. \$35 (ISBN: 1861890869). Short, a professor of geography at Syracuse University, has produced a nice overview of the history of mapping in the United States from colonial times to about 1900. Its strong points are the extended treatments of individual mapmakers, such as Jedidiah Morse, John Melish, Henry Schenck Tanner, et al, and of individual works, like the Donck map of New Netherland, DeWitt's maps of New York, and the 1874 *Statistical Atlas of the United States*. There are succinct discussions of the General Land Office maps and the surveys of the West, and even an interesting chapter on Rand McNally and its products. Once you get past the academic jargon in the introduction, the text reads easily enough. It's a very informative work, if a little choppy in organization, that can be dipped into for painless reviews of many topics, and thus a handy addition to a map librarian's personal collection.

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