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To all ICA National Representative Bodies

Newcastle, September 2008

re: Barbara Petchenik Children's map drawing competition, Santiago de Chile International Cartographic Conference 2009

Dear Colleagues,

In Santiago de Chile, 15–21 November 2009, the next competition for the Barbara Petchenik Awards will be held. The Barbara Petchenik Award was created by the ICA in 1993 as a memorial to Barbara Petchenik, a past Vice-President of ICA and cartographer who worked through her life with maps related to children. The aim of the contest is to promote the creative representation of the world in graphic form by children, to enhance their cartographic awareness and to make them conscious of their environment.

Children that participate send in a world map they have drawn. They may be from age groups under 9 years, 9-12 years and above 12 years. Prior to sending in the material to the ICA, a local contest coordinator has to be selected by your national ICA committee to run the contest in your country.

The rules and guidelines for the Barbara Petchenik competition can be found both in the ICA directory sent to all ICA national representative bodies and at the ICA website (www.icaci.org). The theme for the 2009 competition is "Living in a globalized world". The prize winners of the competition will have their entries incorporated on the <http://children.library.carleton.ca/> website and offered to UNICEF as greeting cards; 8-10 prizes of US\$ 50 each will be offered to the winners as well.

The main purpose of this letter is to invite you to have the children in your country participate (again) in this contest, and to nominate a coordinator who will run the contest in your country. We intend to send her or him a copy of the rules of the 2009 competition. As the entries in the contest have to be sent in before 1 June 2009, the names of the national coordinators should be made known to the Secretary-General preferably before 14 November 2008.

Yours sincerely,

David Fairbairn
ICA Secretary-General