

Mainz was decisive. Participants agreed on the desirability of the formation of an international platform. It was striking that the group, predominantly consisting of cartographers proper, disregarded most of the previous suggestions as to its future structure, rejected the idea of amalgamating with any of the existing organisations and expressed its preference for an independent one. In order to prepare such a body the Committee of Six, of which Professor Imhof was appointed chairman, was instructed to arrange a foundation meeting. As the importance of maintaining close contacts with geographers was fully recognised the Committee was further requested to examine possibilities of a coordination or affiliation with IGU. Thus, the idea of a sub-ordination to IGU was abandoned in favour of a coordination.



Figure 3. Mainz 1958. Committee of Six meeting national delegates. Behind the table from left to right, Fitchet, de Brommer, Mannerfelt, Imhof and Gigas. Standing (among others) Böhme, Knorr, Ormeling, Frenzel, Koeman, Siewke, Harris, Kormoss, Gaussen, Bormann

#### Foundation meeting at Bern 1959

In the spring of 1959 Imhof and Gigas sent out invitations to attend a foundation meeting. In June of that year the following thirteen nations who had accepted the invitation assembled in the *Eidgenössische Landestopographie* in Wabern near Bern: Austria, Belgium, France, FRG, Finland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK and USA. It was during this meeting that under Imhof's presidency the formal decision was made to create an organisation named the International Cartographic Association (ICA), with two official languages (English and French) "for the purpose of extending international cooperation in the field of cartography and for the purpose of joining the IGU as an affiliated organisation with sufficient autonomy".

The meeting dissolved the Committee of Six and appointed a provisional Executive Committee with representatives of seven nations among whom Professor Imhof as President and Professor Gigas as Secretary-Treasurer, to serve until the First General Assembly of Delegates planned to be held in Paris in 1961. Finally, the meeting discussed and adopted the draft Statutes as prepared by the Committee of Six,

subject to approval of the General Assembly in Paris. The main job was done. The relationship with the IGU still had to be settled. The members of the Committee of Six, the "founder members" of the Association - de Brommer, Fitchet, Gigas, Harris, Imhof and Mannerfelt - were presented awards of distinction as a mark of gratitude by Imhof's successor President Thackwell at the General Assembly in New Delhi in 1968.

#### Discussions on the Affiliation

In 1960, during the XIXth International Geographical Congress in Stockholm a series of discussions took place on the proposed affiliation between Imhof and Mannerfelt on one side and the IGU executives President Ahlmann, his successor Professor Troll (FRG) and Secretary-General Professor Boesch (Switzerland) on the other. Within IGU a Special Commission on Cartography was set up to study the proposals, and to present a solution acceptable to both ICA and IGU and to recommend any appropriate changes in the Statutes to give effect to this solution.

Ahlmann's successor Professor Carl Troll (FRG) was a strong supporter of the affiliation idea. When attending the first ICA General Assembly in Paris in 1961, he officially declared that he considered that one of his main presidential tasks was to promote the definite approach between the two organisations. Despite his enthusiasm, in the IGU Executive Committee doubts were raised as to whether ICA's aims and objectives were compatible with those of the IGU. The doubts arose from the fact that at the Esselte (1956) and Chicago (1958) conferences, cartographers were invited by private institutions (Esselte Map Service and Rand McNally respectively) and that invitations were not extended to all cartographers and countries. While geography, belonging to the domain of universities and other scientific institutions, was traditionally beyond suspicion, cartography as a technical science might be subject to commercial and governmental influences. Taking this view Vice-President Gerasimov (USSR) expressed the opinion that the proposed affiliation with ICA had to be rejected. According to de Brommer who reported on the matter, it is likely that the USSR was put off because initiatives originated from western countries including NATO members.

#### First General Assembly of Delegates

In May 1961 the first General Assembly of Delegates was held in the Conference Centre of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Paris. The meeting, attended by 84 delegates from 29 nations, was royally organised by the *Comité Français de Techniques Cartographiques* (CFTC), established in 1957. It was steered by its dynamic Secretary-General Stéphane de Brommer, who had succeeded in getting the support of no less than four Ministries as well as that of the *Commissariat Général du Tourisme*, the *Institut Français du Pétrole* and the *Institut Géographique National* (IGN). Among the participants were Professor Carl Troll (FRG), President of the IGU Director Paes Clemente (Portugal), President of ISP, Mr. Georges Laclavère, Secretary General of the IUGG,



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Welcome and overview • *Bienvenue et vue d'ensemble*

1400-1420 **William Cartwright (President, International Cartographic Association)**  
Celebrating 50 years of ICA history  
*William Cartwright (président, l'Association Cartographique Internationale)*  
Célébration des 50 ans de l'ACI

1420-1430 **Stefan Arn (Swiss Society of Cartography)**  
Welcome to the 50th anniversary event  
*Stefan Arn (Société Suisse de Cartographie)*  
*Bienvenue au cinquantième anniversaire*

The ICA from 1959 • *l'ACI depuis 1959*

1430-1450 **Walter Imhof**  
Presentation of and comments on a 1981 TV Film on Prof. Eduard Imhof  
*Walter Imhof*  
*Présentation d'un film (1981) sur le professeur Eduard Imhof*

1450-1510 **Bengt Rystedt (President 1999-2003, International Cartographic Association)**  
The way towards ICA and the contribution of Carl Mannerfelt  
*Bengt Rystedt (président 1999-2003, Association Cartographique Internationale)*  
*La route vers l'ACI et la contribution de Carl Mannerfelt*

1510-1530 **Ernst Spiess**  
ICA efforts in Map Design and Production  
*Ernst Spiess*  
*Les efforts de l'ACI pour la conception et la production de carte*

**Break • *Pause***

1600-1630 **Jean-Philippe Grélot (Secretary-General & Treasurer 1991-1999, International Cartographic Association)**  
ICA in the 1990s: Cartographers entering the Information Society  
*Jean-Philippe Grélot (secrétaire-général & trésorier 1991-1999, Association Cartographique Internationale)*  
*L'ACI dans les années 90: les cartographes et la 'société de l'information'*

1630-1700 **Christopher Board**  
Reflections on three ICA Commissions: from Technical Terms and Communication to History of Cartography  
*Christopher Board*  
*Réflexion sur trois Commissions de l'ACI : Les termes techniques, La Communication, et L'Histoire de la cartographie*

1700-1730 **Lorenz Hurni**  
Swiss Cartography in the 20th century  
*Lorenz Hurni*  
*La cartographie Suisse au 20ième siècle*

**Aperitif • *Apéritif***

1730-1800 **Aperitif offered by swisstopo / Swiss Society of Cartography**  
*Apéritif offert par swisstopo / Société Suisse de Cartographie*

**Gala Dinner • *Le dîner de gala***

1900-2400 **Gala Dinner at The Casino, Herrengasse 25, 3011 Bern**  
*Le dîner de gala au Casino, Herrengasse 25, 3011 Berne*

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Celebrating the future • *Célébration du futur*

0900-0925 **Dietmar Grünreich**  
The future of cartography in the context of SDIs as public infrastructure at national, European and global levels  
*Dietmar Grünreich*  
*Le futur de la cartographie dans le cadre des IDS en tant qu'infrastructure publique aux niveaux national, européen et mondial*

0925-0945 **Anne Ruas**  
Research on data integration  
*Anne Ruas*  
*Recherche sur l'intégration de données*

0945-1030 **Menno-Jan Kraak**  
ICA Research Agenda  
*Menno-Jan Kraak*  
*Programme de recherche de l'ACI*

**Break • *Pause***

The work of ICA Commissions • *Le travail de Commissions de l'ACI*

1100-1230 **Presentations from some ICA Commissions: perceptions of the future / Présentations de quelques Commissions d'ACI : perceptions du futur**

**Elri Liebenberg:** Chair / *Présidente*, Commission on the History of Cartography  
**Evangelos Livieratos:** Chair / *Président*, Commission on Digital Technologies in Cartographic Heritage  
**Philippe de Maeyer:** Chair / *Président*, Commission on Management & Economics in Map Production  
**Michael Peterson:** Chair / *Président*, Commission on Maps & the Internet  
**Chris Perkins:** Chair / *Président*, Commission on Maps & Society

**Lunch • *Déjeuner***

The work of National Mapping Agencies • *Les Agences de Cartographie*

1400-1600 **Presentations from some national mapping agencies / Présentations de quelques agences cartographiques**

**Vanessa Lawrence:** Director General / *Directrice Générale*, Ordnance Survey of Great Britain  
**Jarmo Ratia:** Director General / *Directeur Général*, National Land Survey of Finland  
**Karen Siderelis:** Geospatial Information Officer / *Directrice du service de l'information géospatiale*, Department of the Interior, USA  
**Fridolin Wicki:** Vice-Director / *Vice-Directeur*  
**André Streilein:** Head of Topography / *responsable topographie*, the Federal Office of Topography swisstopo, CH

**Conclusion**

1600 **William Cartwright**  
Future plans and closure  
**William Cartwright**  
Perspectives

There will be an exhibition in the swisstopo building on 'Eduard Imhof & the ICA', presented by ETH Zurich  
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