

## PREFACE

The Call for Papers for the 20<sup>th</sup> International Cartographic Conference (ICC 2001 Beijing China) attracted highly active responses. More than five hundred abstracts were submitted to the Scientific and Technical Program Committee for review. After careful evaluation, 8 papers were selected for the 2 plenary sessions, over 300 papers selected for the 65 oral presentation sessions and over 100 papers selected for the 4 poster presentation sessions.

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Special thanks are extended to all the authors, whose contribution has enabled the Scientific and Technical Program of ICC 2001 Beijing China to cover such an impressive variety of subjects. The papers in the Proceedings offer a comprehensive view of the contemporary cartographic research and development. It is our hope that the Proceedings will promote discussions and contribute to progress of cartography in the new millennium.

Finally, the Scientific and Technical Program Committee would like to thank the Chairs of all the sessions for accepting this important task for the realization of the 20<sup>th</sup> International Cartographic Conference.

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