

## **The results of ICA Commission on the History of Cartography's work in 2003-2007.**

During 2003-2007 the Commission concentrated its work on bibliography and source studies of the following topics.

1. Field surveys: manuals and instructions (manuscripts including), reports, tables of symbols, theoretical publications (including chapters in geographical books), textbooks; same kind of materials for compiling of geographical descriptions during (or after) the surveys.
2. Small scale (cabinet) general and thematic cartography: published and manuscript works on map compilation with use of different source materials, instruments, and techniques; publications and writings on map projections and their use; works on maps' generalization.
3. Use of maps: instructions for professionals (cartographers, geographers, and others) and ordinary consumers; geographers' writings and remarks on the matter.

To get a concrete result for our efforts, we connected all official (nominated by National Committees) members and asked them to send their materials on topics relevant to the Commission's terms of references. The output was not as widespread geographically as we had hoped, but the materials collected were published for the Commission's Meeting in Kaliningrad (August, 2006). Participants of Kaliningrad Conference were presented with the book "Development of Ideas and Methods in Cartography", and a few participants of the Commission Meeting discussed oral presentations by the book's authors.

Later, I have sent the book's copies to the Commission's members, leading libraries and historians of cartography.

While distributing the book we asked the commission's members to comment on its contents and present some new materials for the second issue of the commission's proceedings which would be published for the next ICA Conference in Moscow. It happened so, that all materials which we had received as a result of this request fall into topics related to the Russian cartographic history.

So, for the Moscow Conference (August 2007) our Commission prepared its proceedings under the title “The History of Mapping of Moscow Tsardom and the Stories of Russian Cartography.”

I regret to point out a poor activity of many members of the Commission. I am sure that this is a result of creating in ICA of two working groups dealing with history of cartography topics: History of Colonial Cartography and Digitize methods in studying of old maps. These directions of research are very important for our field of knowledge, but, from my point of view, they should not be cut out from the main stream of historical-cartographical studies of ICA.

I would like to ask the ICA General Assembly and Executive Committee to confirm the future functioning of ICA Commission on the History of Cartography as a sole body for this kind of activity which should include working groups with relevant research agenda.

Concluding my short report, I would like to point out that our Commission worked in lines with Terms of References accepted for 2003-2007, although it could not fulfill all its plans as regards thematic and territorial coverage. I propose to continue the Commission’s activities in 2007-2011 under the same Terms of Reference with some slight changes.

### **ICA Commission on the History of Cartography’s Terms of Reference and Plans of activities for 2007-2011**

Basing on the main character of the International Cartographic Association, as a scientific community dealing with the development of Cartographic Ideas, Theory, Methods, Design, and Technology of maps’ reproduction by different means, as well as with Geographical Information Systems and their applications in Cartography, we deem it necessary to concentrate our forces on these topics which are essential for the recent Cartography. By other words, we think that in the ICA’ world of professional cartographers it would be proper to pay a thorough attention to the scientific and technological development of this branch of Geographical Science and Practice.

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of different countries and cultures. On the other hand we think it advisable to concentrate our efforts on those periods of the History of Cartography which are now being under consideration in the ongoing work for volumes Five (Cartography in the Nineteenth Century) and Six (Cartography in the Twentieth Century) of the International History of Cartography.

To fulfill this general program in some kind of a finished form during in 2007-2011, we propose to concentrate our work on the bibliography and source studies of the following topics.

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As a result, we should compile a research tool for scholars in the form of an annotated bibliography of published and manuscript works on these topics for each country.

