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Subject: Report of the ICC General Assembly on ICA-Commission on National & Regional Atlases Activities

The ICA Commission on National and Regional Atlases participated in a variety of activities during the past term.

Terms-of-Reference:

1. Promote and support the design, production and use of atlases and atlas information systems by:
 - demonstrating design and production applications of national and regional atlases;
 - conducting workshops and/or seminars that present recent and potential atlas developments and innovations;
 - documenting guidelines and procedures for the design and production of global, national, and regional atlases via the Internet and, where applicable, CD-ROM, DVD, and printed proceedings.
2. Explore and develop new tools for atlas design, creation and dissemination by:
 - encouraging exploration and implementation of new atlas design concepts;
 - recognizing static, interactive, multimedia and animated approaches for accessing and disseminating geographic information;
 - evaluating the use of the Internet, CD-ROMs, DVDs, and other formats for dissemination of integrated geographic data.
3. Encourage efforts for integrating data for the development of electronic atlases and national and regional atlas information systems by:
 - acknowledging requirements for diverse geographic and temporal data themes;
 - identifying and exploring various options and issues for data integration.



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Recent CNRA Activities:

1. 2003 - International Conference on National and Regional Atlases sponsored by the National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organization (NATMO), Kolkata, India.
2. 2004 - International Geographical Union - Atlas session and atlas exhibition – Glasgow, Scotland
3. 2005 - Joint ICA Commissions Seminar "Internet-Based Cartographic Teaching and Learning: Atlases, Map Use, and Visual Analytics"
4. 2006 – 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Atlas of Canada as primary theme of GeoTec Conference, Ottawa
5. 2007 – Association of American Geographers – ICA Panel on Practical Considerations in a National Atlas Information System – San Francisco, USA

Related ICA-CNRA Activities:

1. 2003 - Working meeting of Commission Chairs of the ICA - Budapest
2. 2007 – UN Expert Group Meeting on Contemporary Practices in Census Mapping and Use of GIS – New York USA