To: Secretary-General, ICA

From: Timothy Trainor, Chair

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.
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

Related ICA-CNRA Activities:

1. 2003 - Working meeting of Commission Chairs of the ICA - Budapest