Introduction

In 2007 the WG on the History of Colonial Cartography amalgamated with the existing ICA Commission on the History of Cartography with Prof Elri Liebenberg (South Africa) as Chair. Dr Peter Collier of Portsmouth University (UK) and Dr Imre Josef Demhardt (University of Texas at Arlington) have acted as Vice-Chairs. The Commission currently has 62 members of which 30 can be regarded as “active”.

Terms of Reference

During the period 2007-2011 specific attention was given to

1. The investigation of the impact of technological innovations during the last two centuries.

2. The documentation of the recent history of GI science in general and computer-aided mapping and Geographical Information Systems in particular.

3. The examination of the changing role of maps worldwide as cartographical (as opposed to historical) documents during the late 18th, the 19th and the 20th centuries.

4. The maintenance of a dedicated website www.icahistcarto.org which acts as source of reference and database for commission members and other interested researchers.

Commission meetings


2009: Commission meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, 11 July 2009.


Publications


Website

The Commission’s website www.icahistcarto.org was redesigned and upgraded during the reporting period.

2012 Symposium

The Commission’s 4th International Symposium will take place in Budapest, Hungary.