



# REPORT 2015 – 2019 ICA Commission / Working Group on MAPS AND GRAPHICS FOR BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED PEOPLE

## Publications



Publish and distribute the book **“Teaching and Learning About Geographic Space Through Touch: Methodological Guidance”**  
Authors: Alejandra Coll Escanilla, Teresa Barrientos Guzmán, Víctor Huentelmu Ramírez

This book was a project backed by the ICA and the Pan-American Institute for Geography and History (PAIGH) and run by the Metropolitan Technological University of Chile (UTEM), with the aim of providing methodological guidance to teachers about how to use tactile cartography for teaching geographic concepts to blind pupils and students. The book (in both Spanish and English languages) was published in 2017 and distributed during 2018.



Jennifer Pinto Soto, from Santiago de Chile.

Active participation of the Commission in the International Map Year 2015/16. The ICA published the book *"The World of Maps"*, in which authors from all over the world participate and in this time our commission has collaborated with Chapter 18, entitled: **"Tactile Cartography: Essential for the Visually Disabled"**, from the authors MCs. Alejandra Coll Escanilla and the Cartographer

## ICA events

The Commission relates to research and production of cartography that responds to the needs of people with sensory disabilities, learning problems, reduced mobility, senior adults, among others. This cartography may be made and take the shape of: tactile maps, audio maps, GPS or mobile maps, multisensory maps.



**“Sharing knowledge” Joint ICA Symposium**  
At ICC 2017, we collaborated with the commissions: Cartography and Children, Education and Training and Planetary Cartography on a pre-conference event.



The Commission Chair at the panels with the sheets prepared by the UTEM and displayed in the Cartographic Exhibition.



The Commission Chair at the poster about her project, with Prof. Paulo Menezes, one of the ICA Vice-President, present.

## Organization of Courses and Workshops



**Courses and Workshops about Cartography Accessible to Disabled People:**  
1 – Costa Rica (2016); 2 – São Paulo – Brazil (2018);  
3 – Santiago – Chile (2018); 4 - São Paulo – Brazil (2019)



**Commission Meeting** in Santiago – Chile  
From right to left: Waldirene Ribeiro, Alejandra Coll, Jennifer Pinto, Edwin Hunt and Teresa Barrientos.

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