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Commission Report to the ICA Executive Committee

Commission: **Commission on Mountain Cartography**
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General Remarks:

The Commission on Mountain Cartography has become known for our interesting and intensive workshops that take place every second year in different and diverse mountain regions around the world. Since our first gathering at Silvretta in the Austrian Alps in 1998, we have held workshops in the mountains of North America, Europe and New Zealand.

The COVID-19 crisis forced us to reschedule our 12th workshop, originally planned for April 2020 in the Colorado Rockies, USA, to April 2023. By that time, five years had elapsed since our previous workshop in Croatia, on the Dalmatian island of Hvar.

To fill this gap, we held two virtual ICA-CMC meetings, the first one on 21 November 2020 and the second one on 12 March 2022. The virtual meeting in March 2022 based on experiences from the virtual meeting in 2020. We carefully selected a meeting time so that no one would have to participate in the middle of the night. Initially planned as a business meeting in order to inform commission members about recent ICA developments, we expanded the meeting to include a mini virtual workshop with seven short presentations by commission members focusing on interesting projects that they have worked on since we last met. There were 28 participants from 15 countries and four continents.



Participants of 2nd commission's virtual meeting, March 2022

By 2023, pandemic-related travel restrictions had eased and CMC members were eager to once again meet in-person at the 12th ICA Mountain Cartography Workshop, held April 11–

15, 2023 in Colorado's Rocky Mountains. The workshop had 51 participants from Austria, France, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Switzerland, and the United States. Thirty of the participants were first-time attendees, with women and younger participants well represented. The youngest participant was 25 and the eldest was 82. The theme of this year's workshop was "People, Maps, and Mountains" in order to focus on the importance of using cartography to better understand human/mountain interactions—adventure, sustainable management, travel, recreation, etc. The workshop featured 40 presentations, including two remotes, grouped into nine sessions. The 22nd commission's business meeting was held, as well. The workshop program, CMC business meeting notes, and other information are available on the CMC website at <http://www.mountaincartography.org>.



Participants of 12^{ve} commission's workshop, Snow Mountain Ranch, Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado, USA, April 2023

The next in-person workshop is now planned in Zakopane, Poland, in April 2024. Further information, such as deadlines for contributions, will follow.

The commission web-site <http://www.mountaincartography.org>, webmastered by Klemen Kozmus Trajkovski, cartographer and lecturer at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, is another channel for informing commission members and the others interested.

Commission/Working Group highlights (e.g. conferences, publications, products & services, awards, etc. and outcomes for the EC to take note)

- 2nd Virtual meeting of the Commission on Mountain Cartography, 7 presentations / 28 participants, 12 March 2022
- 12th ICA Mountain Cartography Workshop, People, Maps, and Mountains, Snow Mountain Ranch, Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado, USA, 40 presentations / 51 participants, April 2023
- 22nd meeting, Friday April 14th 2023, Indian Peaks Lodge, Snow Mountain Ranch, Colorado, USA (minutes are published at: <http://www.mountaincartography.org/activities/meetings/index.php>)

Notable cross-disciplinary events (e.g. with other ICA Commissions/WGs, regional and international communities)

Notable public events (e.g. invited public speech, Mapathon, TED talks, hackathon, etc.)

Educational highlights (e.g. degree programs, MOOCs, lifelong learning courses)

Any other sharable experiences

No new activities coordinated by the Commission have been launched. Although individual members certainly are involved in such activities, the commission does not collect that information.

Upcoming events and planned actions

- sessions at ICC 2023 Cape Town, August 2023;
- the 13th ICA Mountain Cartography Workshop, Zakopane, Poland, April 3 – 7 2024.