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Publication Report

A major effort in the last 4 years was to establish a new publication policy. It was introduced in 2017 and especially focuses on the **conference proceedings**. In order to give them an adequate visibility and reputation, a conference publication series was established, which is administrated and hosted by a professional publisher, Copernicus GmbH. There are three publication options, which are distinguished according to the review and the extent of the papers: *ICA Advances* (full paper review) and *ICA Proceedings* (abstract based review, extended to full paper) and *ICA Abstracts* (abstract based review, publication of abstract). The benefits will be manifold:

- *Visibility*: one single point of contact for the publications of ICA events
- *Reliability*: the publications will be available at the time of the conference, and findable on the ICA webpages (as well as at Copernicus)
- *Open Access*: the publications are published online and under the Creative Commons licence
- *Reputation*: the publisher will suggest the ICA Advances and Proceedings for inclusion in several data bases and indices (e.g. Scopus Web of Science)
- *Standardization*: one standardized format of the publications

Starting in 2017, the ICA records the outcomes of their Conferences like ICC, RCC as well as all other ICA events in three official publication outlets.

The new policy replaces the Springer book as the publication form of the conferences. This new policy does not interfere with publications in ICA related journals; in contrast, it will provide an excellent basis for developing high-level journal publications.

After the Washington meeting in 2017 it was decided to publish the papers which had been accepted, but which were not included in the Springer Book in the new series. This implied, that all 132 papers had to be typesetted in the new template. Hence, the first publication in the new series are the *Proceedings Vol. 1* (<https://www.proc-int-cartogr-assoc.net/1/index.html>). For the ICC in Tokyo, papers in all three series will be published.

The goal is that in the future, also workshops and other events will publish their papers in the new series.

ICA News:

ICA News is a biannual newsletter documenting the activities of the ICA and its members and commissions. It is edited by Igor Drecki. For financial reasons, but mainly also due to changing habits of readers, EC decided to stop the printing and distribution of the ICA News. Thus, the ICA News are only available in digital form. Also in this form, this communication medium continues to be highly attractive.

International Journal of Cartography:

Each year, three issues of the International Journal of Cartography have been published. In 2019, issues 2 and 3 are devoted to 14 selected publications from the ICC in Tokyo.

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