To the
General Secretary and President of the
International Cartographic Association ICA

Neuchâtel, 10th February 2019

Nomination of Dr. René Sieber as Chair of the ICA Commission on Atlases for the next period of 2019–2023

Dear László, dear Menno-Jan

It is my great pleasure as President of the Swiss Society of Cartography to propose to the next ICA General Assembly in Tokyo, according with articles 8, 10 and 24 of the ICA Statutes, the nomination of Dr. René Sieber, Zurich, as Chairperson to the ICA Commission on Atlases for the next quadrennial term, starting in 2019.

Dr. René Sieber (Institute of Cartography and Geoinformation at the ETH Zurich) is currently deputy editor-in-chief of the world-famous and many times rewarded “Atlas of Switzerland”. René has been actively engaged in the Atlas Commission as well as in the whole atlas community for decades. For the last four years, he has been chairing the Commission successfully and accompanied many of its activities, e.g. as the “Cookbook for the production of digital atlases”. Together with the proposed vice-chair Eric Losang (Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, Germany) he will guarantee not only for the continuation of the excellent work of this very important ICA Commission, but also foster new activities, some of which you can find in the proposed Terms of Reference attached.

The presented nomination has the full support and endorsement of the President and the Executive Committee of the Swiss Society of Cartography. We are proud to make this proposal, and we are at the same time more than certain, that Dr. René Sieber is an excellent candidate for this position. Please find attached, besides a declaration of his willingness to serve in this position, the proposed Terms of Reference for the Commission and a short CV of René, which provides you with more details on the candidacy.

If you or the Executive Committee have any questions on this nomination, please do not hesitate to contact either René or myself.
Yours sincerely

Dr. Thomas Schulz
President

Attachments:
Note of willingness to serve and motivation
Curriculum Vitae Dr. René Sieber
Terms of Reference for the Commission on Atlases 2019-2023
Curriculum Vitae

René Sieber, born 1958, has a diploma in geography from the University of Zurich. His Ph.D. thesis dealt with visual perception of 3D models. He is a staff member of the Institute of Cartography and Geoinformation since 1991. He has been involved in editorial work for the SWISS WORLD ATLAS and for the interactive version of the ATLAS OF SWITZERLAND, for which he acts as deputy editor-in-chief and project leader. Since 2015, he is chair of the ICA Commission on National Atlases. He is also in charge as a lecturer of the “Multimedia and Web Cartography“ course at ETH Zurich.
Zurich, 04. February 2019  

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Dear László, dear Menno-Jan

Hereby I would like to confirm my application as Chair of the ICA Commission of Atlases during the upcoming period 2019–2023. Providing being elected at the General Assembly of the Delegates of the ICA in Tokyo 2019, it would be a great pleasure to lead the commission for the next term.

Sincerely,

Dr. René Sieber

Project Manager Atlas of Switzerland
Chair ICA Commission on Atlases