February 11, 2019

Professor László Zentai  
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Dear Secretary-General Zentai:

As the Chair of the United States National Committee (USNC) to the International Cartographic Association (ICA), on behalf of the United States of America, I am pleased to submit a nomination for a Commission on Visual Analytics. The terms of reference and bios for the co-chair, Anthony Robinson (USA), and co-chair, Arzu Çöltekin (Switzerland), are attached.

Respectfully,

Aileen R. Buckley, PhD  
Chair, U.S. National Committee to the International Cartographic Association
To the
Secretary General and President of the
International Cartographic Association ICA

Neuchâtel, 10th February 2019

Nomination of Dr. Arzu Çöltekin as Co-Chair of the ICA Commission on Visual Analytics 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. Arzu Çöltekin, Zurich, as co-chair to the ICA Commission on Visual Analytics for the next quadrennial term, starting in 2019, together with co-chair Anthony Robinson (USA).

Dr. Arzu Çöltekin (Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz) has been actively engaged in the Commission already as well as in the community for many years. Together with the proposed co-chair Anthony Robinson (United States) she 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. Arzu Çöltekin is an excellent candidate for this position. Please find attached, besides a declaration of her willingness to serve in this position, the proposed Terms of Reference for the Commission and a short CV of Arzu, 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 Arzu or myself.
Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Dr. Thomas Schulz
President

Attachments:
Note of willingness to serve and motivation
Curriculum Vitae Dr. Arzu Çöltekin
Terms of Reference for the Commission on Visual Analytics 2019-2023
Proposed Co-Chair:

Anthony C. Robinson ([http://sites.psu.edu/arobinson/](http://sites.psu.edu/arobinson/)) is an Assistant Professor of Geography and Director of Online Geospatial Education Programs at Penn State. He is also an Assistant Director for the GeoVISTA Center in the Department of Geography. Dr. Robinson serves as the Chair of the International Cartographic Association (ICA) Commission on Visual Analytics and has recently served as the President of the North American Cartographic Information Society (NACIS). His research focuses broadly on designing and evaluating geovisualization tools to improve geographic information utility and usability. He has completed research projects in epidemiology, crisis management, national security, and higher education domains. His research efforts have involved characterizing how users assemble and collect their analytical results, studying the use of visualization tools using eye-tracking, and evaluating new methods for cartographic representation in a variety of contexts. In recent work he has begun work to develop geovisual methods for representing the presence of absence in big spatial data, and to characterize the design and content of viral maps. Dr. Robinson has had the opportunity to teach one of Penn State’s Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) on Coursera and Futurelearn – *Maps and the Geospatial Revolution*, which has drawn over 125,000 students from 200 countries to date.
Dr. Arzu Çöltekin ([http://www.geo.uzh.ch/~arzu/](http://www.geo.uzh.ch/~arzu/)) is an Associate Professor at the Institute for Interactive Technologies of the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland, and a research affiliate at the Seamless Astronomy group at Harvard University (USA). She has been a Research Group Leader and a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Geography of the University of Zurich (Switzerland) prior to this appointment. She is also the appointed chair of the ISPRS working group Geovisualization and Virtual Reality. Her interdisciplinary work covers topics related to Geographic information science (GIScience), visualization, vision (perception and cognition), eye tracking, virtual environments, and human-computer interaction.
February 15, 2019

Dr. Aileen Buckley
Chair, US National Committee for the ICA

Dear Dr. Buckley:

In conformance with the by-laws of the ICA, I formally acknowledge my willingness to serve as co-chair of the ICA Commission on Visual Analytics if elected by the General Assembly in July 2019.

Sincerely,

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