

Letter of Declaration

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Thomas Schulz
Secretary-General of the ICA
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Dear Thomas Schulz,

This is to declare that I understand that I am nominated for the chair of the International Cartographic Association's (ICA) Commission on Ubiquitous Mapping, which is intended to continue for the years 2023-2027. I understand, as well, the missions of ICA commissions in general and the roles of commission chairs.

Since the establishment of the Commission in 2003, I have been in interaction with commission members through research on cognitive issues about the understanding and use of maps and other spatial representations, particularly satellite navigation tools and various location based services. I have been a member of the IGU (the International Geographical Union) and ICA subcommittees in the Science Council of Japan since 2017, and served as a local organizing committee member for the International Cartographic Conference (ICC 2019) held in Tokyo in 2019.

For the period of 2023-2027, I intend to continue the activities that have been successfully pursued by the Commission and expand its scope to human and social, as well as technological, aspects of ubiquitous mapping. I believe that continued efforts along these lines in close connection with other commissions and the related disciplines of cognitive, social, and geospatial information sciences will contribute to the development of research and application of cartography in the age of ubiquitous geographic information and the further recognition of the Association among researchers and practitioners in cartography and geographic information science.

Sincerely yours,



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