

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**between the**  
**INTERNATIONAL CARTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION**  
**and**  
**URBAN & REGIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION**

NOTING that ICA is the world authoritative body for cartography and Geographic Information (GI) Science, that ICA works with national and international governmental and commercial bodies and with other international scientific societies to contribute to the understanding and solution of world-wide problems through the use of cartography and GIScience in decision-making processes, fostering the international dissemination of environmental, economic, social and spatial information through mapping; and that it provides a global forum for discussion of the role and status of cartography and GIScience facilitating the transfer of new cartographic and GI technology and knowledge between nations, especially to the developing nations; to carry out or to promote multi-national cartographic and GIScience research in order to solve scientific and applied problems; and also enhances cartographic and GIScience education in the broadest sense through publications, seminars and conferences and promotes the use of professional and technical standards in cartography and GIScience; and

NOTING that URISA is considered to be the premier international organization for the use and integration of spatial information technology to improve the quality of life in urban and regional environments; URISA members and participants typically use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and other information technologies to solve challenges in government agencies; URISA promotes the effective and ethical use of spatial information and information technologies for the understanding and management of urban and regional systems; URISA fosters excellence in GIS through its programs, guiding and supporting GIS professionals throughout their careers; URISA presents an abundance of educational programs, publishes the peer-reviewed *URISA Journal*, *The GIS Professional* newsletter, and thousands of conference proceedings papers included in the URISA Body of Knowledge, offers volunteer GIS expertise through its *GISCorps* program, and assists government agencies with benchmarking GIS maturity through its GIS Management Institute; thus

CONCLUDING that ICA and URISA share a common interest in addressing issues relating to the development, implementation, operation and management of technology, standards and applications for a range of geospatial data handling purposes, notably in production, visualisation, analysis and dissemination;

this MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is presented to provide a framework for a continuing liaison between the two organisations. This will be achieved by maintaining and increasing the opportunities of scientific, technical and professional as well as academic and educational exchange between their members, through a continuing programme of co-operation leading to mutual sharing of knowledge and expertise to the advantage of both organisations.

Both organisations HEREBY AGREE to endeavour to intensify their co-operation for mutual benefit. The following steps will be taken, among others:

1. The relevant academic, scientific or operationally established groupings such as commissions, committees or working groups that each organisation has established

will liaise closely with each other and invite representation from each other where it is agreed that it would be appropriate.

2. Each organisation will inform the other of its programme of proposed scientific, academic or professional activities such as conferences, seminars and workshops to enable joint participation should it be of mutual benefit, and publicise and inform its members of these events as appropriate.
3. Both organisations will identify opportunities to organise specialised seminars or workshops under joint sponsorship, and may also seek to promote joint publications. This can be especially seen in the area of service-oriented mapping, modern cartography, SDI, and open source geospatial information management.
4. Both organisations will identify opportunities to organise cooperative training and capacity building programmes.
5. This Memorandum will not of itself give rise to any financial implications for ICA or for URISA;
6. This Memorandum may be modified or amended by written agreement between ICA and URISA;
7. This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature by the authorized representatives of ICA and URISA and may be terminated by either ICA or URISA by written notification to the other party six months in advance of the date of termination.

IN WITNESS WHITHIN, the parties hereto have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on the.

4 March 2015



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2 JUNE 2015



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