

# International Map Year



**International Cartographic Association**  
Commission on Cartography and Children



**BARBARA PETCHENIK**  
**INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN MAP DESIGN COMPETITION 2015**

## INVITATION

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the International Cartographic Association and the Commission on Cartography and Children, it is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the next Barbara Petchenik Map Competition 2015, an event created with the aim of promoting the creative representation of the world in graphic form by children.

In 2015, this biannual international award has a special connotation, because it is organized on the frame of activities programmed within the *International Map Year*. The theme for the 2015 competition remains the same: “**My place in today’s world**” and the entries can be nominated in four age groups: under 6 years, 6-8 years, 9-12 years and 13-15 years. The deadline for the participation in the contest is **1 May 2015**.

Winner drawings selected at national level will be displayed in the International Exhibition to be held during the 27<sup>th</sup> International Cartographic Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 23 to 28 August 2015. An international jury will select the best entries by each age group. Also there will be a public vote open to all participants for a dedicated public prize. If you are interested in using children maps in your context, e.g. with publications, we would like to encourage you to contact us.

For more detailed information about the competition, please visit the ICA website of the International Cartographic Association (<http://icaci.org/petchenik/>), the Commission on Cartography and Children (<http://lazarus.elte.hu/ccc/ccc.htm>) or their Facebook profile (<https://www.facebook.com/icacc>).

If you are interested to see the drawings made by children in the previous competitions, you can find all of them on the website entitled “Children Map their World” maintained by the Maps, Data and Government Information Centre at Carleton University Library (<http://children.library.carleton.ca/>).

ICA hopes that we can count on the participation of your country in the competition 2015.

Yours sincerely,

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