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 Children’s Map Competition 2019, an event created with the aim of promoting the creative representation of the world in graphic form by children.

The theme for the 2019 competition remains the same one that in 2017: “We love maps”. 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 2019.

Winner map drawings selected at national level will be displayed at the International Exhibition to be held during the 29th International Cartographic Conference in Tokyo, Japan from 15 to 20 July 2019. An international jury will select the best entries from each age group. Additionally, there will be prize issued based on a public vote by the conference participants, as well as a Creativity Award issued by the ICA Commission on Art and Cartography.

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 in using children maps in your context, e.g. with publications, we would like to encourage you to contact us. The map drawings made by children in the previous competitions can be found in the “Archive of the Barbara Petchenik Children's Map Competition” website, maintained by the Carleton University Library (https://childrenmaps.library.carleton.ca/).

ICA assumes we can count on the participation of your country in the competition 2019.

Yours sincerely,

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