FOLLOWING A TRADITION BEGUN LAST CHRISTMAS the last newsletter of this year is formed mainly by images (and very short texts 😊) to resume all the activities that Commission members done during the year, presenting photos taken anywhere all over the world… and (perhaps) never seen before 😊

Collage of photos taken during the Joint Commission meeting in Budapest beginning September, a day previous to the 9th International Workshop on Digital Approaches to Cartographic Heritage (all the photos here: http://lazarus.elte.hu/hun/buszke/2014-cartoheritage/03-comm-meeting/thumb.html)
Poster created by organizers of the 5th ICC&GIS Conference held in the Bulgarian Riviera last June with two photos taken during our Commission meeting there (other photos here: http://lazarus.elte.hu/ccc/2014iccgis/index.html)


Some of the winner drawings in the Brazilian Edition (Prof. Lívia de Oliveira Award 2014) of the Barbara Petchenik Children’s World Map Competition 2015
Announcing the Chilean edition of the Barbara Petchenik Competition on the website of the Military Geographical Institute of Chile (http://www.igm.cl/)

Map of the center area of Areal city (Rio de Janeiro State, Brazil), which is the result of a MSc research entitled “It should be on a map, because it is part of the world: Mapping with Children in Areal (RJ)” and developed by Reinaldo José de Lima under the guidance of Prof. Jader Janer Moreira Lopes at the Fluminense Federal University in Niterói (2014).
Two pages of the volume 11 of the series entitled “Estudio”, which was especially dedicated to Cartography in the school year 2004-2005. The editor of the series is the Adanae Association, formed by ex-pupils of the Estudio Elementary-Secondary and High School in Madrid, Spain. The title of this chapter is “Cartography for excursions”.
Other nice map from the atlas entitled “Viktiga kartor - för äventyrare och dagdrömmare” (Key maps for daydreamers and adventurers), which was presented in our two previous newsletters. In the bottom right corner her author and designer, Sarah Sheppard (Sweden).

On September of this year I had the opportunity to visit (together with professors and students of the Paulista State University) an Elementary School in an encampment near to the town of Jacarezinho (Paraná State, Brazil). The encampment is placed in a “latifundio” (large landed estate) occupied by peasant families, which are members of the Rural Workers Landless Movement (MST). It was a unique experience to see how the families organized the teaching of their children counting only with a minimum of resources.
Front cover of the Anniversary volume of the “Children Map the World" series to be published by ESRI Press very soon, crowning the collaboration developed by ESRI Press and ICA editors from last February. In 2013 we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the first Barbara Petchenik International World Map Design Competition, organized within the activities of the 16th International Cartographic Conference held in Cologne (Germany) in 1993. By this reason the book contains not only a selection of 50 drawings named to the Barbara Petchenik Competition 2015, but also a special selection of 20 drawings (never published before) from the competitions organized between 1993 and 2011.
AND WHERE DO WE PLAN TO MEET NEXT YEAR?

Our commission together with the ICA Commissions on Maps for Blind and Partially Sighted People, Planetary Cartography and Cartography for Early Warning and Crisis Management began the organization of a Joint ICA Symposium to be held in the Institute of Geosciences of the Fluminense Federal University in the city of Niterói on 21-22 August, two days before the 27th International Cartographic Conference in Rio de Janeiro. More detailed information and website of the event coming very soon!!!
The last image of this newsletter is a “very cool” Christmas or Santa world map, made in the United States in the 1950’s and showing the good old Santa Claus visiting all the countries of the world. A high resolution version can be found here: http://socalgovgis.files.wordpress.com/2013/12/santa_map.jpg

With this nice map let Carla (Com. Vice-Chair) and me wish you a

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND**

**A VERY HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL 2015!**

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