1. Joint ICA Symposium on “Cartography beyond the Ordinary World”

Last January was begun the organization of our Joint ICA Symposium, an event to be held in the Institute of Geosciences at the Fluminense Federal University in Niterói (Brazil) during the 21st and 22nd of August, 2015. It is organized within the International Map Year as well as the activities previous to ICC 2015 in Rio de Janeiro, counting with the participation of four ICA Commissions:

- Cartography and Children,
- Maps for Blind and Visually Impaired People,
- Planetary Cartography and
- Cartography for Early Warning and Crisis Management

Until last 10 April organizers received a total of 30 abstracts for oral presentations and posters, with a strong Brazilian participation in each of the fields represented by the four commissions. Full papers and abstracts of posters are received to 26 May and they will be published in the Digital Proceedings of the event with ISBN.

Brazilian colleagues at the Fluminense Federal University are organizing two complementary activities:

- First day: visit to the Benjamin Constant Institute (IBC), the national institution founded in 1854 to support and promote educational activities for blind and visually impaired people
- Second day: visit to the Museum of Contemporary Art, the cultural institution that became symbol of Niterói.
This symposium will be an excellent occasion to exchange opinions and experiences about the common points in the work of our commissions. At same time, it is a unique opportunity to develop a professional, constructive and innovative dialogue with colleagues representing the Brazilian academic research and educational community.

The deadline for the registration to the event is still open to 10 June 2015. Organizers welcome not only commission members, but all those colleagues interested on the topics covered by the wide spectrum of research, teaching and other activities developed by our commissions.

More detailed information can be found on the Symposium website: http://niteroi2015.elte.hu

If you have any question related to the participation in the event, please do not hesitate to contact Angelica Carvalho Di Maio (Local Organizing Committee, dimaio@vm.uff.br) or José Jesús Reyes Nunez (Scientific Committee, jesusreyes@caesar.elte.hu).

2. Children Map the World: Anniversary Edition

Only some days ago ESRI Press published the Anniversary volume of the “Children Map the World” series. Why Anniversary Edition? The title was inspired by the 20th Anniversary of the first Barbara Petchenik International World Map Design Competition, which was organized within the activities of the 16th International Cartographic Conference held in Cologne (Germany) in 1993. During the 26th International Cartographic Conference (Dresden, 2013) ICA remembered the anniversary and then came the idea of publishing a book specifically devoted to this date.
The four editors of the book made a selection of 50 drawings named to the competition in 2013, including the 14 drawings awarded by the Jury and visitors to the International Exhibition. 20 drawings (never published before) were also selected from the competitions organized between 1993 and 2011, commemorating the first 20 years of the competition and honoring all those colleagues, who contributed to the success of the competition at national and international level during this period of time.

ICA and the Cartography and Children Commission wish to express their gratitude to Esri Press representatives and editors for their hard, valuable and very efficient work during the edition of the book, as well as their sustained efforts to have the book published in the first half of this year.

The book will be officially presented during the 27th International Cartographic Conference in Rio de Janeiro, 23–28 August 2015.

3. 1st Brazilian Cartographic Olympiad

Brazil colleagues from the Fluminense Federal University in Niterói are organizing the 1st Brazilian Cartographic Olympiad (OBRAC), one of the activities developed within the International Map Year 2015–2016. This is an event aiming to enrich teachers’ and pupils’ interest in cartography and geotechnologies, giving them the needed tools for the dynamic and participatory development of cartographic activities in the schools. This national event focused on high school students aged between 14 and 18 years, from public and private schools.

The activities will be executed in three stages: in the first stage, each participating school should name a team of four students and a responsible teacher, who register the team on the website of the event (http://www.olimpiadadecartografia.uff.br/). Each team performs the proposed activities and submits the answers to the Olympic Evaluation Committee. In the second stage, the Evaluation Committee judges the works sent by the participants (e.g. analogical or digital maps) and selects the top three teams. These three teams participate in the third, final round to be held in Rio de Janeiro, where a series of practical activities will be organized between the 20th and 23rd of August, including their participation in an orienteering competition. The winning team will be announced during the 27th International Cartographic Conference.
According to the information published in their Facebook profile (https://www.facebook.com/internationalmap) more than 1000 teams have entered the Olympiad on 15 April 2015.

4. Upcoming events after ICC2015

- 13th Symposium of the International Coronelli Society for the Study of Globes (Dresden, Germany, 23–26 September 2015)

http://www.coronelli.org/syp/symposien_e.html

- VII Convención de Agrimensura /VII Surveying Congress/ (Havana, Cuba, 23–27 September 2015)

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http://www.2015imcos.com/

- 1st ICA European Symposium on Cartography (Vienna, Austria, 10–12 November 2015)

http://eurocarto.org/

- 9th International Symposium on Mobile Mapping Technology (Sydney, Australia, 9–11 December 2015)

For more information on other upcoming events please check the ICA website: http://icaci.org/calendar/
5. News and images

Website developed by the ICA Commission on Planetary Cartography, presenting a series of maps of planets and moons that were specially designed for children. (https://childrensmaps.wordpress.com/)

World map from the book entitled „Maps”, which was created and designed by Aleksandra Mizielinska and Daniel Mizielinski and published by Big Picture Press in 2013
Exhibition of drawings sent to the Swedish edition of the Barbara Petchenik Competition 2015. The exhibition was organized during the last Swedish Map Congress (Position 2015, 17–19 March), showing 130 drawings sent from all the counties of Sweden (Photo and information sent by Amanda Baumgartner, Swedish National Coordinator).

South African child drawing his map for the Barbara Petchenik Competition 2015 (Photo sent by Hellene Steenkamp, Dept. Of Geography, University of South Africa)
Exhibition and winners of the Bulgarian Barbara Petchenik Competition 2015 (Photo published in the Facebook profile of the Bulgarian Cartographic Association)

Ada Maria Ciontu (Romania) is creating her map for the Barbara Petchenik Competition 2015 (Photo taken by Mihaela Ciontu)

More and more photos in our Facebook profile: www.facebook.com/icacc

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6. Possible date for our next newsletter: October 2015

Collaborations for our newsletters are always welcomed!!!

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