



**Newsletter**

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The Section at the Second Standing Committee meeting in Boston, August 2001.

**From the Chair**

Hello everyone. The 2002 conference in Glasgow is fast approaching and we have a full schedule planned. I hope to see many of you there. It is also time to start thinking about nominations for the next term. Of course it is not too early to begin planning for the 2003 conference in Berlin and 2004 in Buenos Aires.

I am looking forward to a productive and interesting meeting in August,  
David McQuillan

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## New Planning Strategy

The IFLA Professional Board has recently decided that the four year cycle of the *Medium Term Program* should be replaced by a Strategic Plan based on a two year cycle. This will ensure a more frequent review of plans and priorities for all professional units within IFLA which in turn will permit a timely and proactive approach to IFLA's professional activities.

Below is the approved plan for the Section of Geography and Map Libraries as discussed at the 2001 annual conference.

## Strategic Plan, 2002-2003.

### Mission

The Section is an international forum to promote and coordinate the collection, storage and access to geographic and cartographic information. It provides communication between and the professional development of map curators. The Section's objectives are to initiate projects and studies, the findings of which are published in the form of technical monographs, occasional papers, standards, cataloguing rules, manuals, directories, bibliographies, newsletters, etc. In addition, close liaison with cartographic, geographic and related organizations is created and maintained.

Strategic Plan 2002-2003 cont.

### Goals

- 1. Promote the completion of the modernization of the ISBD-CM and promote associated alterations to related ISBD sections. Monitor the progress of updates to ISBD, keep in**

**contact with responsible parties and share the document with the global cartographic community to insure integrity and promote compliance**

*(Professional priorities: (i) Promoting standards, guidelines and best practice)*

### Actions

- 1.1 Promote the completion of the modernization of the ISBD-CM and promote associated alterations to related ISBD sections. Monitor the progress of updates to ISBD, keep in contact with responsible parties and share the document with the global cartographic community to insure integrity and promote compliance

- 1.2 The chair will write to the parties responsible for the ISBD-ER to request a cartographic librarian to be placed on any review committees. Section members will continue to distribute drafts of the revised CM and coordinate suggestions and alterations.

**2. To educate librarians generally, not only map curators, on the varied uses of cartographic information, promote the use of cartographic information and promote the Section as a means of collaboration and communication.**

*(Professional priorities: (f) Promoting resource sharing; (g) Preserving our intellectual heritage; (h) Developing library professionals*

### Actions

- 2.1 To educate librarians generally, not only map curators, on the varied uses of cartographic information, promote the use of cartographic information and promote the Section

as a means of collaboration and communication.

- 2.1a The Section will look for sponsors and co-sponsors for conference programs on topics of universal concern such as preservation, digitization and metadata. The Section will invite speakers of varied backgrounds and look for other means of promoting cooperation and collaboration with other IFLA Sections.
  - 2.1b The Section will contact regional cartographic associations in the areas where future conferences to invite participation in the conference and activities of the Section.
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## **Minutes**

### **2001 Annual Conference**

IFLA Section of Geography and Map Libraries

### **Standing Committee I**

Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup> 2001

Attending: Olivier Loiseaux - Chairperson, Paco Bonachera Cano, Jan Smits, Chris Baruth, Alice Hudson, David McQuillan, Patrick McGlamery, Pierre-Yves Duchemin, Dorothy McGarry, Cao Xiping and associates, Melissa Lamont (recording)

1. Olivier reported on the Coordinating Board for Division 2 meeting held Friday August 17th. Several issues of *Inspel* are planned and the Division is financially sound. The International Federation of Information and Documentation will probably join as a new Section within the Special Libraries Division.

*The Medium Term Program 1998 – 2002* is to be revised. Each Section must create an action plan each year and include the plan in an annual report. Strategic planning will take place on a two year cycle. The strategic plans will be published in the Directory. October 1 is the deadline to send the Mission, Strategic Plan and Actions to the chair of the Coordinating Board.

October 1 is also the deadline for the 2002 budget requests.

2. David McQuillan and Paco Bonachera Cano announced the completion of the Spanish language version of the Section's brochure. Request copies of the brochure from David.

3. Elections:  
David McQuillan was elected chair. Melissa Lamont was re-elected secretary and information coordinator.  
Paco Bonachera Cano was elected treasurer.

4. 2 year Strategic Plan discussion:  
The Section began the discussion by reviewing goals from the previous Medium-term program. We decided that we had met nearly all of our goals with the exception of the Russian language version of the Section's brochure.

It was suggested that the Section might think about a revised name along with a revised mission. Our mission statement emphasizes collections as opposed to services and may not reflect our concern with digital issues. Since electronic

formats concern all types of libraries the group thought that working with other Sections was important.

We saw geospatial information as a way to pull together disparate groups. We did not, however, want to underplay the importance of our rich paper collections.

During the discussion words and phrases such as interconnectedness, relationships, cooperation and data integration were used often.

It was also mentioned that the Section on Audio-visual and Multi-media does not use the word library in its name. It was decided to continue the discussion at the second Standing Committee meeting on Friday.

5. ISBD-CM:  
Dorothy McGarry kindly brought us up to date on the status of ISBD revisions and particularly potential revisions to the ISBD for Electronic Resources that would affect the ISBD - CM.

Goran Baarnhielm distributed the latest revision of the ISBD-CM via e-mail shortly before the conference. Dorothy noted that a number of changes were proposed for the ER. If the ER is revised a group would need to be formed and should include someone knowledgeable about cartographic materials. Also, the ISBD for Serials is in the midst of revision and the CM must fit in with both the CR and ER as well as the ISBD for Monographic Publications.

In order to insure that a cartographic person is on the ER review committee, if one is formed, Dorothy suggested writing to John Byrum chair of the ISBD Review Group. David McQuillan, our new chairperson, will author the letter.

The meeting was then adjourned.

## **Minutes**

### **2001 Annual Conference**

IFLA Section of Geography and Map Libraries

### **Standing Committee II**

Friday August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2001

Attending: Olivier Loiseaux – Chairperson, Paco Bonachero Cano, David McQuillan, Alice Hudson, Chris Baruth, Patrick McGlamery, Renata Solar, Pierre-Yves Duchemin, Cao Xiping and associates, Melissa Lamont (recording)

1. Mission and Strategic Plan  
Olivier opened the meeting with the discussion of the Section's goals and priorities. Melissa distributed copies of the outline of the discussion from the first Standing Committee meeting on the previous Saturday. After review the group agreed that the discussion concerning the name of the Section and a revised scope statement was too involved to be brought to resolution at this meeting. The group will continue to discuss via e-mail with a resolution expected by the Glasgow conference.

The Section decided that tracking the modernization and changes to the ISBD-CM through to completion

should be one of our goals. To implement this goal the group will monitor the document's progress and aid Paco and Goran in this endeavor.

We will share the document with the global community for suggestions and implementation and will actively work to move the document through the process ensuring integrity and compliance.

The Section identified education as another goal. Education was defined as sharing skills and knowledge and training librarians about digital practices through workshops and papers.

Cooperation and collaboration with other IFLA Sections was another goal. The Section should inform other Sections on how maps and geographic information can be used through almost all disciplines and subjects and how concerns such as digitization, preservation, and access are universal.

To implement we will actively look for partners and cooperation in program planning and look for programs that will have broad appeal across IFLA Sections.

We aim to hold a joint session with another IFLA group at each conference. We will work toward a conference program based on preservation, digitization and metadata for our first conference under the new goals and priorities.

## 2. Membership

The Section then moved into a discussion of our membership and how we might encourage additional membership, attendance and participation. In Europe the Liber conference is well organized and well attended. We resolved to contact them about a representative for the Section. They will meet in October of 2002.

It was suggested that we utilize the database from the *World Directory of Map Libraries* to disseminate information about the conference and the Section, especially to librarians in the region where the annual conference will be held. It was also suggested that we contact regional associations.

\*The full text of the Section of Geography and Map Libraries Strategic Plan 2002-2003 see above.

## 3. New business

Paco extended an invitation for the Section to convene a conference for map librarians in Grenada Spain. The Andalusia Governing Board has extended the invitation to hold a seminar on cartographic topics. The Section thanked Paco for the suggestion and the invitation. The group agreed that organizing such a meeting for 2002 would be difficult, but that 2003 was possible. Patrick, Paco and Melissa will discuss further – perhaps a satellite meeting before the Berlin conference in 2003?

## 4. Glasgow 2002

The discussion then turned to planning for the Glasgow conference. The result of the discussion:

- A. Paper session on digital preservation. Chris will coordinate  
Melissa will contact other IFLA sections with similar interests
- B. Panel discussion on the state of the map library in the UK. Alice will contact UK librarians for suggestions and names
- C. Workshop on how to conduct a digitizing project, everything from selecting the material to scanning to storage and retrieval.  
Patrick will coordinate, Melissa will make contacts with other sections  
Alice will help locate UK librarians
- D. Excursion to Edinburgh, several map collections and the Pont Project.  
David, tour leader extraordinaire, will coordinate

The meeting concluded with applause for Olivier on his final IFLA conference and his successful term as Chair of the Section.

## Paper Sessions

The Section held two successful paper sessions at the 2001 Annual conference in Boston:

On Monday August 20, 2001  
'Digitizing Cartographic Materials'

**Digitization of Cartographic materials:  
National Archives of Canada**  
BETTY KIDD  
Acting Director General, Canadian Archives Branch, National Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Canada

**Digitization projects at the Library of Congress Geography and Map Division**  
JOHN HEBERT

Chief, Geography and Map Division,  
Library of Congress, Washington,  
USA

**La numérisation des documents  
cartographiques anciens: supports  
traditionnels et nouvelles technologies**  
PIERRE-YVES DUCHEMIN  
Bibliothèque nationale de France,  
Paris, France



Speakers: Betty Kidd, Pierre-Yves Duchemin, John Hebert, and moderator Chris Baruth

On Wednesday August 22, 2001  
Where in the World? Accessing spatial data in the new millennium



James Boxall, Patrick McGlamery, Melissa Lamont, Jan Smits, David Cobb and Scott McEathron

**Geospatial Data Access: can we manage to shift?**

JAN SMITS

Map Curator, Koninklijke Bibliotheek,  
The Hague, Netherlands

**Naming the landscape: building the Connecticut Digital Gazetteer**

SCOTT R. MCEATHRON

Map Catalog/Liaison Librarian,  
University of Connecticut Libraries,  
Storrs, USA)

PATRICK MCGLAMERY

Map Librarian, University of Connecticut Libraries, Storrs, USA

**Geolibraries, the Global Spatial Data Infrastructure and Digital Earth: a time for map librarians to reflect upon the Moonshot**

**JAMES BOXALL**

Curator, Head Map and Geospatial Information Collection, Killan Library, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada

**Limits to access - You can look but don't touch**

**DAVID COBB**

Curator, Harvard Map Collection, Harvard College Library, Cambridge, USA

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## **2002 Conference Planning**

**Panel Discussion  
scheduled for Tuesday August  
20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am**

Maps and Map Libraries;  
Current Issues and Trends.  
A panel discussion.

Panelists:

Francis Herbert  
Curator of Maps  
Royal Geographical Society  
**From script to screen : cartography  
and catalogues?**

John Moore  
Social Sciences, Official Publications  
and Map Librarian  
Glasgow University Library  
**Campus map libraries: current trends  
and issues**

Nick Millea  
Map Librarian  
Bodleian Library  
University of Oxford  
**Mapping the World - collaborative  
retroconversion in the UK: is there a  
way forward?**

Tentative:

Peter Barber  
Map Librarian  
The British Library

And  
Peter Jones  
Defence Geographic Centre

**Study Trip to Edinburgh planned for  
Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup>**

Our hosts

Diana Webster  
Head of Map Library  
National Library of Scotland  
and

Ann Sutherland  
Map Librarian,  
Edinburgh University Library  
We will take the train from Glasgow on  
Wednesday morning and see the  
wonderful collections and services at  
these two premier map collections.

## **Two Study Excursions in Glasgow**

Monday August 19<sup>th</sup> the Section is  
invited to tour the map collections at the  
**University of Glasgow**, our host will be  
John Moore, Official publications and  
Map Librarian.

On Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup> the Section is  
invited to tour **Harper Collins  
publishers** who now publish the  
Bartholomew line of maps. Our host will  
be Ken Winch, Harper Collins  
Cartographic Librarian

## **Geography and Map Libraries Workshop 2002**

**Thursday August 22 at 12:15**  
Scanning Maps for Information  
Content for Small Libraries and Local  
Historical Collections.

Leaders:

Terry Plum Simmons Graduate School  
of Library and Information Science,  
Boston MA  
and  
Patrick McGlamery  
Map Librarian, University of  
Connecticut, Storrs, CT

This workshop will discuss strategies for small libraries and historical collections to create digital images of their map collections. It will cover the minimal requirements for scanning maps, graphs, tables and other dense information formats. Participants will receive print handouts and checklists for implementing their own scanning projects and access to an associated web site.

### **Preliminary 2002 conference schedule**

#### **Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup>**

14.30 – 17.20  
Standing Committee Meeting 1

17.30 – 18.30  
National Caucus Meetings

#### **Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>**

Exhibition Opening

#### **Monday August 19<sup>th</sup>**

9.30 – 11.10  
Opening Session

12.30 – 2.30  
Visit to the Map Collection at the  
Glasgow University  
Hosted by John Moore

Evening  
Opening Reception

#### **Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup>**

8.30 – 11.00  
Paper Session  
Map Libraries: Current Issues and  
Trends, a panel discussion  
Presenters:

Nick Millea  
Francis Herbert  
John Moore  
Peter Barber  
Peter Jones

Cultural Evening

#### **Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup>**

8.45  
train to Edinburgh

10.00 – 12.15  
National Library tour

12.15 – 13.15 Lunch

13.30 – 15.30  
Edinburgh University Library tour

~16.30  
return train to Glasgow  
Hosts Diana Webster and Ann  
Sutherland

Evening  
Consulate/Embassy Receptions

#### **Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9 - 11  
Visit to Harper-Collins (Bartholomew)  
Host Ken Winch

12.15 – 15.45  
Workshop: Scanning Maps for  
Information Content for Small  
Libraries and Local Historical  
Collections  
Patrick McGlamery and Terry Plum

Evening Reception  
National Museums

**Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8.00 – 10.00

Standing Committee Meeting 2

12.30 – 13.30

Plenary Session



Standing Committee members enjoying lunch at a lobster shack in Maine in 2001.