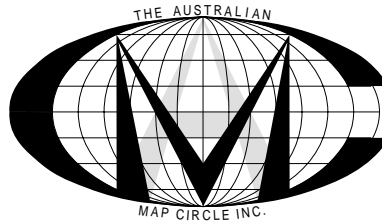


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AMC AGM

The 2008 Exec Nomination form and notice of AGM distributed with newsletter no.99 included incorrect date and venue for the AMC Annual General Meeting. The AMC Business Manager apologies for this error. As always the AGM will be held as part of our annual conference, on Wed 13 February 2008 at the Te Papa Museum, Wellington, New Zealand.

The AMC Newsletter

In line with advances in technology, the increased use of the internet and in order to improve distribution times, the AMC newsletter will change to an e-newsletter from issue 101. While a printed newsletter was once the only way for the AMC to communicate with members, this is no longer the case and it has been superseded by the AMCIRCLE email group, our website and other online communication. The AMC Executive has resolved that continued production by the AMC of two printed publications (Newsletter and The Globe) is no longer reasonable. Printed production of The Globe will of course continue. The printed newsletter will be replaced by:

- An "AMC News" column of 1-2 pages of key news in each issue of The Globe
- An electronic-only newsletter, distributed through our website and email, enabling more timely distribution of news
- Continued use of the email group and website to communicate with members.

The Executive are also investigating options for creating a mapping blog that everyone can contribute to.

As an interim arrangement, **individual AMC members who are unable to access the internet** may request a printed copy of the electronic newsletter by writing to the AMC Business Manager, PO Box 4206, Melbourne University, VIC, 3052. This interim arrangement will be reviewed after one year.

It is intended that there will be an annual printed mailout in Sep/Oct each year including: Nominations for Executive and notice of AGM, annual membership renewal, minutes of previous AGM, Conference Registration Brochure and any other necessary printed items.

Please ensure your email details are up to date with the Business Manager so the e-newsletter can be forwarded to you.

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An occasional series of newsletters produced to keep members of the Australian Map Circle informed about matters of immediate interest and to supplement *The Globe*, journal of the AMC. Edited by Dianne Rutherford. Material for the Newsletter can be forwarded to:

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FUTURE OF THE AMC

Newsletter 99 advised postal votes would be available before the AGM. However as discussions are continuing with the New Zealand Map Society regarding a possible merger and other possible changes to the AMC, the vote is on hold until these issues are resolved. Further discussion of these topics may take place at the 2008 AGM but no final decisions will be taken there; the 2008 AMC Executive elected at the AGM will carry forwards during 2008 the separate but related issues of a merger and of a change of name plus related issues.

Members are invited to visit the AMC Website <http://australianmapcircle.org.au> for the latest news and discussion on the Future of the AMC, as raised in Newsletter no. 99.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

AMC Joint Conference 'Under the Southern Cross' 10-13 February 2008 Wellington, New Zealand

<http://www.underthesoutherncross.org/index.html>

Not long before the AMC's annual conference so don't forget to register if you plan on attending and haven't already! You can register online on the website, or through the registration forms recently sent out. The conference will focus on the cartography of the Southern Hemisphere, with four main streams: Polynesian navigation and mapping, the mapping of Antarctica, Southern Hemisphere Celestial mapping and other Southern Hemisphere cartographic topics.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Geography and Map Libraries Section World Library and Information Congress 74th IFLA General Conference and Council Quebec City Canada 10-14 August 2008

The Geography and Map Libraries Section invites the submission of proposals for papers to be presented at a two-hour session in Quebec City.

Theme: Mapping North America: A Graphic Journey through History

Submission Deadlines

31 January 2008 Deadline for submitting a detailed one-page abstract with full author details.

1 March 2008 Notification of acceptance/rejection

15 May 2008 The full paper is due.

Presentation

The presentation should be a summary of the paper and should not exceed twenty minutes. An additional ten minutes will be allowed for questions and answers.

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/call-map-en.htm>

Please send your abstract via e-mail to: Anita K. Oser e-mail: osanitak@yahoo.com

The Royal Geographical Society / Institute of British Geographers Annual Conference, London. 27-29 August, 2008.

Session: Maps as Method

http://personalpages.manchester.ac.uk/staff/m.dodge/maps_as_method_cfp.pdf

Suggested themes that show the renewed vigour of 'maps as method':

- maps as a participatory method that can draw in different stakeholders
- maps as a collaborative method linking co-workers
- maps as an insightful contribution to new theory
- maps as creative and playful methods
- maps as artistic methods able to beckon forth beauty
- maps as new ways to see the world (integrating new sensing and imaging technologies)
- maps as interactive method learning from the map hackers and geowankers)

The session will also be supported by the new 'Maps and Society' commission of the International Cartographic Association.

If you are interested in contributing a paper to the session please email a title and short abstract (maximum of 250 words) to Martin Dodge (m.dodge@manchester.ac.uk) or Chris Perkins (c.perkins@manchester.ac.uk) by 31st January 2008.

MEMBERS NEWS

Inaugural meeting of Canberra AMC group

19 Canberra-based AMC members and friends met on Monday, 29 October 6pm in the Maps Reading Room of the National Library, and agreed to meet ongoing, and to share information via an informal email list. It was good to see such a strong turnout, and with several apologies the future for this group looks positive. Fuelled by a liquid donation from a local winery, the general

interest was in the group running or facilitating 2 or 3 events a year, arranged around a speaker/social occasion. Several suggested events for 2008, including,

- A 'white gloves' maps evening at the National Library - pencilled for March/April 2008. The Library would host this one, date to be advised. It would likely be held in the foyer and Visitor Centre of the Library, and aimed at a general audience.
- Cartographic Services of the ANU offered to host the following Canberra AMC gathering (mid year) and talk about our methods of digital map production.
- later in the year an event could involve the Museum, and their collection of instruments.
- Allen Mawer, on behalf of Australia on the Map (now hosted by the Australasian Hydrographic Society), also flagged the future possibility of a national exhibition/events commemorating the 200th anniversary of Freycinet's map of the Australian coast (1811)

The Canberra entries on the Australian Map Collections Directory were also discussed. There is a link to the Directory on the front page of the AMC website, and it is hosted by the National Library (<http://www.nla.gov.au/mapdir/index.html>). There are 8 ACT collections listed, some represented by those attending the meeting. All agreed to update their entries, and suggest other collections for inclusion.

National Library

Australian Aerial photographs collection catalogued

As some AMC members will know, the National Library has a collection of approximately 800,000 black and white aerial photographs, covering much of the Australian landscape taken between 1928 and 1987. The collection comprises mostly Commonwealth photography flown by the Royal Australian Air Force, Division of National Mapping, Bureau of Mineral Resources and AUSLIG, and has been held by the Library since the late 1980s. It is arranged and indexed according to the Australian 1:63 360 topographic sheet numbering system, however as it has not been catalogued. It is perhaps not surprising even so that there are regular calls made on this important collection, but it is an immense task and one the Library had found extremely difficult to tackle as a cataloguing project. Consequently, most people have been unaware of its existence, or if requested, retrieval has been difficult.

Recently, an approach was adopted to catalogue the photos at flight diagram level with places (sheet names) included in the record, meaning the photos can now be located on the Library's catalogue as a fairly simple search. To date, all the NSW records have been added to the catalogue, with links in the records to Geoscience's digitised flight diagrams to assist with identification of runs where these are available. Cataloguing of Vic, Qld, Tas and ACT photos are well under way with SA, NT and WA to follow. We expect to have the collection in its entirety added to the catalogue by May 2008.

To search the Library's catalogue (for aerial photographs you can use the subject search to be precise, eg **Adaminaby (N.S.W.) --Remote-sensing images**, or just type the sheet name Adaminaby and aerial as keywords. The same approach has also been applied to the aerial photos of PNG, which should now all be findable on the catalogue.

Outstanding acquisition by the National Library of an extremely rare vellum chart of the Indian Ocean

The Library has acquired an extremely rare and valuable manuscript plane chart on vellum of the Indian Ocean, drawn by the VOC (Dutch East India Company) cartographer Abraham Anias (1694-1750). Very few VOC working charts have survived, or are held in European institutional collections (notwithstanding the remarkable sale of the Corpus Christi collection in

2006). This chart, outlined in colour and in surprisingly good condition, dates to the late 1720s and includes a part of the Australian west coast. By now the VOC had come to see 'Eeendracht Land' as a place to be avoided, and gave specific instructions to its captains to this effect. It is thus a hazard chart, detailing obstacles and the course to be sailed across the Indian Ocean from the Cape of Good Hope to Batavia. Constructed on vellum, it was completed after the wreck of the *Zeewijk* on Houtmann's Abrolhos, another instance when a Dutch skipper was drawn onto the reef while attempting to satisfy his curiosity about the Southland. The ship was wrecked in April 1727 at the cost of 100 men. Remarkably 82 constructed a boat from the wreckage, and sailed the 2000 kilometres or so to Batavia with six chests of gold coinage. Remarkably, there are faint traces of a plotted track in pencil of the voyage out.

Little is known about the chart's creator, Abraham Anias. He was Zeeland's official chart maker, and responsible to supply the province's ships with charts, books and navigational instruments. Revered by his peers, the publisher Johannes van Keulen dedicated a volume of his *Zee-Fakkel* (1728) to Anias as a sign of high esteem. The chart was acquired from a private family, where it had been for many generations. According to the previous owner, the chart survived by virtue of having been used as a book-jacket of a Van Keulen atlas, although some damage to the chart has occurred as a result of this.

Australian War Memorial Exciting new acquisition for the Memorial

On 16 December the Memorial acquired at auction at Perth the significant collection of Jack Millett, "The map maker of Colditz". Millett was a Lieutenant in the 2/11th Battalion captured on Crete in 1941. Mr Millett was the only West Australian incarcerated in the infamous Colditz Castle, and the last Australian survivor of the prison camp, dying in 1999 aged 87. Colditz Castle was a prisoner-of-war camp for "incurable" Allied officers who had repeatedly escaped from other camps. Within this camp, Millett became the map maker and several of his maps, along with other items will be added to the collection. The collection includes ten mimeographed escape maps and two escape master maps.

Professor William Cartwright elected President of the International Cartographic Association.

Congratulations to Professor Cartwright on his election as President of the International Cartographic Association. At the General Assembly of the International Cartographic Association (ICA), held in Moscow in August this Year Professor Cartwright, from the School of Mathematical and Geospatial Sciences, RMIT University, was elected President of the Association for a 4-year term. The International Cartographic Association is "The world authoritative body for cartography, the discipline dealing with the conception, production, dissemination and study of maps." Its mission is: "To promote the discipline and profession of cartography in an international context". The ICA is the prime international body for Cartography and Geographic Information.

To achieve its aims the ICA operates through a number of Commissions and Working Groups. It works with national and international governmental and commercial bodies and with other international scientific societies. Commissions and Working Groups carry out the general operations of the ICA. Professor Cartwright is also a member of the ICA's Commission on Visualization and Virtual Environments and the Commission on Maps and the Internet. As well he chairs the ICA Working Group on Art and Cartography.

For more information about the International Cartographic Association see www.icaci.org.

AMC Victorian Branch Christmas Dinner

13 November 2007



Attendees - back row: Bernie Joyce, Zoe Joyce, Victor Prescott, Judith Scurfield, Dorothy Prescott, Martin von Wyss, John Spring
Front row: Marie Morden, Peta Humphreys, John Cain, Ian Morden
MIA David Jones

MAPS AND MAP PUBLICATIONS

The Globe

Back issues of *The Globe* can be purchased for \$15.00 per copy, including postage and handling (world-wide). Pre-payment is required.

The following back issues are available: nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, and all issues from no. 33 onwards except no. 47. We may also be able to supply photocopies of issues which are out of print, please enquire.

European Cartographers and the Ottoman World 1500-1750: Maps from the Collection of O. J. Sopranos / Ian Manners with a contribution by M. Pinar Emiralioglu Chicago, 2008
 140 pp., 7 B&W, 51 full color illustrations, paperbound (11.5 x 9 in); US\$42
 For orders contact: The Suq at the Oriental Institute 1155 East 58th Street, Chicago IL 60637; 773 702 9509; <https://oi.uchicago.edu/order/suq/>

MAPS ON THE WEB

The Lunar Planetary institute has scanned USGS maps (topographic, geologic etc) of Mercury, Mars and the Moon which can be viewed online (and also ordered in paper copies):
<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/resources/>

The PointAsia site provides detailed satellite images of Thailand, giving much better coverage than GoogleEarth, although there are a few missing swathes and coverage doesn't extend outside Thailand. http://pointme.pointasia.com/N_Home.aspx