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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. Please send reviews, notices and other items of general interest for inclusion in future *Newsletters* and *The Globe* to John Cain:

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The Australian Map Circle, Inc. Notice of Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting of the Australian Map Circle Inc. will be held during the 27th Annual Conference, at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday 5 April 1999**, at the St. John's College, University of Queensland, St. Lucia, Brisbane, Queensland. An agenda and other papers will be available at the AGM. A nomination form for the 1999 Executive is included with this *Newsletter*, and additional forms are available from the Returning Officer. Nominations must be received by Monday 1 March 1999 by the Returning Officer: David Jones, Map Section, University of Melbourne Library, Parkville, 3052. Fax: (03) 9347 0974.

27th Annual AMC Conference "Mapping a path across the Millennia" St. John's College, The University of Queensland 5-8 April 1999

A registration brochure for the 1999 Australian Map Circle Conference was included with the last *Newsletter*. Additional brochures and further information are available from:

Email: Les Isdale, L.Isdale@uq.net.au Phone: Aubrey Chandica, (07) 3875 7327
Postal: AMC Conference, Locked Bag 40, Coorparoo Delivery Centre, QLD, 4151, Australia.

Or check the Web page where you can download or print additional copies of the brochure:

www.lib.unimelb.edu.au/collections/maps/amc99cnf.htm

International News

Helen Wallis Fellowship (2000)

An annual fellowship was recently established at the British Library to honour the memory of Dr. Helen Wallis, Map Librarian at the British Library (1967-86). Preference will be given to proposals which both relate to the Library's collections and have an international dimension. The fellowship may be part-time or full time and would normally be held for six to twelve months. The closing date for the second fellowship is 1 May 1999. For the full terms of reference please contact: Tony Campbell, Map Librarian, British Library, 96 Euston Rd, London, NW1 2DB, UK. Email: tony.campbell@bl.uk

18th International Conference on the History of Cartography

The conference will be held in Athens from 11-16 July 1999 with the theme 'The Cartography of the Mediterranean World' and any other aspects of the history of Cartography. For more information contact the conference secretary: Dr George Toliás, National Hellenic Research Foundation, 48 Vassieous Konstantinou Av, GR-11635, Athens, Greece. Phone +305-721-0554, email: gtoliás@eie.gr

1999 International Cartographic Association Conference

The conference will be held in Ottawa from 14-21 August 1999 with the theme 'Touch the past, visualize the future' covering the transformation of cartography from its earliest origins through the ages to the next century. For further information contact: Ottawa ICA 1999, 615 Booth St room 500, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0E9, Canada. Fax: +613-992-9999. Email: ica1999@ccrs.nrcan.gc.ca www.ccrs.crcan.gc.ca/ica1999/

Maps and Society Lectures, Warburg Institute (London)

The Warburg Institute, London, will hold its Eighth Series of lectures during 1998 and 1999. Lectures are held at the University of London, Warburg Institute, Woburn Square, London WC1H 0AB. Lecture dates are 10 December 1998 and 28 January, 25 February, 18 March, 29 April and 3 June 1999, at 5:00 pm. All enquiries to Tony Campbell, British Library Map Librarian, tony.campbell@bl.uk

J.B. Harley Fellowships, Sixth Series of Awards

The trustees have announced the sixth series of awards, providing support at a rate of 250 pounds per week. The fellowships are designed to assist research in the London map collections:

- Dr. Ian J. Barrow (Department of History, Middlebury College, Vermont) 'Mapping India, Making Britain: Cartography and the Colonial Nation State' (3 weeks).
- Benjamin L. Stone (Department of History, University of Chicago) 'Mapping, Map-Use and State Formation in later Seventeenth and early Eighteenth Century England' (4 weeks).

The closing date for applications is November 1st each year. Further details from: Tony Campbell, Map Librarian, British Library, 96 Euston Rd, London, NW1 2DB, UK. Email: tony.campbell@bl.uk

Maps and Nations: Discovering and Debating the Interaction Between Society and Cartography

The Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography invites applications from graduate students to participate in an eight week seminar in residence at the Newberry Library, Chicago. The seminar will explore how cartography has helped nations and states construct, bind together and defend their national spaces and populations. Participants will receive a stipend of \$1800 and a travel allowance of up to \$500. Application forms and further information are available from: Herman Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography, Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton St, Chicago, IL 60610-3380, USA. email: smithctr@newberry.org web: www.newberry.org

Australian News

Cheaper Australian Map Data

On 9 February 1999, the Federal Government announced the introduction of a new pricing and delivery scheme for Commonwealth digital map data, providing a 66% reduction in the price of selected data. The reduced prices will apply to AUSLIG's 1:1 000 000, 1:250 000 and 1:100 000 topographic datasets. For the TOPO-250K product, the all inclusive price per map tile will be reduced from \$300 to \$100, with the cost for Australia-wide coverage dropping from \$43 000 to \$13 000. Users will be able to acquire data via the Internet within a few months. Press release: www.auslig.gov.au/new/097_99.

TOPO-250K Series 2

The original TOPO-250K product was released by AUSLIG four years ago. It is now being progressively replaced by the Series 2 product. The key additions are a vegetation theme, reserved areas, and contours. (Apart from price, the absence of contours was a key criticism of TOPO-250K when AUSLIG presented it at the 1995 AMC conference in Armidale). AUSLIG states that the 138 feature classes contained in the data cover essentially all the features depicted on the paper map series. Series 2 also uses the Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA) making its coordinates directly compatible with coordinates obtained from GPS. More information: www.auslig.gov.au/products/digidat/topodata.htm

Australian War Memorial Map Collection

There have recently been rumours circulating amongst the mapping community that the War Memorial is disposing of its map collection. This is not the case. During November, the War Memorial announced its intention to dispose of its large collection of **duplicate** printed maps to public repositories. It is now holding with a number of libraries as to materials which would suit their collections.

Selected Map Bookmarks

Three Dimensional Aerial Photography. www.nre.vic.gov.au/property/aerial/threedee.htm

Provides stereo-pairs of aerial photographs which you can view on your computer screen. You will need 3D glasses. The site includes instructions for making your own 3D glasses. Even better is the simple explanation of how and why 3D works and how it is applied for mapping.

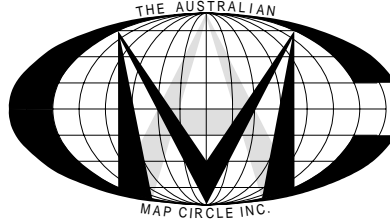
Animated Boundary Maps.. www.ac.wvu.edu/~stephan/Animation/animation.html

Provides about 20 different animated GIFs. Those of most interest to our readers will be the animated boundary maps, including an animated map of the changes in US County boundaries over time and a number of other animated maps. There are also a number of other interesting animations. (Thanks to Brendan Whyte for pointing out this site).

Victorian Resources Online. www.nre.vic.gov.au/vro

Information about resources, especially soils surveys and maps, has always been difficult to find. This site provides an online database of Victorian soils and resources publications. This Directory provides information on surveys conducted by CSIRO, the former Soil Conservation Authority and Departments of Agriculture and Conservation. Whilst not providing access to the actual surveys, the directory provides details such as the locations surveyed; information collected, reported and mapped, and advice on how to access copies of the surveys. (Thanks to Bernie Joyce for pointing out this site).

Readers are invited to submit useful sites for inclusion here to John Cain, cain@lib.unimelb.edu.au



Call for nominations for the National Executive, 1999

Nominations are invited for the Australian Map Circle National Executive for 1999.

Nominations must be received by the Returning Officer no later than Monday 1 March 1999.

Should more than one nomination be received for any of the positions, an election will be necessary and members will be advised, so that postal and proxy votes are received before the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday 5 April 1999, at the St John's College, The University of Queensland, St Lucia, Brisbane, Queensland.

Nomination forms should be signed by the nominator, a seconder, and the nominee. All three must be financial Ordinary or Emeritus members, or Honorary members, of the Australian Map Circle.

The positions to be filled are:

- President**
- Vice-President**
- Business Manager**
- Secretary**

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Nomination for office of the Australian Map Circle National Executive, 1999

I, _____, hereby nominate _____ for the
office of _____ in the National Executive of the Australian Map Circle for 1999.

I, _____, second the above nomination.

I, the nominee am able to serve on the National Executive if elected.

Signed,

Nominator: _____

Secunder: _____

Nominee: _____