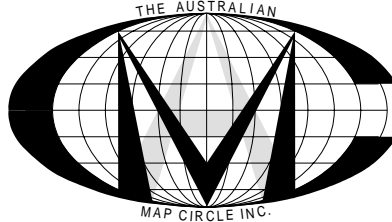


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An occasional series of newsletters produced to keep members of the Australian Map Circle informed about matters of immediate interest and to supplement *The Globe*, journal of the AMC. Please send reviews, notices and other items of general interest for inclusion in future *Newsletters* and *The Globe* to John Cain:

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Australian Map Circle

28th Annual Conference

'Mapping Beyond 2000'

Dates: Sunday 30 January to Wednesday 2 February 2000.

Venue: National Library of Australia, Canberra, ACT.

The conference will be of interest to map librarians, cartographers, academic geographers, hydrographers, map collectors, map sellers, computer scientists in geographic information systems, etc. It provides an opportunity for publishing new work in the production or use of maps, for attracting the attention of a select audience to programmes and products relating to maps, and testing ideas about them among listeners with a broad range of expertise in the field. The conference will include a range of papers, workshops, and visits to some of Australia's leading government mapping agencies.

More Information

Registration before 1 December 1999 will be \$200, or \$225 after that date. A registration brochure will be circulated soon and a tentative program is included on page 2 of this *Newsletter*. Additional information is available from the contacts below or on the Web:

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Provisional Conference Programme

Sunday 30 January 2000

1:00 - 5:00pm - Mapping Workshop - Australian War Memorial
5.00- 9.00 pm - Early registration and Welcome Barbecue

Monday 31 January 2000

8.30 am Registration
9.10 am Welcome by AMC President
9.20 am Opening of Conference and Keynote Address
10.30 am Morning Tea
11.00 am Technical Session 1
12.30 pm Lunch
1.30 pm Technical Tour - AUSLIG

Tuesday 1 February 2000

9.00 am Technical Session 2
10.30 am Morning Tea
11.00 am Technical Session 3
12.30 pm Lunch
1.30 pm Technical Tour - AGSO
7.30 pm Conference Dinner - School of Arts Café, Queanbeyan - dinner and show

Wednesday 2 February 2000

9.30 am Annual General Meeting - AMC
10.30 am Morning Tea
11.00 am Technical Session 4
12.30 pm Lunch
2.00 pm Technical Session 5
3.00 pm Closing Address by AMC President
3.15 - 5.00 pm Afternoon tea/drinks and Show-and-Tell/Poster Session

Pre-Conference Workshop and Tours

An interesting workshop is being developed in conjunction with the Map Section at the Australian War Memorial, on Sunday afternoon, 30 January 2000. Canberra is home to some of Australia's leading government mapping agencies and technical tours have been arranged to AGSO and AUSLIG.

Accommodation

There is ample accommodation to meet the budget of any delegate within reasonable distance of the National Library. See the Canberra tourism web site for a broad range: <http://www.canberratourism.com.au>
Delegates should make their own accommodation bookings. The committee has selected the following establishment as the "official" conference accommodation venue: **Forrest Inn**, 30 National Circuit, Forrest, ACT 2603, Ph: 1800 676 372, Fax: 02-6295 2119. <http://www.forrestinn.com.au/>

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Selected Map Bookmarks

Odden's bookmarks <http://kartoserver.frw.ruu.nl/html/staff/oddens/oddens.htm>

A very extensive indexed list of mapping and related Web sites, which I would recommend as possibly the best starting point to find map information on the Web.

Alexandria Digital Library <http://alexandria.sdc.ucsb.edu/>

An online system allowing access to digital spatial data and metadata; the outstanding prototype of a digital map library.

The Atlas of Cyberspace <http://www.geog.ucl.ac.uk/casa/martin/atlas/atlas.html>

"An atlas of maps and graphic representations of the geographies of the new electronic territories of the Internet, World Wide Web and other emerging cyberspaces".

Babelfish: free, automated translation <http://babelfish.altavista.digital.com>

Allows translation English to French, German, Italian, Spanish or Portuguese and vice versa. While it is not perfect, it certainly very interesting and does quite a good job. And it is free.

CIA World Factbook <http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/>

Online access to the official US view of the rest of the world. ☺

Geographic Information Systems and Libraries <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/istl/99-winter/>

A special issue of *Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship*.

MapQuest <http://www.mapquest.com/>

Allows generation of street maps showing any specified address. Interesting, and very useful for the US, but not much use for Australia as it does not include any Australian street level maps.

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

Map Humour

9 June 1999: Despite the designation on the new state highway map, officials aren't exactly recommending that tourists book a vacation at the new 'Fort Dodge Recreational Facility'. That's because the facility is actually the new state prison. "Oh my God!" said Department of Transport Director Darrel Rensink when he was handed a copy of the map. "I guess in spite of our best efforts errors will occur". The prison offers basketball, volleyball and other pastimes for inmates, but Warden John Thalacker said he hasn't met any disappointed tourists who were looking for the recreational facility. (From CNN)

Q. What do a therapist and a cartographer have in common?

A. They both deal with projection.

Q. Why do paper maps never win at poker?

A. Because they always fold.

Q. Why does west longitude need to be cheered up?

A. Because it is always negative.

Q. What did the mapmaker send his sweetheart on Valentine's Day?

A. A dozen compass roses.

International News

Microsoft MapPoint 2000

Microsoft has released MapPoint 2000, a basic desktop mapping program designed as part of the Microsoft Office suite. MapPoint is not as powerful as the most popular GIS programs on the market, ArcView and MapInfo, but at US\$109 it is a lot cheaper. Rather than cutting into the market of existing vendors hopefully Microsoft will broaden the market to include a whole new range of desktop mapping users.

Product information: <http://www.microsoft.com/office/mappoint/>

For a review see: <http://geography.about.com/library/weekly/aa051799.htm>

Narratives and Maps: Historical Studies of Cartographic Storytelling

The thirteenth Nebenzahl lectures in the history of Cartography, 28-30 October 1999, The Newberry Library. The series of nine lectures is free and open to the public, however reservations are required. Contact: Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography, The Newberry Library, 60 West Walton St, Chicago, IL 60610-3380, USA. Email: smithetr@newberry.org <http://www.newberry.org/>

1999 Nebenzahl Prize Announced

The Herman Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography at the Newberry Library has announced that Dr D Graham Burnett has received the first Nebenzahl Prize for Dissertations in the History of Cartography. Dr Burnett received his PhD from Cambridge University. His dissertation "El Dorado on Paper: Traverse Surveys and the Geographical Construction of British Guinea, 1803 - 1844" placed the surveying of British Guinea in the context of larger questions of representation, cultural construction and the nature of exploration. The prize will next be awarded in 2001. Further information is available from:

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Australian News

New Edition 1:250 000 Topographic Maps

AUSLIG has released a number of new edition NATMAP 1:250 000 scale Topographic Maps. As part of an ongoing revision program over the next eight to ten years, AUSLIG plans to concentrate on revising 1:250 000 NATMAPs and digital data. The new edition maps feature up to date information revised from satellite imagery, compatibility with GPS, printing extended to the edge of the map sheet, available in hardcopy or digital vector data (GEODATA), and a user friendly legend. Information on the coverage of new edition maps and the work program is available on the AUSLIG web site.

<http://www.auslig.gov.au/new/newmaps.htm>

The Classic Robert Logan Jack Map Collection

"This publication is a compilation of classic maps produced by Robert Logan Jack, who is unquestionably the most famous Queensland government geologist. The maps are packed with old geological and mining information and include priceless historical material on Cobb and Co routes, campsites, towns and so on." A limited edition of 1000 copies, costing \$225 each including postage and handling. Available from: North Queensland Mining Museums Pty Ltd, 2 High St, Charters Towers, 4820.

Australian Map Circle Inc.

Minutes of the 1999 Annual General Meeting

Monday 5 April 1999, St. John's College, The University of Queensland

1. Attendance.

Present at the meeting:

John Cain	Roger Rees	Judith Scurfield	Victor Prescott	Adella Edwards
Greg Eccleston	Effie Rees	Bill Stinson	Frank Urban	Barbara
Estelle Canning	Maura O'Connor	Richard Miller	Don Somerville	Wojtkowski
Denis Shephard	Glenys Young	Dorothy Prescott	Majorie Somerville	Les Isdale

Apologies were received on behalf of: Pam Faragher, Chandra Jayasuriya, John Roberts, Peter Johnson, Stuart Duncan, Marta Chiba, Joe Lines, David Hancox, Margaret Eva.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM.

The minutes of the 1998 AGM were circulated with the AMC *Newsletter* and available at the meeting. Note that Maura O'Connor's correct email is moconnor@nla.gov.au; and under 10.2 (best wishes) the second reference to Mary Lines should be to Molly Foale. The minutes as amended were accepted by the meeting.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

- Item 10.6, National Mapping Program, see President's report.

4. President's Report.

Copies of the President's Report were distributed at the meeting and may also be published in the *Newsletter*. Greg Eccleston spoke briefly to the report. Maura O'Connor spoke briefly on plans for the AMC 2000 Conference, to be held at the National Library of Australia from 30 January to 2 February 2000; plans are going well with one speaker already accepted and the first sponsor, Intergraph, in place. With regard to the National Mapping Program, Roger Rees mentioned that \$2 million for two years has been allocated for updating of the 1:100,000 mapping of Australia – sufficient to make a start though it is a big and ongoing job. The President's Report was accepted by the meeting.

5. Business Manager's Report.

The audited financial statement was distributed at the meeting and may also be published in the *Newsletter*. John Cain spoke to the report on behalf of the Business Manager, Marie Morden. The current membership trend seems to be upwards, with 230 copies of the *Newsletter* and *The Globe* being circulated for each issue. The balance of the AMC accounts as at 31 December 1998 was \$21,708, excluding the AMC99 accounts. John also noted that a cheque for \$2180.97 to finalize AMC98 was received by the Executive in June 1998, but during the audit it was realized that this had not been banked. The cheque appears to have been misplaced and the Executive is in the process of locating it or having a replacement cheque issued. [The cheque has since been found and banked and will appear in the 1999 accounts]. The accounts were audited by Mr. Ewan Smith, CPA. The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

Matters arising from the Business Manager's report:

The major items of expenditure were *The Globe*, AACCCM meeting expenses, and Portuguese translation fees.

- John Cain noted that *The Globe* covers the cost of production of two issues.
- John Cain noted that with regard to AACCCM (see 1998 minutes, item 10.1) the total expense of \$4470 was offset by a payment of \$3388 from AACCCM, being the Australian share of royalties from the sale of AACCCM publications; a net cost of about \$1100.
- Victor Prescott spoke for the Editorial Committee regarding the Portuguese translation fee, which was incurred for the translation of a paper by Alfredo Pinheiro Marques, -- a paper never before presented in English concerning Portuguese exploration and discovery, which the author was prevented from presenting at the 1997 History of Cartography Conference in Lisbon, apparently for political reasons. The paper will be published in *The Globe* #48.
- Roger Rees asked about the term deposits, John Cain responded that these are a prudent reserve to cover fluctuations in the finances of the Circle.

6. Report of *The Globe* Editors.

The Editorial Committee report was distributed at the meeting and may also be published in the *Newsletter*. Two issues of *The Globe* appeared during 1998, #46 and #47. The report was accepted by the meeting.

Matters arising from the Editors' report:

Bill Stinson requested the use of a harder cover on *The Globe* than that used for #47. He also asked about electronic journals and whether we are in danger of cancellation by major libraries? Maura O'Connor commented that a major problem with electronic journals is archiving. Bill disagreed, mentioning project MUSE and the use of PDF files for example. Les Isdale asked whether any move towards electronic publication would mean no production of hard copy; John Cain responded that no, either way hard copy production would be retained for the foreseeable future.

7. Branch reports.

7.1 Brisbane: Les Isdale reported that Brisbane has been organizing the conference, during which it has learnt about the late registration problem and the problem with getting papers. He does not hold out great hopes for regular meetings by a Queensland branch. Don Somerville commented it was not impossible.

7.2 Sydney: Bill Stinson reported on the meetings of the Sydney Map Group, a group organized by Robert Clancy including people from IMCOS, AMC, MSIA and others, which has had three meetings so far, two in 1998 and one in 1999. There was some comment as to whether this group is a competitor to AMC, but Bill and Richard Miller stated it is just a social group of people interested in maps.

7.3 Melbourne: Greg Eccleston reported that the Victorian Branch met four times during 1998, at the University of Melbourne Library Map Section (digital maps), the Melbourne Excimer Laser Clinic (Eyeball maps), the State Library of Victoria (map treasures) and a Christmas function, with an average of 15 members at each meeting.

8. Returning Officer's report.

On behalf of the Returning Officer, David Jones of the University of Melbourne Library, John Cain reported that one nomination had been received for each of the four Executive positions. The following were therefore declared re-elected:

President:	Greg Eccleston	Secretary:	John Cain
Vice-President:	Estelle Canning	Business Manager:	Marie Morden

9. Next AMC Conference.

As noted under the President's report, the next AMC Conference will be hosted by the National Library of Australia from 30 January to 2 February 2000. A call for speakers was circulated at the Conference. The Executive is seeking a host for the 2001 conference and any offers will be very welcome.

10. Other business.

10.1 Conference Attendance: ((Much of this discussion took place after the Business Manager's report, and also at other points during the meeting. It is gathered here for clarity)). Richard Miller asked about conference attendance; John Cain replied that this seems pretty stable around 30 for the last several years; the Executive is very happy to hear suggestions for increasing attendance. John Cain commented on the decline of map collections in Australia which are a major source of conference attendance. Bill Stinson commented on the need for lists of papers/speakers to be available well in advance of the conference to support attendance. Les Isdale noted the difficulty in getting papers for the conference, mentioned MSIA professional development program as a possible source. Victor Prescott suggested establishment of a fund to subsidize attendance by young members at conferences. Richard Miller suggested targeting subsidies/prizes to cartography courses. Les Isdale suggested Royal Geographical Society geography competition, perhaps memberships as prizes. John Cain noted that the idea of a biennial conference was very unpopular when discussed at the 1998 AGM. Les Isdale also questioned whether a biennial conference would increase attendance in any case?

There being no further business, the meeting was then closed.

End-of-Conference Resolutions.

As the AGM was held before the conference, at the conclusion of the conference resolutions were taken from the floor to allow members to raise issues. The following motions were approved:

- That the AMC promotes and supports placement of a plaque on the place of Francis Barrallier's death in London. The Executive to make enquiries.
- That the AMC supports the adoption of an Australian Standard for conservation materials. Executive to write to AICCM supporting adoption of such a standard.

- That the AMC supports the inclusion of the meaning of placenames (where known) in Australian placename gazetteers available over the Internet. Executive to write to CGNA to draw this issue to their attention.

John Cain, 22.04.99. e:\maps\amc\agm99doc