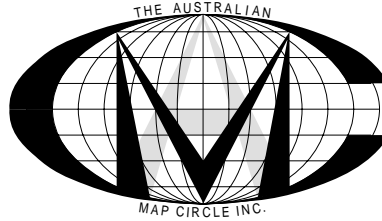


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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please note our new postal address:

Australian Map Circle, P.O. Box 4206, University of Melbourne, Vic 3052, AUSTRALIA.

34th AMC CONFERENCE **Perth** **Sun 12 - Wed 15 February 2006**

The AMC's 34th annual conference, our first in WA for 20 years, will be held in Perth at Trinity College, the University of Western Australia. The official theme is "Charting the Past and Projecting into the Future".

Provisional Programme:

Sunday 12 February 2006

Afternoon: Optional Tour of Kings Park

Evening: Early registration and welcome BBQ at Trinity College

Monday 13 February

Morning: Registration; Conference welcome and presentation of papers.

Afternoon: Visits to the State Library of WA and the Geological Survey of WA.

Tuesday 14 February

Morning: Presentation of papers.

Afternoon: Visit to Digital Mapping Solutions and the WA Maritime Museum

Evening: Batavia lecture. Conference dinner.

Wednesday 15 February

Morning: Presentation of papers.

Afternoon: Poster session. AGM. Presentation of Estelle Canning Memorial Prize and official close.

Details of Registration and Accommodation

A registration brochure is included with this newsletter. Accommodation is available on-site at Trinity College. www.trinity.uwa.edu.au/conf/accommodation

Call for Papers:

There may still be space for those wishing to present papers. Contact Amy Griffin directly.

Contact:

Amy Griffin, School of PEMS, UNSW-ADFA, Northcott Drive, Campbell, ACT 2600.

Email a.griffin@adfa.edu.au

Directions:

From the east coast, Perth can be reached by plane on Qantas (www.qantas.com) or Virgin Blue (www.virginblue.com.au), by Great Southern Railway's famous Indian-Pacific train (www.gsr.com.au/our-trains/indian-pacific/the-journey.php), or by Greyhound bus (www.greyhound.com.au). Alternatively you can drive. Turn left at Adelaide and continue for three or four days. You can't miss it!

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The Australian Map Circle Inc. Incorporated Association (Victoria) no. A0034021A. ABN 19 046 516 617.

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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. This issue edited by Brendan Whyte. Please send reviews, notices and other items of general interest for inclusion in future *Newsletters* and *The Globe* to:

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GST: The Australian Map Circle's ABN is **19 046 516 617**. As a not-for-profit association with an annual turnover of less than \$100 000, the AMC is not registered for and does not charge GST. Consequently, the AMC does not issue 'tax invoices', as these may be issued only by organizations that are registered for GST.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2006 AMC EXECUTIVE NEEDED

Dear AMC Members,

All current members of the AMC Executive have decided to stand down from the Executive as of the AMC 2006 Annual General Meeting in at the Annual Conference in Perth.

Our Secretary (Brendan Whyte) is off overseas for a year for research. Our Business Manager (Marie Morden) is standing down for health reasons. Our Vice-President (Adella Edwards) has other time-consuming professional commitments. Personally I am no longer professionally involved in maps and mapping, and lack the time to provide leadership as President. *The Globe* editorial committee will continue without Brendan Whyte's able work.

Fresh blood is needed. All AMC members should consider the value they place on the AMC and what it delivers for them. Those members that are able must step forward to take on a role and help with running the organization. Nearly all AMC Executive business is now conducted using email and the Internet, and your geographic location is no bar to membership of the AMC Executive.

John Cain, AMC President.

An editor for this Newsletter is also required, and does not have to be a member of the executive.

National Library Map Curator Maura O'Connor Retires

Maura O'Connor, the Map Curator at the National Library of Australia since 1988, retired on 21 October this year. The following announcement was posted to our AMCircle email list by Margy Burn, Assistant Director General, Australian Collection & Reader Services at the National Library of Australia, and is reproduced here with her permission:

Maura O'Connor retired on Friday after a career working with maps at the National Library of Australia which spanned more than 25 years. She held the position of Map Curator since 1988. Her great and lasting achievement has been in collection building Maura was very proud to have acquired for the Library the renowned Jean Baptiste Nolin wall map of 1700, one of only three known copies. Earlier this year she acquired a pair of table globes by Richard Cushee. The terrestrial globe, the earliest British representation of the east coast of Australia, drawn from the best authorities in 1731, will feature in the forthcoming exhibition *Treasures from Australia's Great Libraries* which opens at the National Library in December before touring to all the capital cities for the Council of Australian State Libraries.

Maura was a passionate advocate for maps and an enthusiastic promoter of historical cartography to interest groups ranging from railway historians to genealogists. In her later years at the Library she was instrumental in making the collection more accessible through projects such as digitisation - there are now more than 4000 rare maps which can be viewed from the Library's website - and indexing atlas volumes to provide analytical catalogue records for individual maps. As she leaves the Library Maura has substantially completed work on a book about the Library's map collection which the NLA will publish in 2006.

Maura will be succeeded as Curator of Maps by Dr Martin Woods. Martin came to the National Library in 2004 as manager responsible for the reading rooms and access services, having rejoined the Library after seven year's absence. In recent months Martin has worked closely with Maura on a number of key map access projects. Martin began his career in cultural heritage management in South Australia. His earlier experience at the National Library included work with the Library's Oral History, Manuscripts and other special collections. More recently, he was Assistant Manager, Collection Services at the Australian War Memorial where he developed the Memorial's collection search system and military encyclopaedia. Martin was awarded a PhD in 2000 for his study of voluntary community service and civil society.

Maura served as President of the AMC 1993-94, and hosted our 2000 conference in Canberra. She is retiring to Tasmania to farm.

OTHER CONFERENCES

400 Years of Mapping Australia **Darwin, Wed 23 - Fri 25 August 2006**

Conducted by the Mapping Sciences Institute of Australia (MSIA) at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in central Darwin, the venue is near the Northern Territory Parliament House where the MSIA in conjunction with the Institution of Surveyors Australia, NT Division, and the Northern Territory Library will be holding a public exhibition of historic maps, instruments and photographs. The conference and exhibition are being held under the national Australia-on-the-Map 1606-2006 program of events to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the first European contact with Australia.

The technical program will run over 3 days and will comprise papers to celebrate 400 years of mapping in Australia, including the mapping achievements of early European cartographers and hydrographers, land explorers and colonial land administrators, and government agencies and private sector firms.

The social program will include a welcome reception, historic sights cruise on Darwin Harbour and a conference dinner.

Darwin can be reached by plane from all mainland capitals, or on the *Ghan* train from Adelaide.

Conference program and registration forms will be distributed in early 2006 and will also be available on www.mappingsciences.org.au

Contact: Trevor Menzies, email menzies2@bigpond.net.au, ph (08) 8981 3413 or 041 889 2897.

Post-Cartographic Map Design **Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting** **March 7-11 2006, Chicago Illinois**

<http://makingmaps.owu.edu/postcartdesign.html>

Organizer and Contact:

JB Krygier, Department of Geology and Geography, Ohio Wesleyan University, 61 S. Sandusky St., Delaware, OH 43015, USA. Email: jbkrygier@owu.edu

MAPS AND MAP BOOKS

FREE issues of “Cartography” to anyone who would like to collect them: v.1 no.1 Dec 1954 to v.3 1960; v.10 no.4 July 1978 ; v.11 no.4 Sept 1980 ; v.12 no.2 Sept 1981 to v.30 no.1 June 2001 ; plus Supplements to Cartography for the years 1987, 1991 and 1995.

Dorothy Prescott, Melbourne, Australia. Email: dorothy@unimelb.edu.au

A national “Energy Map 2003” is available from The Energy Supply Assoc of Australia in A0 and A2 sizes. It shows gas pipelines, electricity transmission lines, power stations by fuel type, areas in which electricity is available, power supply company areas, proposed gas and electric lines, etc.

www.esaa.com.au/store/products.pl

New Geoscience Australia maps are listed regularly at www.ga.gov.au/nmd/mapping/newmaps/

Soviet mapping of Australia For the record, the Soviet military topographic mapping of Australia includes: 1:1,000,000. 56 sheets, complete coverage.

1:500,000. 163 sheets, complete coverage.

1:200,000, 1:100,000 and 1:50,000 series never covered any of Australia.

1:25,000 City plans: Adelaide: 2 sheets, 1981 ; Brisbane: 4 sheets, 1985 ; Canberra: 1 sheet, 1981 ; Perth: 2 sheets, 1985 ; Sydney: 4 sheets, 1985. Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch were also covered. No coverage of Melbourne was produced. For the city plans, only digital copies appear to be available any more.

First there was **Melway**, then came **Sydney**. Now, just released is **Brisway**, a new street directory of SE Qld, including the Gold and Sunshine Coasts. www.ausway.com.au/

“RACV/VicRoads Country Street Directory of Victoria” 6th ed. has been released. This is an atlas of street maps of all Victorian towns, and state road maps. Available from Australian map retailers or direct from VicRoads Bookshop, Ground Floor, 60 Denmark St, Kew, Victoria 3101. Ph (03) 9854 2782

bookshop@roads.vic.gov.au

“The Disputed Country, Australia's lost border, the bizarre story of Australia's first surveyed border and the on-going dispute it created” by Bob Dunn. Published by Bob Dunn and John Deckert (Westprint Heritage maps), 2004. ISBN 0 646 43306 7. \$32.50.

Volume 2 of R J Howgego's monumental “Encyclopedia of Exploration” was published in October 2004, for A\$245, covering 1800-1850. www.hordern.com/publications/explorers.htm

The publisher's case-of-champagne prize for spotting the spoof entry in vol.1 (to 1800) remains unclaimed.

“Rattlesnake” by **Jordan Goodman**, Faber & Faber, ISBN 0571210732, HB \$49.95 HMS Rattlesnake, an ageing British warship, was commissioned in 1846 to survey this Barrier Reef and produce the first detailed chart of the New Guinea coast, but a series of events ensures that when *Rattlesnake* returns to England, the dreams of some of her crew have met with tragedy.

“Early Printed Maps of New Zealand” is still available for NZ\$240 from the author:

Brian Hooker, 9 Amorino Dr, Red Beach 1461, New Zealand email briah@xtra.co.nz or delzur@delzur.com

“Battle of Trafalgar Map”. A new map from OS celebrates the Trafalgar bicentenary, depicting the route of Lt. John Richards Lapenotiere who was entrusted with delivering news of the victory and the death of Nelson to the Admiralty in London. The map includes a description of the battle and its aftermath. £6.25 Scale 1:625,000 ISBN 0319290344 http://62.25.96.208/products_new/trafalgar/trafalgar.cfm?shop_ID=1

“Grote Atlas Van Nederlands Oost-Indië” (Comprehensive Atlas Of The Netherlands East Indies), 2nd (extended) edition, Asia Maior Publishers and the Koninklijk Nederlands Aardrijkskundig Genootschap (KNAG, Royal Dutch Geographical Society). €265.

Asia Maior/Atlas Maior Publishers, P.O. Box 150, 4300 AD Zierikzee, The Netherlands. Email amaior@zeelandnet.nl fax +31-111-417 281 www.asiamaior.nl/atlasvoor.htm

Beautiful birds-eye views of Japan rendered with gorgeous cartography. Scroll down to a series of thumbnails at www.hcc.co.jp/product/Pro_geoart/p_geoart.html The Fuji and Tokyo views are particularly good: www.hcc.co.jp/product/Pro_geoart/2_mt_fuji.html , www.hcc.co.jp/product/Pro_geoart/2_g_tokyo.html To buy these, try emailing to info@hcc.co.jp

“The Great Indian Railway Atlas” by Samit Roychoudhury, 2005, ISBN 81-901457-0-3. US\$19.99 www.samit.org/iratlas/index.htm Buy online <http://indianrailstuff.com/atlas/index.html> Or contact: Mr. Samit Roychoudhury, Balaka 9A, 68B Ballygunge Circular Road, Kolkata 700 019, India. Email mail@samit.org Ph +91 (33) 2280 6988

English translations of the three cartographic volumes of Fuat Sezgin’s **“Geschichte des arabischen Schrifttums”** (Leiden, E.J. Brill, 1967-) are now available.

<http://web.uni-frankfurt.de/fb13/igaiw/publication/geography.html>

<http://web.uni-frankfurt.de/fb13/igaiw/publication/publication.html>

Sezgin, Fuat: **Mathematical Geography and Cartography in Islam and their Continuation in the Occident**. Translated by Guy Moore and Geoff Sammon.

Vol. I. Historical Presentation. Part 1. English Version of vol.X. 664 pp. 2005. ISBN 3-8298-0060-6. €75

Vol. II: Historical Presentation. Part 2. English Version of vol.XI. ISBN 3-8298-0061-4. c.€75

Vol. III: Book of Maps. English Version of vol.XII. 378 pp. inc. 447 maps. 2000. ISBN 3-8298-0062-2. €100

Set of 3 vols. ISBN 3-8298-0063-0. c.€250

Contact: Institut für Geschichte der Arabisch-Islamischen Wissenschaften an der Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Westendstraße 89, D-60325 Frankfurt am Main, GERMANY.

E-mail: igaiw@rz.uni-frankfurt.de

“Volcanic Hazard Atlas of the Lesser Antilles” Edited by Lindsay, J.M., Robertson, R.E.A., Shepherd, J.B. & Ali, S. Published by the Seismic Research Unit, The University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago. An accompanying map pocket contains large poster-sized versions of the hazard maps for individual islands and a new geological map of Dominica. Order via:

www.uwiseismic.com/vha/VHA_OrderForm.pdf

Contact: Jan Lindsay, Department of Geology, University of Auckland (j.lindsay@auckland.ac.nz) or Richie Robertson, Seismic Research Unit, UWI (richie_robertson@uwiseismic.com)

Latvian map shop: Jana Seta, Elizabetes Iela 83-85, Riga, LV-1005, Latvia

ph 7240894 fx 7828039 email veikals@kartes.lv www.karsuveikals.lv

Open M-F 10-7, Sat 10-5, closed Sunday. Stockists of Soviet maps of the Baltics and beyond, and reproduction Latvian topographic maps from the first independence period 1918-1940.

A new “Atlas of Mars” has been released on CD by Ralph Aeschliman for US\$30.

www.ralphaeschliman.com/id40.htm

He also has online lunar, Venusian and Martian maps www.ralphaeschliman.com/id26.htm ,

www.ralphaeschliman.com/id25.htm and www.ralphaeschliman.com/id22.htm

“The Geographer's Library” A new Dan-Brownesque detective novel by Jon Fasman, Penguin.

New cartography books from the University of Chicago Press:

“The Commerce of Cartography: Making and Marketing Maps in Eighteenth-Century France and England” by Mary Sponberg Pedley, 232pp., The Kenneth Nebenzahl, Jr., Lectures in the History of Cartography, US\$40, ISBN 0-226-65341-2 .

“Street Mapping: An A to Z of Urban Cartography” by Nick Millea, Distributed for the Bodleian Library, University of Oxford. 79pp., 40 color plates.

“The Gough Map: The Earliest Road Map of Great Britain” by Nick Millea, Distributed for the Bodleian Library, University of Oxford. 112pp. 50 colour plates, US\$37.50 ISBN 1-85124-022-5

“The Sovereign Map: Theoretical Approaches in Cartography through History” by Christian Jacob; edited by Edward H. Dahl. translated by Tom Conley. 464 p., 11 color plates, 45 halftones, 15 line drawings., US\$60.00 ISBN 0-226-38953-7

Recently published mapping articles of interest:

“Estimates of Historical Tree Densities in the North Lachlan River Catchments, New South Wales, Australia”, W. K. Martin (*Geographical Research*, 2005, 43, 2:162-172) Estimates pre-European tree densities using annotations & surveyor's tree blazes recorded in nineteenth-century portion plans & survey records.

“On Squatters, Settlers and Early Surveyors: historical development of country road reserves in southern New South Wales”, P. G. Spooner (*Australian Geographer*, 2005, 36, 1:55-73) Demonstrates the historical development of the rural road network and its current conservation values as being a vestige of nineteenth century land use and surveying decisions using Lockhart Shire as a case study.

“Les Portulans et les Cartes de Pîrî Reîs,crivain nautique Ottoman”, J-L. Bacqué-Grammont (*Le Monde des Cartes*, 2005, 184:31-55) A review of the current state of research on Piri Reis with descriptive notes identifying the features of his maps of the Dardanelles and the coast of Provence.

“Une Entreprise majeure de la Cartographie océanographique: la carte générale bathymétrique des océans”, J. Carpine-Lancre (*Le Monde des Cartes*, 2005, 184:67-89) A history of the five editions of the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans from its origins at a Berlin conference in 1899 to the modern digital product.

“Development and Function of Maps in the Transmission of Press Information in Poland”. P. Kowalski (*Miscellanea Geographica*, 2004, 11, 311-322). Investigates changes in topics, content and style of maps used in the Polish press over the last 150 years.

“One Planet, Many People: Atlas of Our Changing Environment” by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in cooperation with NASA, United States Geological Survey (USGS) and University of Maryland. The Atlas is online at www.na.unep.net or purchase a hard copy from www.earthprint.com.

MAPS ON THE WEB

Australian fisheries maps downloadable as PDFs:

Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) www.afma.gov.au/information/maps/default.htm

Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority (PZJA) www.pzja.gov.au/resources/maps.htm

Australian Mines Atlas online

www.australianminesatlas.gov.au/TOC.jsp , www.australianminesatlas.gov.au/doco/history.jsp

Melbourne 1945 aerial photography from the University of Melbourne map collection:

www.lib.unimelb.edu.au/collections/maps/1945melb/index.html

Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) has released its topographic information strategy.

www.linz.govt.nz/docs/topography/topo_info_strategy_2005_2010.pdf

The Commonwealth Geographical Bureau (CGB) is a representative body of some 300 geography departments, units, sections and faculties within universities and higher education institutions throughout the Commonwealth. It now has a website: www.commonwealthgeography.org

The Portuguese Military Geographic Institute (IGeoE) will make available online digital images of the maps in its historical collection, particularly for the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

www.igeoe.pt/diversos/txtsidcarta.htm

The IGeoE also opened a Cartography Museum on 24 Nov 2004 to mark its 72nd anniversary.

“Applied GIS” a new electronic journal available on pay-per-view basis. Editors: Jim Peterson, School of Geography & Environmental Science, Monash University and Ray Wyatt, SAGES, University of Melbourne. www.epress.monash.edu/ag/about.html

Nolli's 1748 map of Rome, 6' x 7', is now online, courtesy of the School of Architecture and the Infographics Lab of the University of Oregon <http://nolli.uoregon.edu/>

The c.1360 Gough Map of Britain is now viewable online. The 115 x 56 cm map was donated to the Bodleian Library, by Richard Gough in 1809. He bought it in 1774 for 2/6.

www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/guides/maps/herefrme.htm , <http://sarah.gg.qub.ac.uk/website/goughmap/viewer.htm>

L. Dudley Stamp's Land Utilisation Survey of Great Britain mapped land use onto six inch to the mile maps. The plan was to publish the results using OS Popular Series 1" maps as a base, but lack of funds meant that 56 sheets, mainly upland Scotland, were never published. A set of very carefully hand-painted sheets covering these areas was deposited with the Royal Geographical Society in London (RGS Control No. 568206); these are now accessible online along with two complete sets of 1" maps of Britain: the 19th century First Series and the 1940s New Popular Edition plus a set of all the published Stamp maps.

www.VisionOfBritain.org.uk/maps

A key to the land use maps: www.visionofbritain.org.uk/footer/doc_text_for_title.jsp?topic=sources&seq=6

Google Earth/Google Maps censored by US officials. The US congress and Vice President's residence have been pixelated, while the White House has been 'brownd out'.

[www.perljam.net/google-satellite-](http://www.perljam.net/google-satellite-maps/id/1321/United_States/District_Of_Columbia/Washington/White_House_with_erased_rooftops)

[maps/id/1321/United_States/District_Of_Columbia/Washington/White_House_with_erased_rooftops](http://www.perljam.net/google-satellite-maps/id/1321/United_States/District_Of_Columbia/Washington/White_House_with_erased_rooftops)

[www.perljam.net/google-satellite-](http://www.perljam.net/google-satellite-maps/id/1430/United_States/District_Of_Columbia/Washington/US_Congress_blurred)

[maps/id/1430/United_States/District_Of_Columbia/Washington/US_Congress_blurred](http://www.perljam.net/google-satellite-maps/id/1430/United_States/District_Of_Columbia/Washington/US_Congress_blurred)

[www.perljam.net/google-satellite-](http://www.perljam.net/google-satellite-maps/id/3670/United_States/District_Of_Columbia/Washington/Official_residence_of_the_Vice_President)

[maps/id/3670/United_States/District_Of_Columbia/Washington/Official_residence_of_the_Vice_President](http://www.perljam.net/google-satellite-maps/id/3670/United_States/District_Of_Columbia/Washington/Official_residence_of_the_Vice_President)

While locally, the Australian federal government says that the Google Earth website posed no security risk and added nothing to information already publicly available.

www.smh.com.au/articles/2005/08/08/1123353256404.html

Google Moon: hot on the heels of maps.google.com and earth.google.com comes <http://moon.google.com>

And make sure you zoom right in to the highest resolution...

Locate the antipodes of anywhere by digging a hole to the other side of the earth on an online map

www.digtootherside.cjb.net/

Find et Land, a Danish game to locate African countries on a map as fast as possible. Can you get all 49 in under a minute? The only hard one is Elfenbenskysten, Danish for Ivory Coast.

www.fredsmissionen.dk/explorer/

Geography Olympics. Given 200 seconds can you locate and click on 10 randomly selected countries?

www.geographyolympics.com/challenge.php

Another map game. Several levels of play for each continent: Given a capital city, click on its country; drag a country outline onto a blank continent map; or drag/rotate/resize countries onto a blank map.

www.sheppardsoftware.com/web_games_menu.htm

MAPS IN THE NEWS

An exhibition of aerial photos of Sydney from 1943 and 2001 is on display at the Museum of Sydney, cnr Phillip and Bridge St in the city, until 18 December. Ten areas are featured including the CBD, airport, and Olympic Park at Homebush. The entire 1943 survey (on CD), and a set of 10 posters are available from the museum shop: Museum of Sydney, Cnr Phillip and Bridge Streets, Sydney NSW 2000

ph. (02)9251 5988 fx. (02)9251 5966 Email info@hht.net.au (put 'Museum of Sydney' in subject line)

Victoria's "Twelve Apostles" were reduced from nine to eight on Sunday 3 July when erosion took its toll. Visitor numbers have since jumped despite there being nothing new to see... quite the opposite in fact!

<http://theage.com.au/articles/2005/07/04/1120329384274.html?oneclick=true>

The National Mapping Division recently merged with Geoscience Australia's Geohazards Division to form Geospatial & Earth Monitoring Division (GEMD). A benefit of the merger is the establishment of a new Spatial Information Industry Advice and Facilitation Branch (SIIAF) as part of GEMD to provide technical advice to government on the spatial information industry and support government agencies utilising the spatial industry, where appropriate.

Robert Clancy featured on p.13 of the *Age's* 'Money' section on 26 October, in an article entitled "Chart Busters" by Judy Adamson on collecting antique maps.

Dame Evelyn Stokes, professor of geography at Waikato University, and instrumental in establishing the map library there, died on 11 August. An obituary was published in the *Waikato Times*, Sat 13 August, p.A9.

Irish outlaw English. Ireland passed a law on 28 March banning the use of English on road signs and government maps on much of the country's west coast.

www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/news/archive/2005/03/28/international/i121952S03.DTL

India lifts map restrictions: Press release of 19 May 2005:

"... The New Policy envisages two series of maps- the Defence Series Maps (DSMs) and the Open Series Maps (OSMs). The DSMs will be for exclusive use for defence forces and authorized Government Departments. The Policy regarding the use of DSMs will be determined by the Ministry of Defence whereas the Policy on OSMs will be the responsibility of Survey of India/Department of Science and Technology.

OSMs will have a different datum, projection, content and sheet numbers. These maps will be derived from National Digital Topographical Database (NDTB) which will be created by the Survey of India.

The use of OSMs will be through a process of registration for intimation. There will be a Map Information Registry Database (MIRD). 1:1 million and smaller maps do not require registration.

OSMs (Digital or Analogue) can be disseminated by Survey of India through an agreement to any agency for specific end use. The user can make value addition to these maps and can share the information under initiations to the Survey of India.

All serial photographs after masking of Vulnerable Areas/Vulnerable Points will be freely available for processing and project generation. Private agencies will be permitted to carry out surveys in all parts of the country using Public Domain Datum. But they should be registered and should carry the accreditation of Survey of India. ..."

The full press release is at <http://pib.nic.in/release/release.asp?relid=9388>

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina's devastation, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee librarians discovered a **1958 New Orleans Metropolitan Area Basic Evacuation Map** while cataloguing old material. Created for New Orleans-area civil defense agencies by H.M. Gousha Co., the map gives evacuation directions ("Do not stop on the road"), and includes information on nuclear fallout. At a scale of 1:40,000 it is now on display in the American Geographical Society Library (AGSL), Golda Meir library, UWM.

www.uwm.edu/Library/News/NO_evac_map.html (includes image of part of map)

Austrian village votes to keep its name. Last year the Austrian village of Fucking voted not to change its name, despite its road signs being frequently stolen by British tourists. Mayor Siegfried Hauppl explained: "We had a vote last year on whether to rename the town, but decided to keep it as it is. After all, Fucking has existed for 800 years, probably when a Mr Fuck or the Fuck family moved into the area. The 'ing' was added as a word for settlement." www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_1500991.html?menu

Other quaint Austrian villages include Windpassing, Schitterdorf and Sexling.

Another map thief. In July map dealer E. Forbes Smiley III of Martha's Vineyard was charged by the FBI with the theft of three maps from Yale's Rare Book and Manuscript Library. The British Library, Chicago's Newberry Library and New York's Public Library have confirmed that Smiley had viewed material in their collections from which maps are now missing. Yale police found one map in his pocket and seven in his briefcase when he was arrested on 8 June at the Yale Center for British Art in New Haven, Connecticut. Four of the maps have been confirmed as Yale property.

See, *inter alia*: www.boston.com:80/news/local/articles/2005/08/09/dealer_faces_probe_in_map_thefts