



Participants of the ICA Commission on Theoretical Cartography seminar in Sankt Petersburg, Russia | *Photograph courtesy of Alexander Wolodtschenko*

members. Should you not have received it and be interested, please, approach me by email [peter.jordan@oeaw.ac.at](mailto:peter.jordan@oeaw.ac.at). Everybody interested is welcome. Deadline for registration is 31 July 2010, deadline for the submission of abstracts 30 September 2010. No registration fees are requested; dinner and excursion (including snack box and lunch) costs are 100 USD. Travel arrangements and accommodation fall into the responsibility of every participant.

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## Theoretical Cartography

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### Seminar in Sankt Petersburg, Russia

The first seminar of the ICA Commission on Theoretical Cartography in 2010 under the title *Maps, Atlases, Geoportals: which languages do we need?* was held on 22 March at the Institute of Cartography and Geoinformatics in Sankt Petersburg. The main sponsor of the seminar was Faculty of Geography and Geoecology at the Sankt Petersburg University. The organising committee included Olga Lazebnik (Sankt Petersburg), Alexander Koshkarev (Moscow) and Alexander Wolodtschenko (Dresden).

Cartographers and geographers, surveyors and semioticians as well as computer scientists from Germany, Israel, Ukraine and Russia have presented and discussed a variety of cartographic, semiotic, geoscience and information technology papers in two oral sessions. It was a very productive seminar offering a chance to exchange ideas, opinions and positions from the traditional and geoinformation cartography perspective.

The results of the seminar will be published as a collection of abstracts in the *meta-carto-semiotics* e-journal (Vol 3, 2010, [meta-carto-semiotics.org](http://meta-carto-semiotics.org)).

### Seminar in Odesa, Ukraine

On 17-18 May, the Commission held another seminar in Odesa, Ukraine. The seminar entitled *Mapping, Analyses and Presentation of Medico-Geographical Information* was organised jointly by the Faculty of Geography and Geology, and the Laboratory of Thematic Cartography and Epidemiological Processes, both from the Mechnikov University in Kyiv. The local organising committee included Dmitry Nikolaenko and Olga Boyko from Kyiv, and Alexander Wolodtschenko from Dresden.

### Workshop in Kyiv, Ukraine

On 19 May 2010, the Commission organized a workshop entitled *Mini-display atlases and ubiquitous atlas cartography* in Kyiv, Ukraine at the National Aviation University. The local facilitators were Alexander Zaporozhetc, Michael Vasiuchin, Vadim Gulevec (Kyiv), Alexander Wolodtschenko (Dresden) and International Experimental Laboratory *Applied Cartosemiotics*.

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## Use and User Issues

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### Workshops in London, UK

The highlight of the ICA Commission on Use and User Issues activities since the ICA conference in Santiago de Chile was a workshop on *Methods and Techniques of Use, User and Usability Research in Geo-information Processing and Dissemination* which was held on 13 April 2010 at University College London. The workshop was attended by some 35 participants and the slides of the presentations are accessible through the Commission website. The full papers are now under review for inclusion as sections in the handbook on

user research methods and techniques the Commission is currently working on.

The Commission also supported another workshop on the *Usability of Geographic Information*. This workshop was also held in London on 23 March 2010 and organized by University College London and Great Britain's Ordnance Survey. The presentation slides of this workshop are also accessible through the Commission website. Some members of the Commission will draft a proposal for a follow-up event and/or Commission Project Group with the involvement of and outreach to the (non-GI) HCI / usability community.

### Future Plans

As far as upcoming events are concerned, the Commission is sponsoring a workshop, organized in conjunction with GIScience on 14 September 2010 in Zürich, Switzerland. The Commission will also be represented at AutoCarto 2010 in Orlando, Florida in November 2010, but the planned Commission workshop has been cancelled.

In 2011, the Commission will organize a pre-ICC 2010 workshop on *Use and User Issues in Public Transport Geoinformation* in Paris between 1-2 July.

Everyone interested in use and user issues in the geographic and cartographic domain is invited to visit our website or contact the Chair to be put on the Commission's mailing list.

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The London workshop of the Commission on Use and User Issues held in conjunction with GISRUK 2010 (GIS Research UK) | *Photography Richard Johnston*

