



president's report



Dear Colleagues

It is my pleasure to address you as newly elected president of the International Cartographic Association (ICA). This is simply because I am personally excited about the discipline of cartography and the role an organization like ICA can play. I see Cartography as a discipline of high relevance to society. Maps are underpinning decisions, either on individual or collaborative level, they allow the understanding of patterns, trends and complex phenomena. Cartographic products are used as interfaces between models of phenomena of all kind and human activities and can very often also be seen as attractive artefacts. A world without maps would leave us somewhat

“spatially blind”. The importance of maps and cartography is being detected more and more by decision makers and, for example, has been taken on board by the United Nations in their Global Geospatial Information Management Initiative.

As the work of cartographers is relevant and plays an important role in modern society, the cooperation and coordination of their efforts is equally relevant. This is the core aspiration of our Association as I see it. When we look back on ICA's successful history of more than 50 years we can also appreciate how it has developed into a global player in the domains related to geospatial information management. What ICA is offering us today is the uniqueness of an international forum for all with an interest and passion for cartography. It allows us to share and exchange our experiences, competencies, solutions, ideas and vision. It is

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ica awards 2011

The International Cartographic Association (ICA) has instituted a number of awards for outstanding service to the ICA and to cartography generally. At the closing ceremony of the 25th International Cartographic Conference in Paris, France, the following awards were presented:

- The ICA Honorary Fellowship to **Professor Yasuo Masai** (Japan)
- The ICA Honorary Fellowship to **Dr Monique Pelletier** (France)
- The ICA Honorary Fellowship to **Professor Michael Peterson** (United States of America)



Citation for Professor Yasuo Masai

Professor Yasuo Masai was born in 1929 in Tokyo. He studied geography at Tokyo Bunrika University (presently University of Tsukuba) and there he was awarded a masters degree (1953) and a doctoral degree (1962) in science. Before receiving his doctorate, he had studied in the USA at the Michigan State University, where he was awarded a PhD in geography in 1960. He is Professor Emeritus at the Rissho University, where he has taught geography for 16 years. His previous appointments included the Ochanomizu University for 10 years and the University of Tsukuba for 9 years.

Professor Masai was Chair of the International Cartographic Association (ICA) Commission on Urban Cartography from 1980 to 1987. He organized numerous Commission meetings in Düsseldorf (Germany), Sofia (Bulgaria), Tokyo (Japan), Perth (Australia) and other cities. He was also a member of the ICA Awards Committee from 1994 to 1997. He served as a national delegate of Japan at many ICA conferences. He was president of the Japan Cartographers Association from 1993 to 2000, and he became an honorary member in 2007.

Professor Masai has published many books as an author or editor, including the *Atlas of Tokyo* (Heibonsha), *Travels with Urban Maps* (Hara-shobo), *Atlas of the World* (D Kindersley, Japanese edition), and others. One of his major academic contributions is the *1:20,000 Restored Urban Land Use Map of Edo* (the old name of Tokyo as the feudal capital of Tokugawa Japan). This is

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Professor William Cartwright delivers a keynote address on behalf of the JBGIS at the First High Level Forum on Global Geospatial Information Management in Seoul, South Korea | *Photograph courtesy of William Cartwright*



Use and User Issues

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Recent Activities

The ICA Commission on Use and User Issues is looking back with great pleasure and satisfaction to all that has happened this summer at the 25th International Cartographic Conference in Paris, France.

It all started with an exciting pre-conference workshop on User Issues in Public Transport Geoinformation, held on 1 and 2 July 2011 at IGN in Saint-Mandé. The workshop was organized by Commission Vice Chair David Forrest and Catherine Domingues of IGN provided logistical support. The company Steer, Davies and Gleave made a financial contribution (thank you!). Some 25 attendees, a good mix from academia, information design and the private sector, shared their insights through presentations, demonstrations and discussions. A special element was a provision of a realistic user experience with the information given (or not) to aid travelling within the Paris' public transport system. All workshop participants got the task to travel to certain destinations within Paris, using different modes of transport. In doing so, their use of and comments on public transport geoinformation (disseminated through map displays, signs, announcements, etc.) were recorded by an observer. The results of this realistic user test are going to be published and the workshop may form the foundation stone for a new Project Group that is going to pay specific attention to user issues in public

transport geoinformation under the facilitating wings of the Commission.

As far as the ICC 2011 is concerned, we are looking back at six very well attended oral sessions focussing on use, users and usability (at ICC 2009 there were four sessions and at ICC 2007 only one). The presentations are accessible through our website. There is a booming interest in this subject indeed, which was also obvious from the well-attended open meeting of the Commission which attracted some 50 colleagues.

Commission member Jenny Harding of the Ordnance Survey in Southampton represented the Commission at the special meeting of representatives of National Mapping Organizations at ICC 2011 and asked whether those organizations would be interested in sharing knowledge, thoughts and information on use and user issues related to the geographic information they provide. As a follow-up, Jenny has set up, in consultation with OGC, a dedicated on-line survey (also accessible through our website). This initiative may lead to the formation of yet another Project Group under the wings of the Commission.

This year, the ICA Commission on Use and User Issues completed its first term (2007-2011) in which many activities were executed. Because of the increasing interest in the subject, and because we have not completed all of our objectives (the book publication being the main one), the members of the Commission applied for a second term and we are now happy that the ICA General Assembly approved this. We will start the second term (2011-



Test subject and Use and User Issues Workshop participant finding her way with local geoinformation on the public transport system in Paris | *Photography Kristien Ooms*

2015) with partly revised terms of reference and with three Vice Chairs: Kristien Ooms (Belgium), Alex Pucher (Austria) and David Forrest (UK). Our first activities in the second term are some business meetings in November in Vienna (main subject being the book publication) and supporting the 4th Workshop on Usability of Geographic Information, which will be held on 17 January 2012 at Northumbria University in Newcastle, England. The topic of this workshop is *2D, 3D and moving usability findings into information design*.

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reports ica working groups

International Map Year

At the 15th General Assembly of the ICA in Paris, July 2011, Sweden put forth a motion to promote and organise the International Map Year. To allow sufficient time, 2015 was proposed as a target year. The motion received endorsement of the General Assembly and the ICA Executive Committee has recently formed a Working Group and accepted the following terms of reference:

- Create a textbook on Cartography and Geographic Information for the general public
- Elaborate plans for national activities and establish national contacts
- Involve the ICA Commissions and Working Groups in the initiative
- Find sponsors among the affiliate members
- Establish contacts with the UN and the sister organizations (through the ICA Executive Committee and the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies (JBGIS))
- Produce information that can be used at national Map Days
- Follow up and update the working plan at the ICC 2013 in Dresden

One of the main tasks of the Working Group is to produce a book on cartography for the general public that can also be used as a textbook for

secondary schools and as a promotion to encourage interested students to take up cartographic and geomatics courses at tertiary level. The proposed content includes chapters on how to collect geographic information, how to produce a map both on paper and in electronic form for a homepage, and also describes map use and explains how maps work. It is hoped, the book will give students means to produce maps and introduce them, as well as the public, to geographic names, their source and spelling. The book is intended to be distributed via the Internet or transportable electronic media. Later, a printed version may be possible.

The other initiative involves organization of national programmes during the International Map Year. The ICA Working Group will prepare examples of activities that can be arranged by the national members. This might involve finding local organizers such as municipalities, universities and other interested partners. The Swedish Map Year in 2008 was a great success and the organizers really enjoyed demonstrating their work. Representatives from the local municipality, Karlstad University and Lantmäteriet (the National Land Survey of Sweden) organized the event. A local orienteering club displayed their maps and demonstrated the skill of orienteering.

The International Map Year to be successful requires active promotion and cooperation of all members and sister organizations. The ICA