



Minutes of the

16th meeting of the ICA Commission on Mountain Cartography

Date: Thursday 28th August 2015 17:30 – 18:20

Place: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (ICC Room 3)

Participants :

Manfred Buchroithner (Germany), Giuseppe Borruso (Italy), Carlos Nelson (Argentina), Aileen Buckley (USA), Patrick Kennelly (USA), Igor Drecki (New Zealand), Roger Wheate (Canada), François Lecordix (France), Timofey Samsonov, Andrey Medvedev, Marianna Serebryakova (Russia), Georg Gartner (Austria), Oren Raz (Israel), Lorenz Hurni (Switzerland), Dušan Petrovič (Slovenia)

Topics

1. Welcome

Vice-chair Lorenz Hurni after introducing himself welcomed all participants, especially the ones, who joined commission's activities for the first time.

2. Minutes of previous meeting in Banff

Minutes of the previous meeting in Banff are published on the commission's web site.

3. Report on Workshop in Banff (Canada)

Roger Wheate, organizer of last workshop in Banff (Canada) in 2014 reported about the workshop and how it was financed. The workshop was successful both from scientific and social side and attracted new participants mostly from Canada. Short presentations Pecha-Kutta type were well received too. The proceedings haven't been delivered yet and the publication is still not edited. After discussion it was suggested, that Roger Wheate collects all existing material and prepares for publication on the commission's web pages. The printed publication may follow, at least a few documentary copies, but not necessarily.

4. Sessions at ICC in Rio de Janeiro

At the ICC in Rio there are two Mountain Cartography sessions scheduled, jointly with topographic mapping themes. Commission delivered a short presentation within the "ICA at a glance" session, and displayed a poster in the exhibition hall.

5. Book "16 years Commission in Mountain Cartography"

Lorenz Hurni presented a book "16 years Commission in Mountain Cartography", edited by commission chair Karel Kriz and published by the University of Vienna supported financially by the ICA. The book celebrates 16 years of the commission, describing its activities, covering some regional contexts and a selection of the most distinctive research themes of the workshops and members' research. A limited number of copies have been delivered to a few authors, with more copies available from the University of Vienna (Karel Kriz) for €30 until end of October 2015, later €35. Members are encouraged to order additional copies to cover production costs. Participants were impressed with perfect graphic quality and excellent editorial job done by Karel Kriz.

6. Proposal for the commission in next term

Proposal for continuation of the Commission was proposed to general Assembly, which will vote on that on Friday, 28 August 2015. The new proposed chair is Dušan Petrovič (Slovenia) and co-chair

Tom Patterson (USA). Proposed terms of references have been only slightly modified and the way the commission works should follow current praxis.

7. Workshop 2016 near Berchtesgaden, Germany

Manfred Buchroithner (Germany) presented the next workshop, which will take place near Berchtesgaden, Germany, from 26 to 30 April 2016. The venue is a mountain hut at the border between Germany and Austria, available by chair lift and additional 30 minute walk. First call is already available at the commission's web page and a few participants are already registered. Further information will be available at the end of September. Expected number of participants is about 50. The venue has 44 beds in rooms + additional beds with mattress. There is one issue with the payment, i.e. credit cards will not be accepted; payment would have to be made by a money transfer to the account or paid in cash on site.

8. Next possible workshops

The place and venue of the next workshops will be discussed at the workshop in 2016. Some ideas about possible locations were Norway, USA, Canada (Yukon), Switzerland.

9. State/future of commission's web-site

After 16 years of hosting and maintaining web site by Stefan Räber at ETH Zürich the web site will be moved to the University of Ljubljana and edited by Klemen Kozmus Trajkovski, assistant at University. All members thank Stefan for his work, making the web site the main information portal of the commission.

10. Members reports, possible joint activities

Members reports, possible joint activities: Igor Drecki reported about the Map Design: Mapping the 3rd Dimension workshop organized in New Zealand and delivered by Ken Field. The workshop focused on different techniques to map the 3rd dimension. The workshop explored a range approaches for manipulating elevation and terrain data to create a range of compelling maps. Dušan Petrovič mentioned that the new proposed ICA Commission on Topographic Mapping (proposed chair is Alex Kent, UK) partly overlaps with "our" commission thematically, and proposed possible cooperation or a joint activity. All members supported that.

11. Others

Triggered by Igor Drecki, all commission members expressed a special thanks to Karel Kriz and Lorenz Hurni for 16 years of excellent work in running the commission.

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Dušan Petrovič and Igor Drecki