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Founded in 9 June 1959 in Bern, Switzerland, 13 founding nations (Austria, Belgium, France, FRG, Finland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK And USA)
today 65 member states (with voting rights), some observers and affiliate members
ICA conferences and General Assemblies

Frankfurt am Main, Germany (1962)
London/Edinburgh, UK (1964) *II
Amsterdam, Netherlands (1967)
Delhi, India (1968) *III
Stresa, Italy (1970)
Ottawa, Canada (1972) *IV
Madrid, Spain (1974)
Moscow, Russia (1976) *V
College Park MD, USA (1978)
Tokyo, Japan (1980) *VI
Warszawa, Poland (1982)
Morelia, Mexico (1987) *VIII
Budapest, Hungary (1989)
Bournemouth, UK (1991) *IX
Cologne, Germany (1993)
Barcelona, Spain (1995) *X
Stockholm, Sweden (1997)
Ottawa, Canada (1999) *XI
Beijing, China (2001)
Durban, South Africa (2003) *XII
A Coruña, Spain (2005) *XIII
Moscow, Russia (2007) *XIV
Santiago, Chile (2009)
Paris, France (2011) *XV
Dresden, Germany (2013)
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2015) *XVI
Washington D.C., USA (2017) *XVII
Tokyo, Japan (2019) *XVIII
Florence, Italy (2021)
Cape Town, South Africa (2023) *XIX
Vancouver, Canada (2025)
5 Keynote lectures, 150 scientific sessions, 600 presentations

Keynote Speakers

Barend Erasmus
Dean: Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
University of Pretoria

Keynote title:
Maps for a just climate transition
international map exhibitions

350 atlases, maps, charts, digital cartographic products, from 31 countries

https://icc2023.org/index.php/international-map-exhibition/
Children’s Map Competition

32 participating countries and 176 drawings

Age groups:
- Under 6 years (15 submissions)
- 6-8 years (33 submissions)
- 9-12 years (62 submissions)
- 13-15 years (65 submissions)

https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/ccf8056030154dad96479390b3e5b62d/page/
Commercial exhibitions
social activities (orienteering)
social activities (gala dinner)
Future International Cartographic Conferences

32nd International Cartographic Conference
18–22 August 2025 in Vancouver, Canada
ICA Regional Cartographic Conferences 2023–2027

AsiaCarto 2024
The first Asian Cartographic Conference
- Organizer: The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU)
- Place: Hong Kong
- Date: 8–10 Dec 2024
- Website: asiacarto.org/2024/

EuroCarto 2024
European Cartographic Conference
- Organizer: German, Austrian, Swiss, British and Czech Cartographic Societies
- Place: Vienna, AT
- Date: 9–11 Sep 2024
- Website: www.eurocarto2024.org

CaGIS+UCGIS Symposium 2024
Climate Smart GIScience: Mapping a Sustainable Future
- Organizer: Cartography and Geographic Information Society (CaGIS) and the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS)
- Place: Columbus, Ohio
- Date: 3–6 Jun 2024
- Website: cartogis.org/conferences/cagis2024
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Commission on Mountain Cartography

- Define the topics of Mountain Cartography and promote the methods and knowledge of mountain cartography among scientists and professionals in cartography and related fields.
- Provide an updated, attractive web-portal with information about Commission activities, links to other events, theme-specific knowledge, related web-sites and bibliographic information.
- Discuss different issues about mountain cartography and map related representations in large scale topographic mapping, as similarity and differences in symbolization and map design, technological issues, maps use, connections to Location-based Services (LBS).
- **Continue the well-established workshop series.**
- Promote publication activities (proceedings, web-proceedings, journal articles and special issues) and common research/activities.

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INTERNATIONAL MAP YEAR 2015–2016

http://mapyear.org/
Scolarship - supporting young cartographers