a newsletter of the Map and Geography Round Table

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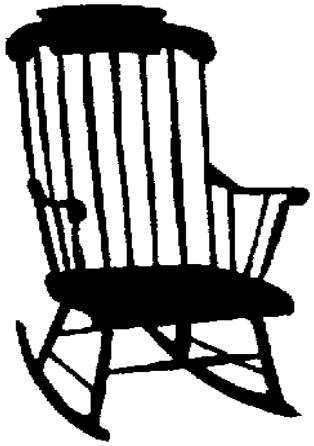
FROM THE CHAIR

Pete Reehling, University of South Florida



Welcome to the first edition of to be distributed in digital format from the MAGERT Web site. As many of you already know the MAGERT Executive Board voted to immediately suspend the printing and mailing of at the Philadelphia Midwinter meeting. Based upon totals acquired from the printer and mailing service the total cost associated with printing and mailing the December was $1,130.60 (Printer: $725.00, Mailing Service: $405.60). The projected cost for printing base line for calendar year 2008 is as follows:

Gross Cost:	$6,783.60
Subscription Fees:	$1,500.00
Net Loss:	$5,273.60

Over the next 12 months the MAGERT budget will be monitored by me, Treasurer Mike Smith, and Chair Elect Carolyn Kadri to ensure that the MAGERT budget can maintain a level of assets equal to 50% of annual operating costs. I would also like to thank everyone that responded to my survey.

Pete Reehling
MAGERT Chair

FROM THE EDITOR

Steve Rogers, Ohio State University

On your screen you are viewing a milestone: the first completely digital version of ! Beginning with this issue, vol. 29, no. 1 (February 2008), will appear only in electronic format on the MAGERT pages at the Web site of the American Library Association. The rising cost of producing in print made this switch to an online-only version inevitable. While the means of accessing have changed, the content of our newsletter remains the same, i.e., timely, informative and filled with useful information for the map and geospatial librarian, as well as for those simply interested in maps and geodata in libraries. Each of our dedicated editors is still contributing his or her insightful columns to , and the minutes of meetings and conferences will continue to be reported here. Also, should now appear in a more timely manner, since the delays in printing and mailing each issue have been eliminated. And by going entirely digital —for the first time—is able to include color within its pages, as well as provide immediate, direct links to other reports, data and Web sites of interest to MAGERT members. So grab a cup of coffee, sit back, relax and enjoy reading the first digital-only issue of .

ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

Tammy Wong, Library of Congress

MAGERT Cataloging and
Classiýcation Committee (CCC)
January 13, 2008
Philadelphia

Nancy Kandoian, chair of the CCC, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. She welcomed all the attendees to the CCC meeting. There were 25 attendees in total. Members present: Paige Andrew, Elizabeth Eggleston, Cheri Folkner, Carolyn Kadri, Mary Larsgaard, Dorothy McGarry, Elizabeth Mangan, Susan Moore, Dan Seldin, Seanna Tsung, and Tammy Wong.

1. Welcome and introductions

CCC members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Miscellaneous announcements

Nancy welcomed Seanna Tsung, Senior Cataloging Specialist at the Geography & Map Division, Library of Congress, to membership on MC

which will include links to tutorials, training documents, articles and other resources. Plans are to submit a final document at Annual 2008.

3. Minutes of last meeting (Tammy Wong)

The minutes from CCC meeting held at ALA Annual, in June 2007, were approved as published on page 5 of the December 2007 .

4. ALCTS-CCS/MAGERT Cartographic Resources Cataloging Discussion Group Report (Susan Moore)

The discussion group met Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. with 29 people in attendance. The first topic was the training of copy catalogers for map cataloging. Several in attendance spoke to the importance of having good documentation and used a list of important MARC fields from Paige Andrew's map cataloging workshop to help train copy catalogers. There was a general discussion on how to deal with the pressure to push materials through quickly while maintaining quality. This lead to a general appeal to create new records when they are warranted. As faceting becomes more common in our catalogs, it was anticipated by the group that more information will be needed in records in order to get the displays to work in a way that clearly distinguish the records for similar maps.

The second topic was the use of form/ genre headings in map cataloging. The form heading "Early works to 1800" was found by one library cataloging a

Given that RDA is primarily developed as a Web-based product, designed for and usable in the digital environment, it is difficult to review it using a printed version. It is hoped that the online version will be made available for comment this summer. The standard has an anticipated publication date of 2009. JSC promises that a print edition will also be issued due to popular demand.

RDA draft of sections 2-4, 9 (463 pages) was released and is now available on the JSC public Web site. The deadline for CC:DA comments on RDA Sections 2-4, 9 is Feb 10, 2008. If any CCC member wishes to make any comments, please submit them to Betsy by the Friday before. Review of the complete draft of RDA is scheduled for July-September 2008.

At its October 2007 meeting, the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA agreed on a new organization for the content of RDA. This structure was suggested by the RDA Editor based on several concerns expressed in constituency responses to draft chapters. Please refer to the Web site for details:

number of map duplicates. From July-December 2007 the following records were processed:

Records Replaced: 1,283,325

during the annual ALA meeting.

b. Recommendations for changes in OCLC input requirements (Paige Andrew):

052 - Geographic Classification Code
This code represents the geographic

from the University of Texas at Austin. He has made numerous contributions to map librarianship and especially to MAGERT. He was the MAGERT treasurer from 1992-1996, Cartographic User Advisory Council member and coordinator of the Federal Spatial Information Discussion Group from 1997-2002, and MAGERT chair during 2001-2002. One of his biggest contributions, however, has been his editing of for nearly 10 years. In addition, he has been publishing many of his own papers and making a variety of presentations on various aspects of map librarianship.

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Cataloging and Classification—Nancy Kandoian

We had about 33 members and guests present at the meeting of the Cataloging and Classification Committee on Sunday morning. Liaisons to the various ALA and outside cataloging-related organizations made reports to keep us up to date on current issues in the field. I (i.e., chair, Nancy Kandoian) announced that I would resign as chair of the CCC as of the end of my second term, at the ALA annual meeting in Anaheim, so anyone interested in serving in that position should let MAGERT chair Pete Reehling know.

The Task Force on using MARC21 to record map set holdings has been on hold, as chair Betsy Eggleston resigned, due to her job change. Activity will resume after a new chair is appointed. [Seanna Tsung was subsequently appointed chair after officially becoming a member of the CCC.]

We learned from Betsy Mangan that she would be updating links in the

in the beginning.

3. If possible, we should create a table to compare different resolutions for scanning map and aerial photography to other graphic materials.

There was general agreement that this document would be helpful to people who are thinking of scanning maps and aerial photographs in the future.

After discussing the scanning guidelines, the next topic was to explore the option of providing scanned maps through interlibrary loan services. Wangyal Shawa of Princeton University shared general information that he collected from his university interlibrary loan service librarian on how the interlibrary loan library fee structure works, as well as the benefit of introducing such a service in map libraries. Every interlibrary loan transaction costs money; it is generally between $20-30, with $5 extra for

Attorney General; and David Cobb, Harvard University, as moderator. The panelists covered a variety of strategies to discourage thefts, from the points of view of different libraries and the prosecuting attorney in the E. Forbes Smiley III map-theft case.

Progress continues on the second responsibility of the Task Force – , now in a complete draft. David Cobb and Jan Dixon discussed the draft with the Rare Books and Manuscript Section (RBMS) Security Committee, and then, along with Jenny Johnson, also discussed it with the Government Documents Roundtable (GODORT) Rare and Endangered Government Publications Committee. As a follow-up to the "library security" program, additional comments were suggested at the Map Collection Management Discussion Group. Jenny Johnson and Jan Dixon then recommended options for publication of the guidelines at the Publication Committee meeting.
The Task Force recommends the next steps:
• Write an article for AL Direct about the conference program on , with an invitation to comment on the draft Map Collection Security Guidelines.
• Place the guidelines on the MAGERT Web site with contact information for comments.
• In the final format, have the guidelines as a Web-based document on the MAGERT Web site. The document will link to other references, and can also be linked from other Web sites including RBMS and GODORT.
• One additional format will be a one-page information sheet or brochure to share with library administrators, other library colleagues, and security officers.

A second recommendation from the Task Force is a joint request with the RBMS Security Committee for letters of recognition that would commend map and book dealers for their cooperation to assist with recent recoveries of stolen maps and books. The draft letter will be placed for comments on the MAGERT discussion lists.

Publications—Steve Rogers
The Publications Committee met on Monday, June 25, 2007 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
In attendance were: Colleen Cahill, Jan Dixon, Jenny Marie Johnson, Carolyn Kadri, Nancy Kandoian, John Lawton, Mary McInroy, John Phillips, Steve Rogers, Michael Smith.

MAGERT Webmaster Colleen Cahill reported on the MAGERT Web site. She noted that the MAGERT site was still using the old ALA Web system, but the system should be upgraded to ALA's new content management system soon. She also proposed taking down the former MAGERT Web address at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, replacing it with a link to the newer MAGERT-ALA site. John Lawton noted that he found a number of misleading links and errors on the MAGERT-ALA site. These will be corrected as soon as possible. It was decided not to make any major changes to the Web site until after ALA's new content management software is installed and operating.

Steve Rogers reported that the 3rd edi-

tion of the
, published by Scarecrow Press, had sold 411 copies to date.

David Allen, via e-mail, stated that is, as always, seeking contributions from authors.

Jenny Marie Johnson and Jan Dixon reported that the Map Collection Security Guidelines, a by-product of the Task Force on Library Security of Cartographic Resources, are almost finished. A draft version will be sent to Colleen Cahill, who will place the draft guidelines on the MAGERT Web site for general comment. The final guidelines will then be posted freely and permanently on the Web site. Jenny noted that a brief "executive summary" is also planned, to be issued as a brochure.

Education

move forward on separating the GIS Discussion Group from the MAGERT GeoTech meetings as a first step to give more time to these issues. It was also suggested that MAGERT advertise this

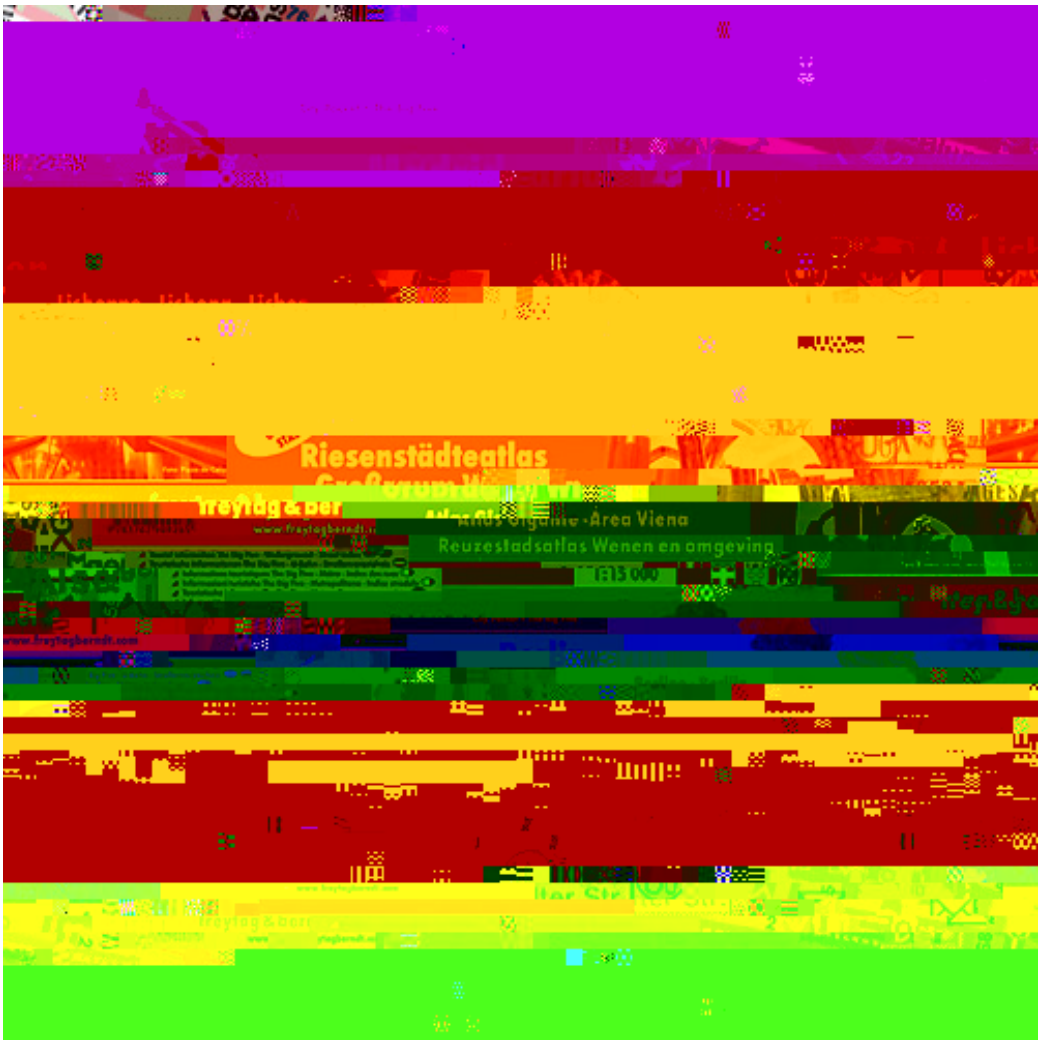
notes and 9 insets, showing basic street plans of Gothenburg, Copenhagen, Malmö, Oslo, Trondheim and Stockholm, among others. The map is in English and the legend is in German, English, and 6 other languages.

These are from 2007 or earlier but readily available and good to consider for collections.

Wien (Vienna): Freytag & Berndt, 2007 (9783707909845). 1 map: col., ill.; 125 x 95 cm.

This is a very large, detailed city street map that covers more than the city center. The city outskirts to the airport are included, as well as the Seltjarnarnes Peninsula northwest of Reykjavik. Important features, such as public buildings, points of interest, tourist services, police stations, post offices, hospitals, and more are shown with distinct symbols. Relief is shown with spot heights. The legend is multilingual and includes English.

Wien (Vienna): Freytag & Berndt, 2008 (ISBN: 9783707903522). 1 map: col., ill.; 93 x 131 cm., folded in cover 24 x 13 cm.



vegetation cover. Whether it is a K-12 teacher looking for geography class

Produced with the North Carolina Floodplain Mapping Program, this document studies the development and use of map data to produce real-time studies of fooding. It also covers the use of various tools to collect relevant and useful data. Again, this is a good model and study for hydrology engineers, GIS professionals and cartographers, and those involved with disaster planning or environmental studies.

As long as we are looking at a few online USGS documents, here is the URL for the:

USGS Publications Warehouse
http://infotrek.er.usgs.gov/pubs/
The Publications Warehouse contains both references to USGS published works, and in some cases, the actual documents in electronic form (various formats). It is a useful site to use to locate publications and should defnitely be added to your resources Web page or as a bookmark on your browser. This is a complement to your catalog and often is a more effective way to search for these documents.

There are also links to USGS maps, aerial photographs and satellite imagery, data (various types), and to publications lists for purchase.

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This is bound to be a favorite with business and management students and job seekers. The page has a Google map listing of companies showing the Top 10, the 25 Highest Paying, and all 100, just in case you don't like the top 10 and want to shop around.

Murder in D.C.
http://burgersub.org/

Web resources with geo-data include a diverse range of themes. This one covers all murders in the Washington, D.C. area, though the creator states that he is working to include "…all counties that border Maryland and all the Virginia counties that are part of the DC metro area."

The way that documentation works is that there are lists of murders by date, with matching Google maps to show the locations. Annual maps show all events with descriptions that can be accessed as any other similar map.

It is useful as an idea-starter for criminal justice studies or for any kind of location-data link mapping themes.

Focus on Blogs

Like them or not, blogs are everywhere online and some of them contain useful maps and cartographic links. You locate them mostly by accident, but thanks to some competent search engines, and bloggers who have done some good work, we can access many maps and useful resources through their efforts. Here is a selection of a few carto-blogs as well as a few links to unusual map-related blog sites.

http://woc2008camp.blogspot.com/2007/10/maps.html

Orienteering has been popular for decades but the Internet makes it easier to find others to share one's pastime with. This blog is for the world event and provides all that you need to know to participate or to keep up with progress.

400 large-format pages, printed on heavy-weight glossy paper. More than half the volume consists of

Such images resemble very closely conventionally drawn thematic maps, rather than images produced directly from streams of computer data. My personal favorite is a bizarre picture showing ground motion in the Mohave Desert caused by the Hector Mine Earthquake in 1999. This is a “radar interferogram” made using a Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) instrument on a European satellite. Potential readers should be advised that the book includes appendixes describing imaging techniques and spelling out acronyms, which may provide a clue about how these pictures were actually made.

Quite a lot can be learned about the earth from digging into this book, and especially about environmental changes. The editors hope that this book will serve as a resource to policy makers and students of the environment. This is probably wishful thinking, since they are preaching to the choir of those interested in such things as global warming or deforestation, and anti-environmentalists are not likely to take the trouble to read this book. But you never know. Maybe a compelling image of shrinking ice sheets will convince some people that global warming really is a problem.

The list price of
is $45, which does not seem unreasonable for a book that must have been very expensive to produce. In spite of its limitations, it is a worthwhile purchase for most map collections.

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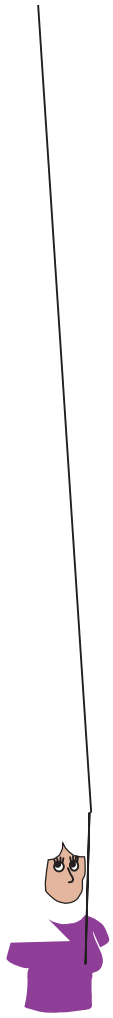
A composite image of the world at night, 2000. (Data from the OLS instrument on a DMSP satellite, provided by Christopher D. Elvidge, NOAA – NESDIS National Geophysical Data Center.) From: **Our Changing Planet: The View from Space** (Cambridge University Press, 2007)