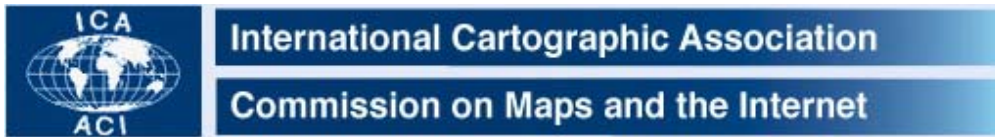


International Cartographic Association (ICA)
Commission on Maps and the Internet
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Call for Participation

Annual Meeting and Workshop ICA Commission on Maps and the Internet

Karlsruhe, Germany, September 24 - September 25, 2002

The ICA Commission on Maps and the Internet announces a workshop preceding the 4th annual "Web.Mapping" Symposium in Karlsruhe, Germany. The Workshop is sponsored by the International Cartographic Association's Commission on Maps and the Internet, and the Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences. The workshop is itself preceded by a conference on Location-based Services and Mobile Mapping in Bremen, Germany, that takes place on Sept. 17-19.

The ICA Commission was formed in 1999 in response to the rapid growth in the use of electronic networks to distribute maps and spatial data. The purpose of the workshop is to bring together international specialists in the field of Internet mapping and to disseminate information to a broader audience on new developments and major areas of research.

Important Dates

APRIL 30, 2002	Abstracts Due (300 words)
MAY 31, 2002	Notification of Acceptance
JULY 31, 2002	Working Papers due for Paper Sessions
SEPT 17-19, 2002	Pre-Meeting Congress on Business Geomatics and Mobile Mapping in Bremen, Germany
SEPT 24-25, 2002	Maps and the Internet Workshop in Karlsruhe, Germany
SEPT 26-27, 2002	Post-Workshop Congress on Web.Mapping in Karlsruhe, Germany

General Information

The workshop will focus on a variety of issues related to the distribution of maps through the Internet. Working papers should address the terms of reference of the commission:

- 1) Examine methods of promoting effective Internet mapping techniques, including methods of map distribution and Internet map design.
- 2) Examine Internet map usage and project future areas of growth.
- 3) Examine web map user issues to better serve user needs.
- 4) Examine the use of metadata to improve user access to maps.
- 5) Promote instruction on Internet mapping and the diffusion of the technology.

In conjunction with the working papers the workshop will also feature live demonstrations.

Who Should Attend?

Anyone interested in the use of the Internet for the distribution of maps and spatial data:

- members of academia who wish to familiarize themselves with recent research developments and who are keen to develop new perspectives;

- practitioners from mapping organizations as well as software industry representatives who wish to contribute their experience with commercial Internet mapping software and explore new concepts and opportunities for software development;
- students of cartography who wish to have a better understanding of the major areas of research related to the distribution of maps through the Internet. The participation of young researchers is particularly encouraged.

About the Location

The meeting will be held in Karlsruhe, Germany. Located near the French border and the Rhein river in the southwest of Germany, Karlsruhe is a regional center for education and administration. The city is easily reachable by train from the airports of Frankfurt, Stuttgart or Basel - Mulhouse. State of the art computing and audiovisual equipment will be available to support presentations and software demonstrations.

About Pre-Conference Event

Prior to the meeting in Karlsruhe, a related conference on location-based information services and mobile GIS will be taking place in Bremen, Germany, from September 17 to September 19, 2002. The scheduling allows the participation in this meeting prior to the ICA meeting. If a significant interest exists, a group trip from Bremen to Karlsruhe could be organized, including a cruise on the Rhine river.

About Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences and Web.Mapping Symposium

Situated in the heart of Karlsruhe, the University of Applied Sciences offers an established program in Cartography and Geomatics. Since 1999 the Department of Cartography & Geomatics has organized an annual symposium entitled Web.Mapping, which has rapidly become a major place for experts and interested participants to meet and get updated information on major trends on maps and the Internet. Participants and speakers come from different countries. There will be an own international, english speaking session at the beginning of the conference. The program is usually accompanied by state-of-the-art, "hands-on" workshops. The joint usage of facilities and the scheduling of the events should encourage ICA Commission participants and Web.Mapping participants to "cross-over" and visit both meetings.

For those interested in all events:

A trip for all events could be organized as such: Fly in via Frankfurt to Bremen, attend the pre-meeting conference on Location-Based Services, have a weekend off for visiting some regions of Germany (perhaps a trip on the Rhein river or to wine areas near the Rhine and Mosel rivers), attend the meeting in Karlsruhe and the Web.Mapping meeting. The nearby French region of Alsace (Elsass) with the city of Strassbourg, home of the European Parliament, might be also of interest. Nearby major airports include Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Strassbourg and Basel. The cost of the train between Frankfurt and Bremen is about US \$90 and takes 2 1/2 hours. A train trip between Frankfurt and Karlsruhe takes one hour and costs about US \$30.

Cost

A small workshop participation fee will be charged by the organizers in Karlsruhe. EURO 50 for attendees, EURO 20 for presenters. (1 Euro = US \$0.88)

Resulting Publication

Working papers will appear in a joint publication with the Web.Mapping Symposium. A well-known publisher in Germany, Herbert Wichmann Verlag, has offered to publish the combined proceedings.

Call for Abstracts

Participants will be selected from responses to this Call for Participation. If you wish to participate in the workshop, please submit a 300 word abstract BY 31 MARCH 2002 to georg.gartner@tuwien.ac.at. The abstracts should be no longer than 300 words in length and indicate whether you plan to submit a working paper

or present an online demonstration. Include title, complete address information for all authors, e-mail address and abstract within an e-mail message. Notification of acceptance will be sent out by 31 APRIL 2001. The selected participants will then also receive more detailed information on the particulars of the workshop and local arrangements (accommodation, etc.).

Working Papers

If you wish to participate in a paper session of the workshop, you will be asked to submit the following material BY 31 JULY 2001 to a member of the Program Committee:

- a MS_Word (.doc) or PDF document containing your working paper (4000-5000 words), including:
- a brief biographical sketch of the author(s)
- complete address information for all authors, including fax, e-mail, and homepage, if available

Online Demonstrations

If you would like to present a demonstration of an Internet map or spatial data distribution product, provide information on platform and audiovisual equipment requirements BY 31 JULY 2002.

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