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November 7-10: **GIS/LIS '90**,
Anaheim, CA. Contact: Urban
and Regional Information Systems
Association, 900 2nd St. NE, Suite
302, Washington, DC 20002.

1991

March 23-29: **ACSM/ASPRS
Annual Convention**, Baltimore,
MD. Contact: ACSM, 5410
Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD
20814.

March 25-28: **Auto-Carto 10:
Tenth International Symposium
on Automated Cartography**,
Baltimore, MD. Contact: Auto
Carto 10, Department of
Geography, 105 Wilkeson, North
Campus, State University of New
York at Buffalo, Amherst, NY
14260.

April 13-17: **Association of
American Geographers 87th
Annual Meeting**. Hyatt Regency,
Miami, FL. Contact: AAG, 1710
16th St. N.W., Washington, DC
20009-3198.

June 22-28: **CG International '91:
Visualization of Physical
Phenomena**, MIT, Cambridge,
MA. Contact: Barbara Dullea,
CGI '91 Secretariat, MIT Room
5-430, 77 Massachusetts Avenue,
Cambridge, MA 02139.

August 9-16: **27th International
Geographical Congress**, Washing-
ton, DC. Contact: Dr. Anthony de
Sousa, 27th IGC, 17th and M Sts.
NW, Washington, DC 20036.

September 23-October 1: **Mapping
the Nations - 15th Conference of
the International Cartographic
Association**, Bournemouth,
England. Contact: Conference
Services Limited, Congress House,

55 New Cavendish St., London
W1M 7RE, England.

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phers who reside outside the U. S.,
and scholars from other disciplines
and professions are invited to
submit papers or posters for
presentation at the meeting. Each
paper presented is allotted fifteen
minutes for presentation and
discussion. Posters are encour-
aged for material that lends itself
to visual rather than verbal com-
munication.

The deadline for paper and
poster submissions is September
21, 1990. All presenters must
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than 250 words that presents the
purpose, methods, and conclu-
sions of their research. Abstracts
should be submitted on a 5.25" or
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OMB CONSIDERS DATA COMMITTEE, A-16 REVISIONS

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Coordination for Surveying, and Mapping Activities, to include coordination of GIS data development, use and distribution as a primary objective. The 1990 revision was proposed this spring after a series of FICCDC meetings were held to discuss the issues. A formal response from OMB is expected late this summer.

Circular A-16 first was issued in 1953 by the Bureau of the Budget, predecessor to OMB, to coordinate production requirements for federally funded mapping and surveying activities. The circular requires the Department of The Interior's USGS NMD to exercise government wide leadership in mapping and surveying activities.

In 1989, under the current A-16, the NMD solicited mapping and digital cartographic requirements from approximately forty federal agencies and from the fifty states. Under the proposed 1990 revision, NMD would coordinate federal GIS database development activities and related services through its leadership of the recommended FGDC, with major roles in the guidance and production of topic specific databases assigned to agriculture, commerce and transportation departments.

The NMD's Office of External Coordination describes the current A-16 process as follows: "During the last ten years, approximately two-thirds of the federal agencies contacted have replied to the solicitation, with about half of these identifying requirements. Each year, participating agencies are requested to provide their

first, second and third priority requirements. Priorities are based on whether the requestor is a federal or state office, the priority set by that office, the product requested, and the geographic area covered by the request. By subjecting these factors to a weighing algorithm, overlapping requests of highest priority for each product provide NMD with a ranked list of production priorities, essentially identifying where maximum benefits would be obtained per dollar expended. Whereas the A-16 process is funded by congressional appropriations, production through cost-share, work-share and data exchange arrangements extends its ability to respond favorably to agency requests."

The proposed FGDC will most probably pattern its method for handling GIS database requirements along similar lines and encourage the use of cost-sharing, work-sharing and data exchange agreements.

GIS World, 3:3, June/July 1990

MAP ILLITERACY TO BE FLUSHED OUT!

This was the headline on a news story from Davidson College in North Carolina, about promoting geographic literacy among college students. The story states that International Studies students have taped world maps to the sides of about 150 campus bathroom stalls. "It's a place where people have time on their hands. We're hoping this will help them use it constructively," said senior Mary Snyder, founder of the Bathroom Brigade For Geographical Literacy.

IMDA Newsletter, May 1990, p. 8

MAP SELLER TAPS OIL SPILL CLEANUP

Maps and mapping have long been highly valued as tools for managing events most people would rather avoid — war, taxation, and environmental accidents, for instance. The June 1990 issue of *American Demographics* cites one map entrepreneur who transformed the Alaskan oil spill nightmare into a personal windfall: "Fred A. Kings of Anchorage was a sixty-three year old retiree and boating enthusiast who started a small business selling laminated nautical maps about two years ago. Then the oil spill happened, and I got to thinking, 'These charts would be really nice for the oil spill people,'" he said. 'You could get oil on 'em and wash it right off without ruining your chart. So I called the head man at Exxon down in Valdez. He said, 'Send me all you got, and all you can get, of Prince William Sound.' I sold hundreds of 'em. As the oil spread, so did the demand for the charts.'"

SNYDER ASSUMES ACA PRESIDENCY

John P. Snyder, a semi-retired map projection specialist at the U.S. Geological Survey's National Mapping Division in Reston, Virginia, has been installed as president of the American Cartographic Association (ACA), a member organization of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM). Snyder, who was incumbent ACA vice president last year, succeeded to the ACA presidency on March 21 at the ACSM annual convention in Denver, Colorado.

Snyder, who has served as secretary-treasurer of ACA, currently serves on the editorial board of *Cartography and Geographic Information Systems*, ACSM quarterly technical journal.

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ACSM Bulletin. Offering feature articles, regular commentaries, letters, and news on legislation, people, products and publications, the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping's *Bulletin* is published six times a year. Contact Membership Director, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814; (301) 493-0200.

Canadian Cartographic Association Newsletter. A quarterly publication offering news and announcements to members of the CCA. Contact: Canadian Cartographic Association, c/o Roger Wheate, Department of Geography, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4, Canada; Email: Wheate@UNCAMULT.

Cartographica. A quarterly journal endorsed by the Canadian Cartographic Association/Association Canadienne de Cartographie that features articles, reviews and monographs. B V Gutsell, founder and editor. ISSN 0317-7173. Contact: University of Toronto Press Journals Department, 5201 Dufferin Street, Downsview, Ontario, Canada M3H 5T8; (416) 667-7781.

Cartographic Journal. Biannual Journal of the British Cartographic Society. Includes research articles, 'shorter' articles, official records of the Society, book reviews, and list of recent cartographic literature. Contact: Hon. Secretary, Charles Beattie, 13 Sheldrake Gardens, Hordle, Lymington, Hants. SO4 10FJ England.

Cartography. Biannual Journal of the Australian Institute of

Cartographers. Each issue contains two parts, the Journal proper and the Bulletin. The Journal contains original research papers, papers describing applied cartographic projects, reviews of current cartographic literature and abstracts from related publications. ISSN 0069-0805. Contact: John Payne, Circulation Manager, GPO Box 1292, Canberra, A.C.T. 2601, Australia.

Cartomania. This quarterly newsletter of the Association of Map Memorabilia Collectors offers a unique mix of feature articles, news, puzzles, and announcements of interest to cartophiles. ISSN 0894-2595. Contact: Siegfried Feller, publisher/editor, 8 Amherst Road, Pelham, MA 01002; (413) 253-3115.

Geotimes. Monthly publication of the American Geological Institute. Offers news feature articles, and regular departments including notices of new software, maps and books of interest to the geologic community. Articles frequently address mapping issues. ISSN 0016-8556. Contact: Geotimes, 4220 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302-1507.

GIS World. Published six times annually, this news magazine of Geographic Information Systems technology offers news, features, and coverage of events pertinent to GIS. Contact: Debbie Parker, Subscription Manager, GIS World, Inc., P.O. Box 8090, Fort Collins, CO 80526; (303) 484-1973.

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