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MESSAGE FROM NACIS XII PROGRAM CHAIR

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of NACIS will be held October 14 - 17 in St. Paul, Minnesota. As always the NACIS Conference will provide an open and professional atmosphere for the exchange of information and ideas for all who are interested in maps and cartography. This year's program promises to be quite exciting. Highlights include addresses by the dean of American cartography, Arthur H. Robinson, and John Fraser Hart, former president of the Association of American Geographers.

The latest research developments in cartography, most notably in the areas of animated mapping, cognitive cartography, cartographic education, and map librarianship will be presented. Other sessions will explore recent developments in software and hardware for cartographic production, federal mapping initiatives, and map library services and access. In addition, this year NACIS will be sponsoring a series of "hands-on" workshops on animation in cartography and thematic map design using the PC.