

# History of Cartography

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The History of Cartography Project sends the best of this holiday season to all its authors, advisers, and friends.

## Good News (Volume 1)

We are very pleased to announce that the final draft of Volume 1--some 2,000 typescript pages--was taken to the University of Chicago Press and will appear on their Fall list of 1985. We are all very pleased with it, and eagerly await its publication. Sample pages have been prepared for the designer's use, and if you have not already received a copy, one is available on request. The sample pages were set directly from our CPT disks with great success.

On 30 November, a grant proposal was submitted to the National Endowment for the Humanities for three years to continue work on Volumes 2, 3, and 4, with intensive planning for Volumes 5 and 6. The project period will be September 1985 to August 1988, and we should hear the outcome in March or April 1985.

## More Good News (Volume 2)

The National Geographic Society has approved a further grant for a research assistant to assist in the preparation of Volume 2. This will support a research assistant centered in England working with Brian Harley, and the terms of the position will be announced shortly. We are also happy to report that Drs. Mei-Ling Hsu, Gerald Tibbetts, and Joseph Schwartzberg have accepted our invitation to be Associate Editors for Volume 2.

## Status of Volume 3

Now that Volume 1 is finished, we can turn our attention with renewed vigor to Volumes 2, 3, and 4. Approximately one third of Volume 3 has been received, and many of the remaining articles are in the final stages of preparation. A new system was adopted for editing in which the co-editors' readings of chapters are scheduled for specific weeks. We feel this will inform the authors exactly when they can expect to receive comments from us on their manuscripts, and schedule their own time for reworking them. We also hope it will avoid the problem of receiving (and reacting to) several sets of disparate comments over a long period. We fully expect Volume 3 to appear on the Fall 1987 or Spring 1988 list of the Press. Its subject--the European Renaissance--falls within the interest and experience of both co-editors, and this should facilitate the editing.

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#### Deadline for Volume 4

The deadline for receipt of manuscripts for Volume 4 is 31 December 1984, and we have already received ten articles comprising about 27,000 words. Please send originals of manuscripts to Madison office. The originally proposed outline of Volume 4 has undergone some modification and refinement. It has been enclosed for Volume 4 authors. The changes consist of improvements in methodology and approach in the section addressing colonial cartography, structural improvement in the plan of the volume as a whole, additions, and changes particularly in the section on prehistoric and indigenous cartography related to developments in other volumes.

#### Volumes 5 and 6

Although still only in outline form, we have been successful in identifying several potential authors for these volumes and detailed planning has begun. The outline for Volume 5 has been considerably strengthened, and is available on request.

We have been very fortunate in being able to persuade Professor Mark Monmonier of Syracuse University to be a co-editor with us on Volume 6. His background in computer-assisted and statistical methods in cartography and his newly found interest in the recent history of cartography will be of enormous value to us in this volume. His new book on the electronic revolution in cartography--titled The Technical Transition in Cartography--will be published by the University of Wisconsin Press next spring.

A slightly revised version of the Guidelines for Authors is available upon request to the project. We have incorporated insights learned from the editing of Volume 1. New authors will receive them automatically.

#### Co-Editors' Travels

Brian Harley was with us in Madison for a month this summer, and we put the final touches on Volume 1. We set up new schedules, new editing policy, and general restructuring, taking into account our experience with Volume 1. The addition of our Assistant Project Director, Dr. Anne Godlewska, who successfully defended her doctoral dissertation at Clark University on 22 October, has enriched the project immeasurably, and we hope that she will be able to stay with us for the next phase, pending funding and the Immigration Service!

It was good to see so many of you while in Washington at the "Center for the Book" Symposium on the History of the Atlas and at Williamstown for the "Art and Science in Related Revolutions" Conference sponsored by Williams College.

#### Elkhadem Award

Hosam Elkhadem, an author on Volume 2 from the National Center for the History of Sciences, Brussels, Belgium, has been awarded the 1984 prize of the Royal Academy of Belgium for a monograph entitled Le Taqwim al-sihha d'Ibn Butlan, un traite medical du XI<sup>eme</sup> siecle: Edition critique, traduction, commentaire.

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