Cartography in the European Renaissance

We are pleased to report that in October the University of Chicago Press Board “enthusiastically approved” Volume Three for publication. Copy editing, the first stage in the production process, is scheduled to begin soon. Due to the size and complexity of the volume, we anticipate a publication date in 2005.

Cartography in the European Enlightenment (Vol. 4) and the Twentieth Century (Vol. 6)

Coeditors Matthew Edney, Mary Pedley, and Graham Burnett, along with series editor David Woodward, now have a penultimate version of the Volume Four head words (encyclopedic entry titles), a list of potential authors, a draft author’s guide, and draft scope descriptions for the content of each of the categories of head words. They plan to begin recruiting authors in early 2004.

Mark Monmonier and David Woodward have been occupied with advisory board member recruitment and fundraising for Volume Six. The advisory board’s first tasks will be to help refine the tentative list of head words, which should be ready for review in early January, and suggest possible authors. Several foundations have been approached as possible sources of the additional funds needed to complete this volume. We are encouraged by initial responses, and we look forward to moving forward on multiple fronts.

Creating these volumes is an exciting new challenge. Unlike earlier books in the series, which were organized solely as narrative essays, Volumes Four (covering 1650-1800), Five (the nineteenth century), and Six (the twentieth century) will have an encyclopedic format, with articles ranging in length from short descriptions of 500 words to interpretive articles of 10,000 words. We anticipate having 150-200 authors per volume. In spite of the changes in format, the goals of the History of Cartography remain the same: to provide (1) a comprehensive and reliable reference work, and (2) a synthesizing and innovative narrative. As before, these new works strive to bring together scholars in the arts, sciences, and humanities, combining a diversity of expertise and perspective to integrate existing knowledge with the results of the latest research.
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