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VOLUME 2.1 WINS HAWKINS AWARD

The Association of American Publishers awarded *Cartography in the Traditional Islamic and South Asian Societies* the R. R. Hawkins prize for best scholarly and reference book of 1992. The judges chose the *History* from more than 300 nominees in more than 20 disciplines. This is our second recognition from AAP: Volume 1 was named 1987's best book in the humanities. It is gratifying that others recognize the care we and the Press put into producing the series.

VOLUME 2.2: ALMOST HERE

Cartography in the Traditional East and Southeast Asian Societies should appear in the next few months. We learned a lot from the challenges posed by unfamiliar writing systems and cultures and the lack of any previous systematic examination of these maps. It will be good to see the long effort completed, and we expect the book will engender a lively and much needed dialog.

COMING UP: VOLUME 2.3

The next book will complete our investigation of non-European cultures. *Cartography in the Traditional African, American, Arctic, Australian, and Pacific Societies* is a recent addition to our list of titles. In our reexamination of work coming up, we realized the need to treat these maps in their own frame of reference. The book will draw from widely different sources and disciplines: in addition to art historians, geographers, and field anthropologists, we are asking for help from tribal historians. G. Malcolm Lewis is Co-Editor and will write the major section on Native American and American Inuit maps.

It was very exciting for us that both the International Conference on the History of Cartography and the Nebenzahl Lectures included a major focus on these cultures.

VOLUME 3: NEXT IN LINE

We have reorganized *Cartography in the European Renaissance* and set up coordinators to help edit various sections. Based on the essays we already have, it will be a very large volume.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE HISTORY OF CARTOGRAPHY AND THE NEBENZAHL LECTURES, CHICAGO, 21-26 JUNE 1993

The 15th International Conference on the History of Cartography met at the Newberry Library. Almost all the Project Staff attended, as did many of our authors and friends. A large number of presentations focused on the function of maps in society, including cartography and statecraft, cartography and commerce,

and cartography and religion. Also stimulating were a symposium on teaching the history of cartography (co-sponsored by the International Cartographic Association) and the poster displays.

The session on non-literate mapping was of great interest to us. Its discussions of cartographic interchange and of maps in traditional native Californian and Australian aboriginal societies complemented the Kenneth Nebenzahl, Jr., Lectures, "Cartographic Encounters: Studies in Native American Mapping." These lectures, immediately following the conference, looked at the many varieties and functions of mapping in North American Native cultures, the use of Native maps in the work of European cartographers, and MesoAmerican maps. Malcolm Lewis launched the series with perspectives on current research and concluded it with a discussion of future directions.

The International Society for Curators of Early Maps, which met right before the conference, invited Project staff to address them on our needs as map library users. They were especially interested in procedures we use to track and order illustrations and permissions, and we appreciated the chance to speak with them.

The conference allowed our staff to meet with authors, donors, and friends. We cleared up some final details of *Cartography in the Traditional East and Southeast Asian Societies*, and the presentations gave us background for future books. We were delighted to see and talk to some of the people who have been our ongoing supporters.

OTHER NEWS

David Woodward spent fall semester in Europe gathering material on the Italian map trade for *Cartography in the European Renaissance*. He set up coordinators for major sections in this book and worked with Malcolm Lewis on *Cartography in the Traditional African, American, Arctic, Australian, and Pacific Societies*. Talks he gave at University College, London; The Bodleian Library—The Oxford Seminars in Cartography; and the Warburg Institute series "Maps and Society" gave the Project a high profile. The Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation provided a significant grant toward the cost of David's research. We also received a grant from the Barra Foundation, divided between Volumes 3 and 4 for work on cartography of the Americas.

All of us at the History of Cartography Project wish you health and success in your endeavors in 1994.

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