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## Report on the 25th International Cartographic Conference, Paris

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The 25th International Cartographic Conference was held in Paris from July 3 to 8, 2011. There were 1500 participants from all over the world. In addition to the main program there were several commission and working group meetings held in advance of the main program. The Joint Board of the Geospatial Information Societies, of which ISCGM is a member, also met in conjunction with the conference. The JBGIS now has ten member organizations. The scientific program was of very high quality with 500 oral presentations and 182 poster sessions. A special series of presentations were made on the work of the eminent French cartographer Jacques Bertin. M. Bertin died early this year. Two presentations were made on Global Map: "Global Mapping Activities for the Version 2 and its Applications" by Mamoru Koarai and "Creating a New International Map of the World: The Global Map Experience" by the Chair of ISCGM. Global Map was also referred to in a number of other presentations. In addition to the scientific program there were a number of technical visits and social events including an impressive display of early maps of Africa at the imposing National Library of France. The Library is one of the most modern in



Coronelli Globe

the world and hosts the Coronelli Giant Globes. The Paris conference also included an impressive map display by ICA nations as well as the fascinating Barbara Petchenik Children's Map Competition. A new Executive Committee for ICA was elected with Professor Georg Gartner of Austria taking over as President. A vote was also held on the site for the next ICA General Assembly in 2015 with Rio de Janeiro winning out over Washington.

The next ICA conference will be held in Dresden, Germany from 25 to 30 August 2012.



Ptolemy-Map-Africa

## Cambridge Conference 2011

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Cambridge Conference 2011 was held at Ordnance Survey in Southampton, U.K. from June 26-July 1, 2011. This quadrennial conference is organized by Ordnance Survey bringing together heads of National Mapping Organizations (NMOs) of the world. The 2011 conference had participation of approximately 120 people from 65 countries including academia and industry. Under the title “Mapping for a Fairer and Safer World,” discussions were done on United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (GGIM), disaster management, open data, National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) development, etc. At the Plenary on June 28 chaired by Prof. D. R. Fraser Taylor, Chairperson of the ISCGM, Dr. Hiroshi Murakami, Director-General of Geospatial Information Dept., Geospatial Information Authority of Japan (GSI) and Vice President of PCGIAP gave a presentation on “Earthquake and Tsunami in Japan and Common Framework of Geospatial Information Management for Disaster Preparation” introducing experience in response to Great East Japan Disaster, and mapping of disaster-hit areas by the ISCGM Secretariat at the time of disaster,

emphasizing the importance of preparedness against disasters under the cooperation of respective countries and organizations in the framework of the GGIM. On the following day, Mr. Yoshikazu Fukushima, Director-General of Geocartographic Dept., GSI and Secretary General of ISCGM introduced the details of response activities of GSI against the Great East Japan Disaster in his presentation “Disaster Response of the Recent Earthquake Event in Japan. These presentations attracted the strong interest of the participants.



## JICA Group Training Course Global Mapping for Sustainable Development – 2011

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Training course “Global Mapping for Sustainable Development” was held in Japan from June 7, 2011 to August 26, 2011. The aim of this training course is technical assistance for National Mapping Organizations (NMOs) to develop Global Map version 2.

Four participants from The Philippines, Senegal, Serbia and Viet Nam participated in this course. All of participants have background on GIS and remote sensing and came to Japan with expectation to improve their knowledge, capability and experience, which can be applied in Global Mapping Project in their NMOs. Besides that, we would also like to discover Japanese culture and society.

Training course includes 5 modules with good lectures and manuals that are needed to understand the implementation and application of Global Map. We gained necessary knowledge and skills to develop Global Map version 2 in our country. In addition, this training course includes some lectures on application of Global Map for environment management, disaster reduction, education... Specially, some interesting lectures for practical research were arranged by Universities and Science Institutes of Japan.

In the beginning, we had some mixed feelings in new and unfamiliar surroundings, but after a few days we could understand and share many things with each other. Lecturers, trainers, coordinator and technical advisors are open, friendly to help us to easily integrate with the new environment. At present, we are like a family, which can share not only techniques but also opinions and ideas about society and culture. We have confidence in the success of Global Mapping Project and will continue communication with GSI and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) after this course, in order to improve Global Mapping in our organizations.

On behalf of participants, I would like to thank deeply the Government of Japan and JICA for supporting this training

course, to GSI, Infrastructure Development Institute-Japan (IDI) and Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE) for enthusiastic consulting, well considered documents and good logistics of lectures and study tours and Tsukuba International Center (TBIC) for accommodation with zealous assistance.

To Shibata-san, our JICE coordinator, Abe-san, our IDI coordinator, Tanaka-san, our JICA officer and the advisory group of GSI, thank you for your consideration and assistance. Although the time scale is very short, it will be a noteworthy memory in our lives.



On holiday at a temple in Tokyo

## Global Mapping Project Introduced to Ambassadors of GRULAC in Japan

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A meeting of Grupo de Jefes de Mision de los Paises de America Latina y el Caribe en Japon-Group of Heads of Mission of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC) in Japan was held in Tokyo on September 6, 2011 kindly introduced by His Excellency Mr. Juan Carlos CAPUÑAY CHÁVEZ, Peruvian Ambassador to Japan. The GRULAC is composed of ambassadors of 21 countries which have their embassies in Japan. Ambassadors, acting ambassadors and other representatives from the participating embassies, totally 15 people and six people from the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) and the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan (GSI) were in attendance at this day's meeting.

The Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba to Japan, His Excellency Mr. Jose Agustin FERNANDEZ DE COSSIO RODRIGUEZ, Chair of the Heads of Mission of GRULAC in Japan opened the meeting. Following his opening address, Mr. Yoshikazu Fukushima, Secretary General of the International Steering Committee for Global Mapping (ISCGM) gave an explanation on

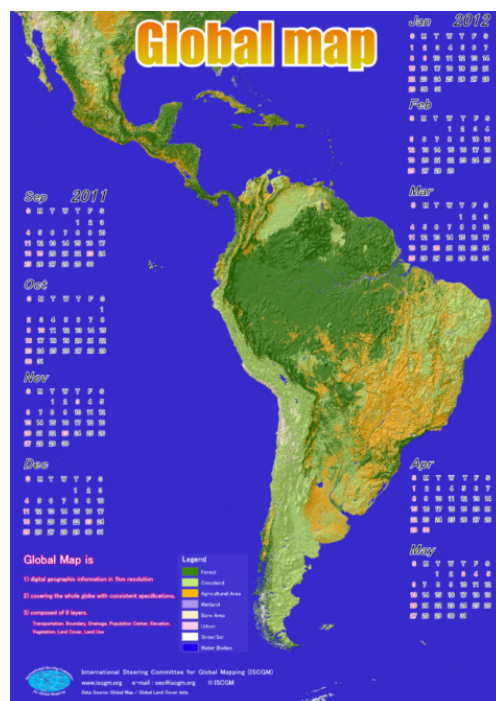


Figure 1: Global Map calendar

the outline of the Global Mapping Project, data layers of Global Map, data development policy and data application for about one hour.

Global Map calendar for Central and South America (Figure 1) and output maps of respective countries prepared by using Global Map and other maps were handed over to the participants.

Number of relevant comments were received from the participants that Global Mapping Project is a very important undertaking and support will be given toward the completion of Version 2 data.



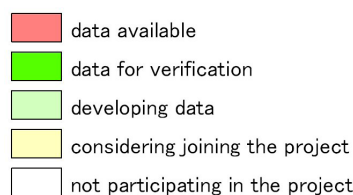
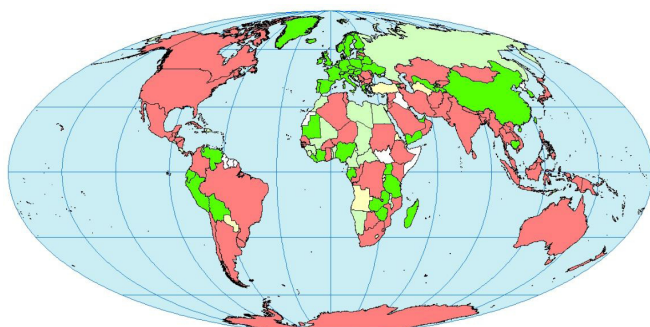
Participants in GRULAC meeting

## From the Secretariat

### Global Map Data Release and Participation in the Global Mapping Project

Since the last issue of the newsletter on June 25, 2011, Version 2 data of three countries and one region were released: Global Map Kosovo (August 19), Global Map Serbia (August 23), Global Map Senegal (August 25) and Global Map Afghanistan (September 2).

Currently 165 countries/16 regions participate in the Project, in which Global Map of 73 countries/five regions (including Version 2 data of five countries/one region) have been released.



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## Global Map and Related Meetings

Followings are Global Map and related meetings. Information on related meetings will be highly appreciated.

### 2011

- **24-26 October, Seoul, Republic of Korea**  
First High-Level Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management
- **26 October, Seoul, Republic of Korea**  
Inaugural Meeting of the UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management
- **14-18 November, Centurion (Pretoria), South Africa**  
ISO/TC 211 33rd Plenary and associated meetings
- **16-17 November, Istanbul, Turkey**  
GEO-VIII

### 2012

- **6-11 May, Rome, Italy**  
FIG Working Week & Plenary
- **13-17 May, Quebec City, Canada**  
GSDI 13 Conference
- **4-6 June, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**  
Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
- **7-8 June, Toulouse, France**  
ISO/TC 211 34th Plenary



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