



# NEMO Newsletter

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## From the Bridge

Spring has sprung! It is wonderful to have survived another winter, even if it was a mild one, at least weather-wise. My personal winter has been anything but mild, more on that later.

Elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter you will find information, registration and otherwise, regarding this year's upcoming Annual Meeting. **Ernie Woodson, Erno Bonebakker, Jim Walsh, Pat McGlamery**, and others worked hard and diligently through last fall and winter to put together what promises to be another outstanding program for the Annual Meeting, to be held at the University of Southern Maine. AND, for the first time in several years I understand that we will have inexpensive dormitory rooms available for those of us who are on very tight professional travel budgets! I urge you to attend this year's Annual Meeting to once again enjoy enlightening presentations and partake of the tours of the Osher Map Library and Delorme.

So, I'm wondering what is going on in your institution? What new programs have been implemented? Are there new additions to your map collections that will interest us? How about new exhibits at your library or museum? I look forward to learning about these and other notable items when we get together in June, and also am hoping this kind of news was sent to David to share in this issue of NEMO News. I urge all of you to remember to use this newsletter as a resource for sharing cartographic nuggets of news with your NEMO colleagues!

Another area that has been quiet, besides me, is the NEMO Map Project and I take the blame for this. Had I known a couple of years ago at the 1998 NEMO Annual Meeting that I would literally be tackling two jobs for much of the time I volunteered to serve as your **Captain** I certainly would have thought twice (or more!) about accepting the position before leaping into the fray! With four months of administrative experience under my belt now I can honestly say I'm anxious to put this assignment behind me in the near future and get back to my first love, working with

maps! It is in the context of this personal situation that I must say I have essentially failed at being a proactive leader for this group, and unfortunately the NEMO Map Project has suffered the most because of it. I sincerely hope that **Ernie** can pick up the pieces I have left behind and move us forward into a successful outcome of the project.

Before I go I want to remind everyone to be thinking of your *willingness to volunteer* to serve as an officer for this group. We will need to elect our next Captain-Elect and Secretary at the upcoming Annual Meeting, and I would be delighted to have a roster of names for each position when I arrive at the conference as opposed to making contacts in a hurry just before and/or at the time. We all know that organizations such as ours live and die by its members volunteering to serve in leadership roles. Without this very necessary willingness to serve as an officer NEMO will be forced to look at a very short lifespan. PLEASE consider serving the North East Map Organization in one of the two above-mentioned office positions and contact me right away. I look forward to hearing from you!

See everyone June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Maine!

Captain **Paige Andrew**

Pennsylvania State University Libraries

## NEMO Web Site Established!

To better serve the needs of the membership, and also to provide quick access to meeting information and registration forms, David Bertuca, *NEMO Newsletter* editor, has established a web site that provides for these basic elements. Take a look: <http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/sel/collections/maps/nemo.html>

*"I have an existential map; it has 'you are here' written all over it."*

Steven Wright

## Carto Clips

### Rare Books For Sale

"The auction of Cleveland Antiquarian Books and the personal collection of the owner is comprised of thousands of volumes covering hundreds of subjects and is valued at over two million dollars.... Please be sure to visit the website and see our online catalog with detailed images of the maps and place your bid!"

The collection of will be sold without reserve beginning with this auction and continuing through future auctions until June. For more information visit the website: <http://www.ewolfs.com/> You may register to bid via the website, or by calling 800-526-1991.— Submitted by Elizabeth Jerome



### Upcoming Workshops on Natural Resources and Geospatial Systems

Though not close to home, this series of workshops may be of interest. The U.S. Geological Survey, National Wetland Research Center & Mid-Continent Mapping Center, in Cooperation with the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, is conducting workshops on GIS in relation to wetlands research and planning. The workshops are being held at: University of Louisiana, 700 Cajundome Blvd., Lafayette, LA 70506-3154. Phone (337) 266-8699. The Workshops are held in the NWRC-Annex; e-mail: [holly\\_nelson@usgs.gov](mailto:holly_nelson@usgs.gov). The Web site for the Training Workshops is: <http://www.nwrc.usgs.gov/training/2ktrain.html>. Visit the USGS/NWRC web site, URL:

<http://www.nwrc.usgs.gov>

The U.S. Geological Survey of the Department of the Interior is presenting a series of topical workshops pertaining to mapping, vegetation, photo-interpretation, remote sensing and Geographical Information Systems. The workshops are part of an effort to exchange information and provide access to spatial technologies developed at the center for natural resource survey. The workshops are available to the general public educators, state and federal agencies. Workshop participation by the international community is also greatly encouraged.

Most of the workshops are 3 days long, creating compact presentation of materials. No previous experience in any of the topical workshop is assumed, except for advanced workshops. Appropriate handouts,

photos, maps, and other forms of distributed materials are provided to the workshop participants. Some workshops will have scheduled field exercises. Hands-on exercises are utilized to involve workshop participation. Specialized workshop topics and transient workshops can be arranged based upon consultation and number of workshop participants. Scheduled workshops are subject to change. Please contact the workshop coordinator at the listed phone number for workshop information.

May 23-25

### Introduction to GIS (Arc/Info) for Natural Resources

June 22-23

### Introduction to the Identification of Wetland Forest Trees

June 28-30

### Hydric Soils and Wetland Delineations

August 8-10

### Introduction to Desktop GIS (ArcView) for Natural Resources

October 25-27

### Introduction to Wetland Remote Sensing and Mapping

October 30-November 1

### Advanced Wetland Photo-Interpretation

November 28-30

### Introduction to National Wetlands Classification System

December 5-7

### Introduction to GPS for Natural Resource Assessment & Survey

—Submitted by David Bertuca

### National Geologic Map Database Project

This web page is a cooperative effort among various USGS and other sources. It is designed to be "An Internet-based system for query and retrieval of earth-science map information..." Still under construction, the site already provides a wealth of geological data. The URL is:

<http://ncgmp.usgs.gov/ngmdbproject/home.html>

It is related to the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (<http://ncgmp.usgs.gov/homepage.html>).

### Current Officers (1999-2000)

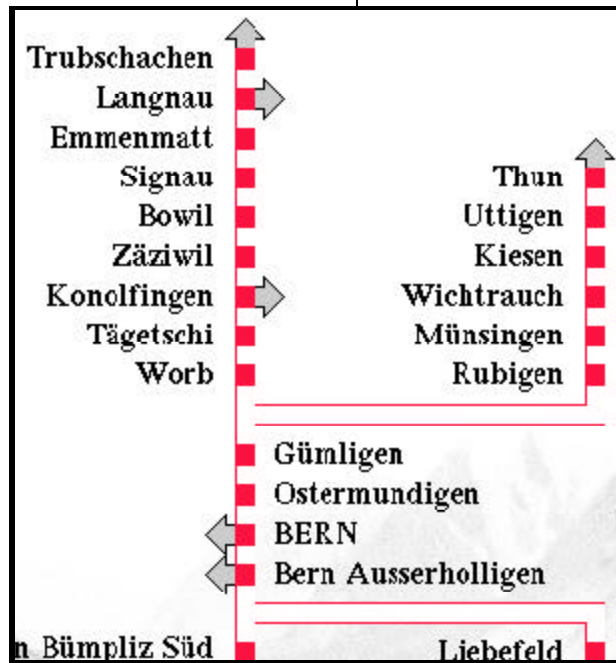
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**NEMO Meeting 2000 -- Portland, Maine**  
June 1-2 at the University of Southern Maine.  
See insert for materials or visit the web page.

### Online Thematic Map Collections

Here are some great web sites for special collections of maps.

The *Railway, Subway, and Tram Map Collection* has over 325 maps for cities around the world. The maps are gathered from the various companies, government sites, and other sources. These maps are good for quick reference, or for travel planning, and many are the official maps of the systems. Because of the changing web-world, some of the links do not work, but given the number of cities and countries available, this is probably the best that can be done. The site is worth viewing, and bookmarking for future reference.



The URL is:

<http://pavel.physics.sunysb.edu/RR/maps.html>

### Pravda and Rai lroads

A new map at this site is the *Russian, CIS and Baltic Railway Map*, a first-time showing of the entire Russian system. For the map and information on it go to:  
<http://pavel.physics.sunysb.edu/RR/supermap/>

### Earth Images and Data

NASA *Earth Observing System*

[http://eosps0.gsfc.nasa.gov/eos\\_homepage/images.html](http://eosps0.gsfc.nasa.gov/eos_homepage/images.html)

This is more than a map site, it is definitely a geographer's dream. The collection has images covering a variety of fields, including meteorology, earth sciences, geography, and others. Many images are high-resolution, while most also offer lower resolution images. Most of these images are copy-free so no permission is needed to use, as long as the guidelines are followed. Several examples are described in the second column.

### Earth Science Images page

<http://pao.gsfc.nasa.gov/gsfsc/earth/pictures/earthpic.htm>

This page includes recent images, such as the Saharan dust storm in February 2000. (Scroll down page to locate. Click on main image to see animated images of the storm's progress).

*Global Tectonic Activity Map of the World, 1999*

[http://pao.gsfc.nasa.gov/gsfsc/EARTH/PICTURES/tectonic\\_map.jpg](http://pao.gsfc.nasa.gov/gsfsc/EARTH/PICTURES/tectonic_map.jpg)

This is a digital map of the entire World showing activities in relation to one another.

Additional tectonic maps and images, many with incredible detail, are displayed along with the map.



*Snow Activity on the East Coast, January 2000.*

<http://pao.gsfc.nasa.gov/gsfsc/EARTH/PICTURES/SEAWIFS/eastsnow012500.jpg>

Remember that storm? Several beautiful images here.

—Submitted by David Bertuca

### USGS's Most Popular Maps Available Online

Hikers, campers, engineers and other users of USGS geographic data can now access digital versions of USGS topographic maps that are available on the Microsoft TerraServer at:

<http://www.terraserver.microsoft.com>

USGS Digital Raster Graphics (DRG's) are colored topographic maps that have been scanned into the computer. Like the USGS Digital Orthophoto Quadrangles, which are already available on TerraServer, DRG's are seamlessly displayed to the user. The USGS currently has more than 57,000 topographic maps of the U.S. in scales (1:24,000, 1:100,000 and 1:250,000). For some areas, the user can switch between the topo map and the 1-meter res. image of the same locale.

Users are also able to link place names from the USGS Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) to an image. URL:

<http://mapping.usgs.gov/www/gnis/gnisform.html>

## ***For Your Information***

### **Nebenzahl Prize for Dissertations in the History of Cartography (Newberry Library)**

The Smith Center invites submissions to the *Nebenzahl Prize for Dissertations in the History of Cartography*, which is awarded every two years to an author of a recently completed dissertation, in any field, judged by the prize committee to have made the most significant contribution to the study of the history of cartography. The prize will be awarded on the basis of the dissertation's originality, scholarship, and writing quality.

An outright prize of \$1,500 will be presented to the author at the time of the award. The winner also receives a fellowship to support research related to revision or expansion of the dissertation to be done in residence at the Newberry Library. The fellowship carries a stipend of \$800 per month and will be prorated for periods of two weeks to two months. Prize winners will be offered a review of their dissertations by the University of Chicago Press.

Doctoral dissertations in any field must be submitted no later than November 1, 2000; a significant portion of their content must be concerned with history of cartography. The dissertation must have been approved by an accredited Ph.D. granting institution during the 24-month period prior to the competition deadline (November 1, 1998-October 31, 2000). Submissions from outside the United States are welcome; the copy submitted must be in English. Two paper copies of the dissertation, one bound and one unbound, inclusive of all illustrations, must be submitted along with three letters of recommendation and appropriate documentation from the institution. Authors will be notified of the results of the competition after January 1, 2001.

For further information about the prize, contact James Akerman, Director, The Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography, The Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton Street, Chicago, IL 60610-3380, USA; phone (312) 255-3523, or e-mail [akermanj@newberry.org](mailto:akermanj@newberry.org)  
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