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From the Bridge

I am writing this column on March 21, 2002, the first full day of spring. Here in North Central Mass it is bright and sunny - perfect spring day - except for the 8" snow that we received last night. Go figure!

March 21 also means that the NEMO Annual Meeting is only 11 weeks away (even fewer weeks as you read this). As you know, NEMO is holding its annual meeting at the University of Connecticut at Storrs on Thursday and Friday, June 6-7, 2002. The Storrs campus is the site of the first NEMO meeting. Thanks once again to Pat McGlamery for hosting this year's meeting. Storrs is a beautiful setting and it should be great in June.

Please take the time to read all of the material pertaining to this year's conference (registration, lodging, meals, etc.). Please register early so that David Bertuca, this year's program planner, and Pat can get the numbers to dining services. David has put together a great program. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Don't forget, we will be having our annual map swap. Please bring your unwanted maps. If you cannot attend, please try to make arrangements to get your maps to someone who is attending. Finally, if you have any items for consideration for the Business Meeting, please forward them to me (jim.walsh@lexisnexis.com). Also, please give some thought about being a NEMO officer for 2002-2003. NEMO needs you!

At the meeting, we will distribute a special item to our members: a map of Ground Zero in New York City. A special thanks to Gene Moser for following up on the New York Times article that appeared in the last Newsletter. The Executive Board decided to spend \$150 to buy 75 copies of the map. Each member will receive a copy. If you are not at the meeting, we will send the map out separately.

I look forward to seeing everyone in June at UCONN. Have a great spring!



Take care,
Jim Walsh Captain NEMO



NEMO Meeting 2002: Changes in Latitude, Changes in Attitude

June 6-7, 2002

University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

The annual meeting is approaching. Details are included in the special insert to this issue. Make your plans today!

Highlights include:

Cartographic Curiosities by Fred Musto, Map Librarian, Yale University Map Collection.

The Boston Atlas. by Martin von Wyss, Manager, Digital Cartography and GIS, Boston Redevelopment Authority.

Epidemiology and Mapping. by Ellen Cromley.

The Geography of City Neighborhoods: Manhattan, Buffalo, and Boston. by Ernie Woodson, Map Librarian, University at Buffalo.

Thursday night dinner and the annual Map Swap are also planned.

There is much more, so plan on attending.

"As a young man, my fondest dream was to become a geographer. However, while working at the customs office, I thought deeply about the matter and concluded it was far too difficult a subject. I then turned to Physics as a substitute."

—Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

Carto Clips

13th Conference: the European Map Curators Group
Helsinki, Finland, September 3-7, 2002

Strategies for Survival: collections, data, institutions.

Go to the Web site for details:

<http://www.kb.nl/infolev/liber/13th.htm>

Pratt-SILS Institute on Map Collections at the New York Public Library

Summer Session I: M-F 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. June 3-14, 2002
NYPL, Fifth & 42nd Alice Hudson Course number: LIS 697P

Maps provide essential and efficient delivery of information for all types of subjects across time. Ecology, history, property, archaeology, events in the news — all can be clarified by the cartographer's artistic and scientific hand, or via geographic information systems. During this 2-week institute you will explore the intricacies of map collecting in local and national libraries, as well as private collectors. Map librarianship will be studied in seminars with The New York Public Library's distinguished Map Librarians, and through visits to local map libraries, map stores and antiquarian dealers. Participants will draw upon this information and experience to investigate and evaluate specific research areas and topics.

This is a three credit graduate level course in the Master of Science in Library and Information Science program at Pratt Institute. Tuition is \$637 per credit plus incidental fees. Registration is limited to 15 students and auditing is not permitted. Anyone who is not a matriculated student in the MS program at Pratt must apply and register using a "Visiting/Special Student" application. This can be requested from the SILS Office by sending a request to vthomas@pratt.edu. It must be accompanied by a copy of a transcript proving completion of at least a baccalaureate degree. Proof of medical coverage must also be provided by submitting copies of the front and back of the health insurance card. Auditing of this course will not be possible.

Registration information and assistance, contact Mrs. Vinette Thomas (718-636-3710) or Alexandra Nader (718-636-3656). For course content contact the instructor: ahudson@nypl.org

Exhibition of Rare Early Maps at Scandinavia House

Scandia: Important Early Maps of the Northern Regions and Maps and Charts of Norway from the Collection of William B. and Inger G. Ginsberg. April 17 - August 16, 2002, Third Floor Galleries, **Scandinavia House**, The Nordic Center in America, 58 Park Avenue, (between 37th and 38th St.), New York, New York 10016. (212-879-9779); E-mail: info@amscan.org



The exhibition **Scandia: Important Early Maps of the Northern Regions...** opened at Scandinavia House on April 17. On view through August 16, 2002, this exhibition of 76 early maps and sea charts presents some of the most significant maps in the history of cartography of Scandinavia and Norway. Also included are half a dozen historically important world maps illustrating the context in which Scandinavian mapping took place. Gallery talks will be held on Tuesdays at 12:30, May 7, 21, and June 4.



Historic City Maps Online

Ronnie Ellenblum of the Department of Geography at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem has created a new and quite impressive web site with very high quality historic maps of 55 European cities at:

<http://historic-cities.huji.ac.il/>

He expects to add 200 more maps in the near future.



Orleans, drawn by Joris Hoefnagel, 1575

Works by artist, Sandy Dillon were on exhibit April 4-May 22, 2002. She makes hand painted silk quilts with a lot of beautiful geographic images. These include recognizable river systems and coastlines, often surrounded by paintings of wildlife that frequent the areas.

The exhibit called "In Touch With the Earth" was presented by The American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1200 New York Ave. NW Washington DC 20005. For information: 202-326 6672 or www.aaas.org

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Members in Focus

Teaching Grad Students About Cataloging Maps

NEMO member **Paige Andrew** recently taught a cataloging class as a Guest Lecturer to MLS students in the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana's distance education class, called LEEP. The 15 graduate students in "Cataloging and Classification II—Advanced Cataloging" class listened to the ins and outs of constructing a bibliographic record for a map based on AACR2R rules, the MARC 21 standard, and using OCLC for a solid 2-hours! Paige crunched approximately 6 hours of material down to that timeframe and managed to get through 95% of the agenda, and probably left the students dazed. The difference between the normal all-day workshops that Paige usually gets asked to teach and this MLS class is the audience—normally, workshop attendees have practical cataloging experience to draw on while these are students just learning the big picture. What an experience!

Article on the History of Cataloging and Its Impact on Special Libraries Recently Published

"Organizing Corporate Knowledge: The Ever-Changing Role of Cataloging," one of four primary articles on the theme of "Corporate Knowledge," appears in the April 2002 issue of *Information Outlook: The Monthly Magazine of the Special Libraries Association* (Vol. 6, No. 4). The central theme is that no matter how much information changes its form, content, and method of delivery the importance of the role of the cataloger is and always will be eminent and vital. It is also a history of the major events and milestones in the cataloging world from the mid-19th century to date. The article is co-authored by Suzanne Pilsk of the Smithsonian Institution Libraries, Sandy McIntyre Colby and Alane Wilson of OCLC Inc., and NEMO member **Paige Andrew** of the Pennsylvania State University Libraries.

Map Meeting in Texas University of Texas at Arlington October 4-5, 2002.

The Texas Map Society, the Philip Lee Phillips Society, and the third Biennial Virginia Garrett Lectures on the History of Cartography will be holding a joint meeting at The University of Texas at Arlington on October 4 and 5, 2002. This meeting in the past has proven to be a major event for those interested in maps and cartographic history.

We in the Texas Map Society would like to extend a special invitation to members of the various map societies in the United States to attend this exciting event.

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NACIS Meeting Announcement

by Joanne M. Perry

I wanted to alert and/or remind map librarians that NACIS (North American Cartographic Information Society) will be meeting on October 9-13, 2002 in Columbus, Ohio at the Adams Mark Hotel. The Call for Participation has gone out with abstracts due to the program chair, Gordon Kennedy, by May 31, 2002.

I hope that map librarians will respond to the Call so that we can have a map librarianship session this year. Last year there were no papers offered that were library focused which was a shame as this is a wonderful venue for library PR. This is a place where elusive cartographers and GIS professionals (teaching faculty, commercial, state and federal employees) get together to talk shop — if we take the time to talk, they will attend and listen. I am hoping to moderate the session, so if you wish to speak to me before submitting an abstract to Gordon, feel free to do so (814/865-0139 or jup4@psulias.psu.edu).

NACIS has existed for about 22 years and is an organization of librarians, teaching faculty, cartographers and GIS professionals (city, state, county, federal, corporate, free-lance). Annual membership is \$42.00/year, registration costs at the annual conference run about \$125 (includes significant amounts of food; workshops and fieldtrips extra and optional) and there is a journal (*Cartographic Perspectives*) as well as a Web site:

<http://www.nacis.org/meetings.html>

WWW.NACIS.ORG. This is a great organization and each year the conference gets better. I invite anyone who has an interest in cartography, digital or otherwise, to consider joining us.



"For Americans, the basic unit of comparative world geography seems to be "New Jersey;" thus Swaziland is "about the size of New Jersey" (New York Times) and the Netherlands is "about twice the size of New Jersey" (Washington Post)."

Murphy, Cullen. "The Gold Standard: The Quest for the Holy Grail of Equivalence" *Atlantic Monthly* (Jan. 2002): p. 17. In: "Innocent Bystander."--submitted by Nancy Kandoian

The Mapmakers

by Margaret Weaver

Treasured charts scrolled Here Be Monsters
filling white space with fabulous creatures.
Mermaids combing long green hair sang

on the sands. Ivoryhorned narwhals
swam nearby to hear. Giants spent
enormous lives guarding avalanche scars

of old wars, hurling rocks at the dragons
who choked round earth in shining coils,
hiding their work in smoke and flames.

Sailing these waters now, we hear no mermaids,
see no giants. fireweed flames
on mountains under blowing snow.

Our earth is round no thanks to dragons.
We ink black contour lines through glacial space,
exile the marvelous. We think we know our way.

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