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Map Curators Group

As map collections of diverging size, functions and character (libraries, archives, museums, and institutional collections) are represented in the working group, an important principle of its programme and the yearly meetings must be to cover the various interests.

The Map Curators Group again held its meetings in connection with the Annual Conferences of the German Cartographic Society (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Kartographie). In 1993 there was a meeting within the framework of the ICA Congress in Cologne, giving opportunity to guests from abroad to gather information about the activities of the Map Curators Group. The two-day meeting at Trier (and Luxembourg) in 1994 dealt with a broad range of actual problems, e.g. safety conceptions for the map reading room, retroconversion and recataloguing, the role of digital maps in the map collection. This topic opened up a very contrary discussion because of the individual needs in the map collections. A workshop on digital maps is planned.

A new edition of the Directory of map collections in Germany is being prepared. It will contain descriptions of about 700 collections, and will be published in 1996. The Biographisches Lexikon der deutschen Kartenmacher will be finished at the end of 1995. The series Kartensammlung und Kartendokumentation will be reactivated, and shall serve as a platform for the Map Curators Group.

Education

The only training course in the field of map curatorship was offered by the Berlin Institute for Library Science and Education of Librarians. The seminars on 'Maps in Libraries' in the winter terms of 1993/94 and 1994/95 consisted of 15 two-hour lessons each, and dealt with the following subjects:

- administering maps (with practical demonstrations in the Map Department of the Staatsbibliothek, including an introduction into the map database);
- map production and map trade (visits to institutions);
- retrieval and interpretation of maps for particular themes (practical exercises).

Cataloguing / Database

The shared database for printed maps published before 1850 of the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek and the Universitätsbibliothek Göttingen contains presently 170,000 records (September 1994). Meanwhile the project part of the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek as well as of the Universitätsbibliothek Göttingen has come to an end. The Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin continues its work on the project covering also the holdings of its East Berlin component. The database is jointly managed by the DBI (Deutsches Bibliotheksinstitut) and the Staatsbibliothek, both located in Berlin. From 1994 onwards the database is available as an OPAC hosted on the DBI computer. This host can be reached via Datex-P, the package switching network of the Federal Postal Administration, as well as via Internet. The database was has received 600 searches in July 1994.

News from Map Collections

The maps of the former Stadtarchiv (City Archive) in East Berlin were integrated with the map collection of the Landesarchiv Berlin (State Archive Berlin). The total collection now comprises about 80,000 maps dating from 1650 to the present. The new rooms with a comfortable reading room were opened in March, 1994, with an exhibition of Berlin maps.

The Jewish Museum in Berlin acquired the remarkable Loevenhardt Collection with about 400 valuable Palestine maps. The museum published, in 1993, an inventory in connection with an exhibition catalogue (see below).

The Kölische Stadtmuseum (Cologne City Museum) started arranging and cataloguing their cartographic items.

Bad news had come from the map collection of the Sächsische Landesbibliothek at Dresden. 170 old world maps were stolen, in September 1993, by an impudent predatory attack. Fortunately, the convolut could be

detected and given back by the police in April 1994.

The Mercator Anniversary

Three symposia in preparation of the 400th anniversary of the death of Gerard Mercator took place at Duisburg (University).

- 1992: Mercator und die Wandlungen der Wissenschaften im 16. und 17. Jahrhundert (Mercator and the changes of sciences in the 16th and 17th centuries) - published.
- 1993: Mercator - ein Wegbereiter neuzeitlichen Denkens (Mercator - a pioneer of modern thinking) - published.
- 1994: Mercator und die geistigen Strömungen des 16. und 17. Jahrhunderts (Mercator and the intellectual trends of the 16th and 17th centuries) - will be published.

On the occasion of the anniversary the University of Duisburg was awarded the name of 'Gerhard Mercator Universität'.

The Kultur- und Stadthistorisches Museum Duisburg is displaying its great Mercator exhibition from September 1994 to January 1995 (catalogue: Gerhard Mercator, Europa und die Welt). The Mercator Verlag at Duisburg published a reduced facsimile of Mercators' World Map *Ad usum navigantium*, Duisburg 1569, with an explanatory text.

The Bayerische Staatsbibliothek is preparing an exhibition "400 Jahre Mercator - die Geschichte des Atlas".

Conferences

The 6th Kartographiehistorische Colloquium of the Working Group for the History of Cartography of the German Cartographic Society was held in Berlin in October, 1992. The 7th Colloquium from 6th to 8th October 1994 at Duisburg was engaged in the theme "Gerhard Mercator und seine Zeit" (the proceedings will be published).

The German cartographic community hosted the 12th Annual International Symposium of the IMCoS (International Map Collectors' Society) in September 1993. The meeting was held in the Gutenberg Museum at Mainz and in the Wissenschaftszentrum Bonn and comprised lectures and exhibitions organized by

the Map Department of the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin.

Exhibitions

The Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress organized two exhibition projects together with German libraries: In connection with the Sächsische Landesbibliothek at Dresden an exhibition about 'Germans in America - The Immigration as shown in maps' was presented in autumn 1994. An exhibition about Johann Georg Kohl has been prepared together with the University Library of Bremen, and displayed at Washington, Bremen (1993) and Dresden (1994) (with catalogue: Johann Georg Kohl: Progress of Discovery = Auf den Spuren der Entdecker).

The 16th Conference of the International Cartographic Association in Cologne in May 1993, offered an extensive exhibition of about 1,500 actual maps and atlases from 50 countries, organization and attending catalogue by the Map Department of the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin (copies available from AKM Congress-Service, Clarastr. 47, CH-4005 Basel).

World Maps of the 19th century, especially under the aspect of the exploring and the political changes in that century, were displayed by the Badische Landesbibliothek at Karlsruhe 1993 (Imago Mundi Moderna, with catalogue).

With some 300 maps, globes and models the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin organized an exhibition on the cartographic recording of the Mars planet: Der rote Planet im Kartenbild: 200 Jahre Marskartographie von Herschel, Beer und Mädler bis zur CD (catalogue).

The 'Year of Europe' 1993 and the opening towards Central and Eastern Europe was motive for an exhibition of the Map Department of the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin on "Flüsse im Herzen Europas - Rhein, Elbe, Donau" (with catalogue). It was displayed at Bonn (1993), Bremerhaven and Regensburg (1994).

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