



**INTERNATIONAL CARTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION  
COMMISSION ON CARTOGRAPHY AND CHILDREN**

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**1. Commission meeting in Santiago de Chile, November 15-22, 2009**

Our Commission is going to have a meeting during ICC 2009 in Santiago de Chile. The date for the meeting will be notified later by email for all Commission members and placing the information to our website too (<http://lazarus.elte.hu/ccc/ccc.htm>), after receiving information by Chilean organizers. We plan that the meeting will have duration of 90 minutes. A preliminary agenda has been written, containing a brief list of themes that we plan to discuss there:

- Resuming activities between 2007 and 2009;
- Experiences organizing the Barbara Petchenik Map Competition in 2009 and discussion of rules;
- Publication of the second volume of the book entitled „Children Maps the World” in collaboration with ESRI;
- Future activities and meetings.

If any colleague has other theme to propose, please contact Commission Co-Chairs by email with your suggestions.

**2. Second Volume of ESRI book on Barbara Petchenik Children's World Map Competition**

The second volume of the collection entitled “Children Map the World: Selections from the Barbara Petchenik Children's World Map Competition” (containing a selection of 100 drawings sent to the Competition in 2005 and 2007) was finished during last August and at present ESRI is printing it. ICA and ESRI plan to present officially this book in Santiago de Chile, during ICC 2009 conference. Commission members could contact ESRI national representatives to inform them about the book and eventual future cooperation at national level.

**3. Barbara Petchenik Competition 2009**

The deadline for the actual competition was over last June. In July we contacted the eight colleagues proposed to be members of the International Judging Commission. The International Coordinators (Peter van der Krogt and Ferjan Ormeling) finished a high quality work processing all the drawings sent to the Utrecht University and making a CD with detailed information and photos of the finalist works for the Judging Commission members. By now, Judging Commission is evaluating the drawings and the winners will be announced in the Closing Ceremony of ICC 2009 in Santiago de Chile.

#### 4. An invitation to discuss the use of maps by preschoolers in Dora the Explorer

Our colleague James Carter, from the Illinois State University, is interested to know members' opinion about this program in our respective countries. He wrote the following comment:



Three years ago I became interested in Dora the Explorer because this television program for young children uses maps in every episode. I sent a note to the members of the Commission on Cartography and Children and heard from Diah Kirana that this program is very popular in Indonesia. That comment contributed to my decision to research the topic.

I published one paper on Dora as a teacher of geography. At the ICC in Santiago I will be presenting a paper looking at Map, a character in the program and the representation of space. The use of maps in each episode is considered to be a cognitive organizer by the designers of the series.

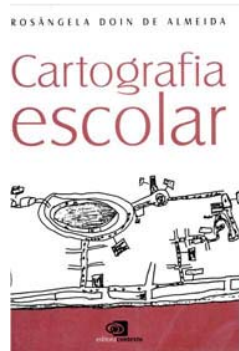
Dora the Explorer is watched by millions of children ages 2 to 5 around the world. I am beginning to realize that young children who watch this program use maps at a far younger age than was assumed possible. Admittedly, they use maps by watching television, which may be significant.

How important is this program in teaching young children about maps? I would like to talk to anyone who is familiar with this program, or with the use of maps by preschoolers.

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More information on Dora the Explorer:  
<http://www.nickjr.co.uk/shows/dora/index.aspx>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dora\\_the\\_Explorer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dora_the_Explorer)

#### 6. Cartografia Escolar



The Contexto Publishing House published the book entitled “Cartografia Escolar” (School Cartography) in Portuguese language, edited by our colleague Rosângela Doin de Almeida (Sao Paulo University) and counting with the contributions of the most important Brazilian researchers within this field. Some of the aspects presented in this book: Methodology to introduce Geography in Elementary Schools, Tactile Cartography in Geography teaching, Systematization of Thematic Cartography, Learning of diagrams during Geography teaching, etc.

Colleagues interested to acquire this book can visit the website of the Publishing House ([www.editoracontexto.com.br](http://www.editoracontexto.com.br)).

## 7. Upcoming conferences

- ICC 2009 (Commission meeting): Santiago de Chile (Chile), November 15-21, 2009
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference on Cartography & GIS (Commission meeting): Nessebar (Bulgaria), June 15-20, 2010, [www.cartography-gis.com](http://www.cartography-gis.com)

If the Commission members have any information about conferences that can be interesting for our colleagues, please send the information for Commission Co-Chairs and we are going to include it to the next newsletter.

## 6. Possible date for our next newsletter: February, 2010

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