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Further General Assemblies
- 1962 Montreal and Ottawa, Canada
- 1964 New Delhi, India
- 1967 Stresa, Italy
- 1968 Madrid, Spain
- 1970 Tokyo, Japan
- 1972 A Coruña, Spain
- 1974 Moscow, USSR
- 1976 Kraków, Poland
- 1978 Stoltenberg, Norway
- 1980 Durban, South Africa
- 1982 Moscow, USSR
- 1984 New Delhi, India
- 1986 Tokyo, Japan
- 1988 Stresa, Italy
- 1990 New Delhi, India
- 1992 Tokyo, Japan
- 1994 Edinburgh, United Kingdom
- 1996 A Coruña, Spain
- 1998 Budapest, Hungary
- 2000 Barcelona, Spain
- 2002 Cape Town, South Africa
- 2004 Madrid, Spain
- 2006 A Coruña, Spain
- 2008 Athens, Greece
- 2010 Shanghai, China
- 2012 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2014 Seoul, South Korea
- 2016 Stockholm, Sweden
- 2018 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2020 Kyoto, Japan

ICA Conferences and number of papers presented

Mapping the First 50 Years of ICA

The International Cartographic Association (ICA) was established fifty years ago in Bern, Switzerland. Since its founding in 1959 by twelve western European countries and the United States, the ICA has grown to include over 80 nations as members. To date, the ICA has organized 14 general assemblies and 23 international conferences with a total of more than 4,000 papers presented. With the ICA 2009 conference in Santiago, Chile, conferences have taken place on all six continents. As illustrated by the map at left, Europe has hosted 14 of the past 23 conferences. The international character of the ICA has always been reflected by the diverse origins of the members of the executive committees and its 11 presidents. The International Cartographic Conferences normally take place every other year and are usually complemented every four years by a General Assembly of the national representatives. The first General Assembly took place 1961 in Paris, France, where Professor Eduard Imhof from Switzerland was elected the first President of the ICA. In 2011, Paris will host the 15th General Assembly and the 25th International Cartographic Conference.

The map uses the Ginzburg VIII projection, which distributes parallels with unusual increasing spacing, strongly inflating polar regions. This arrangement creates the required space for an enlargement centred on Europe, which is necessary to show all conference locations. The map background is Tom Patterson’s Natural Earth II (see Tom’s profile in ICA News No 50, June 2008), a raster map dataset portraying the world’s vegetation zones in an idealised manner with little human influence.

The graphs below the map summarise the basic facts about ICA General Assemblies and International Cartographic Conferences including the number of papers presented at each conference.

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Such a working set will be invaluable in cross-referencing current news stories and reports with what has been reported in the past. Furthermore, it will allow research into the evolution of this publication over the last twenty-five years and help with developing a strategy and editorial profile for the ICA News into the future. Hopefully it will also facilitate the recycling of unwanted newsletters.

Providing that the set is made up of back issues in good or excellent condition, we might consider digitising all newsletters that predate Number 33 (December 1999) and publishing them on the ICA website at www.icaci.org as downloadable PDF files.

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