



Minutes of the

23rd meeting of the ICA Commission on Mountain Cartography

Date: Tuesday 15th August 2023 12:40 – 13:30

Place: Cape Town, Rep. South Africa (ICC), room 1.63 & 1.64

Participants:

Terje Midtbø (Norway, ICA liaison), Patrick Kennelly, Gene Trantham (USA); Roger Smith, Antoni Moore (New Zealand); François Lecordix (France); Timofey Samsonov (Russia); Rudi de Lange (South Africa); Dušan Petrovič (Slovenia).

Topics

1. Welcome

Commission chair Dušan Petrovič and ICA liaison Terje Midtbø welcomed participants.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The approved minutes of the previous meeting in Snow Mountain Park, Colorado (USA) on April 14th, 2023 are available on the commission's website.

3. Report on recent activities

An official report of commission activities in period 2019 – 2023 is available at ICA web sites: <https://icaci.org/commission-reports/>. Do not miss the promotional commission's video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYQ3j_GBI8g&list=PL03Glx664orTQiYr5WjgnhuGzhOP3g9PP&index=14, prepared by Lukas Neugebauer.

Recent activity of the commission was the 12th ICA Mountain Cartography Workshop, titled People, Maps, and Mountains, held in April 2023 at Snow Mountain Ranch, Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado, USA. 51 participants gave 40 presentations, they are available at www.mountaincartography.org. Papers and abstracts will be available in various forms: soon as online digital proceedings, as a compiled pdf notebook, available for printing on demand or for use as a pdf book (available in winter) and finally published in the series of ICA Abstracts (available in spring 2024). Participants, who haven't sent their abstract or papers are strongly encouraged to do it as soon as possible, but till the end of September the latest, so they can be included into proceedings.

After the workshop a questionnaire for the participants, related organization and concept of commission's workshops was prepared, and the results will be presented soon at www.mountaincartography.org.

At the ICC 2023 Cape Town, there was only one Mountain Cartography titled session with 3 presentations, but many other mountain cartography related presentations were included in other sessions, too.

4. Confirmation of commission at ICC 2023

For 2023 General Assembly in Cape Town, South Africa, we prepared the revised terms of reference and proposed Patrick Kennelly as new chair of commission for a further four-year term. Voting took place three days later, on Friday August 18. The proposal was approved with huge majority. The future commission's vice chair and web administrator will become Timofey Samsonov.

5. Workshops 2024 and beyond

The 13th ICA Mountain Cartography Workshop will take place in Zakopane, Poland, from April 3 – 7 2024, prepared by the local organizer Rafal Jonca with help from commission members – newly elected and past Chairs. Further information, such as deadlines for contributions, will follow.

Some ideas about possible locations for the 2026 workshop are France (Manon Boshard, Yann Boulanger, Nolan Mestres, Joëlle Thollot), Norway (Bjørn Sandvik), South Africa (Rudi De Lange) and Russia (Timofey Samsonov). The final decision about the location and the date will be discussed and decided at meetings during Workshop 2024 Zakopane, Poland and ICC 2025 Vancouver, Canada.

6. Members reports, possible joint activities

At a special memorial session during ICC, we remembered and celebrated the life of Igor Drecki, ICA news editor and passionate cartographer, who suffered a traffic accident just before ICC Cape Town. Igor was also active in the Commission on Mountain Cartography. He co-organised the 8th ICA Mountain Cartography Workshop in Tuarewa, New Zealand in 2012, and he also participated in the 6th ICA Mountain Cartography Workshop in Lenk, Switzerland, 2008. The next workshop will be hosted his home country, Poland, where we will miss him.

August 31, 2023

Dušan Petrovič, Pat Kenelly