

# ica news ica general assemblies and conferences

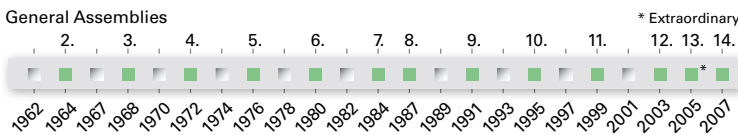


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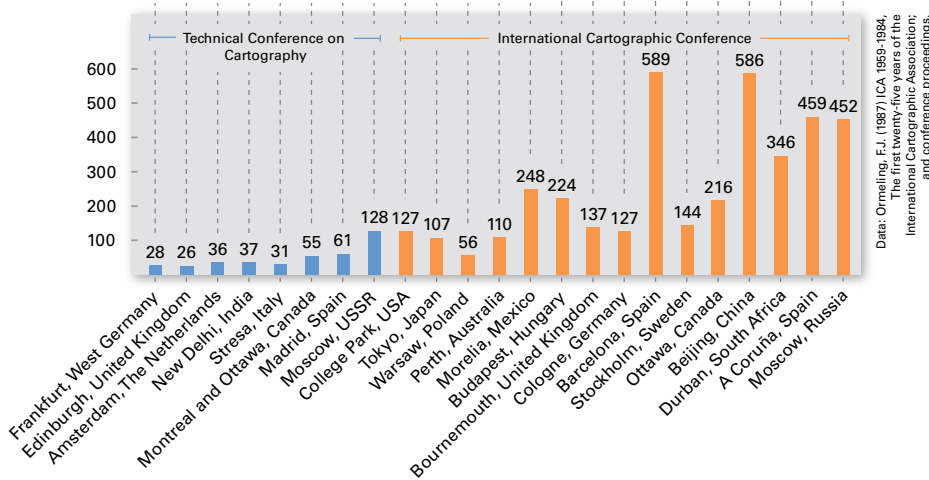
## ICA General Assemblies

- 1959 Foundation Meeting Bern, Switzerland
- 1961 First General Assembly Paris, France

### Further General Assemblies



## ICA Conferences and number of papers presented



Data: Ormeling, F.J. (1987) ICA 1959-1984. The first twenty-five years of the International Cartographic Association and conference proceedings.

## 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 ICC 2009 conference in Santiago, Chile, conferences will 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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# ica news request for back issues

We would like to ask for your help with collecting a full set of ICA News newsletters for editorial purposes. It will be held by the current Editor and passed on to the new one at the end of appointment.

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](http://www.icaci.org) as downloadable PDF files.

In exchange for back issues we can offer most copies of ICA News from the last decade,

although stock levels are very limited (see diagram below for details).

If you think you can help with this project, please contact Igor Drecki, Editor ICA News at [i.drecki@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:i.drecki@auckland.ac.nz).

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