

Thomas F. Sander, Editor of *The Portolan* Visited Croatia

Recently, Thomas F. Sander, a member of *IMCoS* (*International Map Collector's Society*) and the editor of the journal *The Portolan*, published by the *Washington Map Society*, has visited Croatia.

The Portolan is published three times a year with an average of about seventy pages. The subscribers are many cartographic and geographic associations and institutions, e.g. national university libraries in the USA and other states (*Bibliothèque National de France*, *British Library Map Library*, *Harvard University*, *Library of Congress* and *Austrian National Library*) and about 300 individuals.

Tom Sander was the president of the *Washington Map Society* in 2001 and 2002. The Society annually organizes about 10 meetings in Washington in the premises of the Geographic and Cartographic Division in the *Library of Congress*.

Travelling with his wife Jeanne to business meetings in Dubrovnik, he visited Zagreb on 23rd and 24th March 2003. Apart from studying and collecting maps of Europe, he found Croatia an interesting destination because he had already visited it because he had travelled around Europe and the Mediterranean in 1981.

After previously consulting the representative of *IMCoS* for Croatia, D. Mlinarić, he decided to visit the *Faculty of Geodesy* in Zagreb, and the representative collections of national treasures of Croatia, at the *National and University Library* and the *Croatian State Archives* in Zagreb. The president of the *Croatian Cartographic Society*, M. Lapaine, contributed a lot to the organisation of his stay and visits to the most representative cartographic collections.

Tom and Jeanne Sander were received by M. Lapaine, D. Novak and D. Mlinarić in the dean's office of the *Faculty of Geodesy* on the 23rd March. After M. Lapaine had given a presentation about the constitution and operation of the *Faculty of Geodesy, University of Zagreb* and the *Croatian Cartographic Society*, we informed our guest about the present activities in the field of cartography in Croatia, especially about the preparations for publishing the new book "Five Centuries of Old

Geographic Maps and Sea Charts in Croatia" by Škol-ska knjiga. The guest was especially interested in the experiences connected with the publishing of the first issue of the journal published by the Society, *Cartography and Geoinformation*, since he himself is engaged in publishing the journal *The Portolan* that he has been editing for the last six years.

Exchange of the two journals has been agreed upon, so that the members of both societies could exchange knowledge and have better insight into the wide spectrum of possible activities.

The next day, Mr Sander was received by M. Miletić Drder, the head of the Map Collection at the National and University Library, and M. Slukan Altić, the head of the Map Collection at the Croatian State Archives in Zagreb. Mr. Sander was primarily interested in the organization and the structure of collections, their history, and in some more important and rare copies of old maps of Croatia that are kept there.

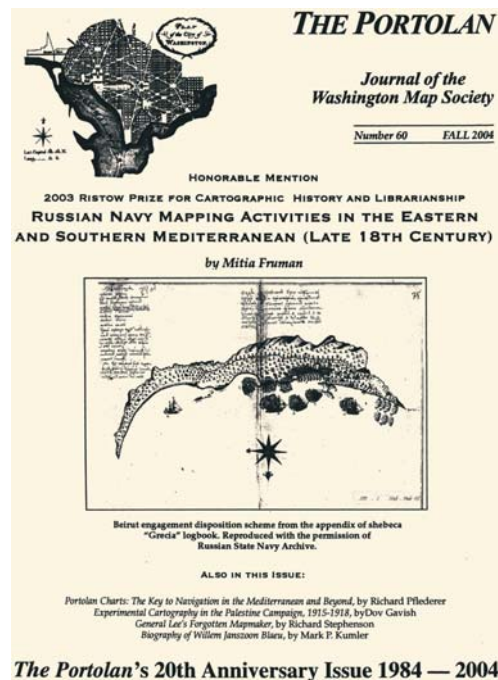
As one of possible aspects of co-operation, our guest suggested all young researchers to participate in the contest for the best paper in the field of cartography, *Walter W. Ristow Prize*, organized by the *Washington Map Society* every year. Undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as students in the

first year of postdoctoral studies can participate in the contest, and the text with up to 7550 words in English can be sent till the 1st June. All who are interested in further information about the activities of the *Washington Map Society* can find out about them at the Society web pages (<http://www.washmap.org/>) and the pages of the journal *The Portolan* (<http://home.earthlink.net/~docketor/portolan.htm>).

And finally, let me conclude this report with the motto by Mr. Tom Sander that he ends all his written papers with: "Without geography, you're nowhere." Paraphrasing this statement I can only add that primarily due to cartography and the group of the representatives of the *Croatian Cartographic Society*, who received the guest from Washington, it proved to be the right one.

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Thomas F. Sander, urednik časopisa The Portolan, posjetio Hrvatsku

Nedavno je Hrvatsku posjetio Thomas F. Sander, član *IMCoS-a* (*International Map Collector's Society*) i urednik časopisa *The Portolan*, što ga izdaje *Washington Map Society*.

The Portolan izlazi tri puta godišnje, na prosječno sedamdesetak stranica. Pretplatnici su mnoge kartografske i geografske udruge i institucije, kao što su npr. nacionalne sveučilišne knjižnice u SAD-u i u drugim državama (*Bibliothèque National de France*, *British Library Map Library*, *Harvard University*, *Library of Congress* i *Austrian National Library*) te oko 300 privatnih osoba.

Tom Sander obnašao je dužnost predsjednika *Washington Map Society* 2001. i 2002. godine. Društvo godišnje održava desetak sastanaka u Washingtonu, u prostorima Geografskog i kartografskog odsjeka (*Geography and Map Division*) u *Library of Congress*.

Putujući sa suprugom Jeanne na poslovne sastanke u Dubrovnik, 23. i 24. ožujka posjetio je Zagreb. Budući da se bavi proučavanjem i sakupljanjem karata Europe, Hrvatska mu je kao zemlja bila interesantna destinacija s obzirom na to da ju je posjetio prigodom svog putovanja po Europi i Sredozemlju 1981. godine.

Prethodno se konzultiravši s predstavnicom *IMCoS-a* za Hrvatsku, D. Mlinarić, odlučio je posjetiti *Geodetski fakultet* u Zagrebu te reprezentativne zbirke kartografskog blaga Hrvatske, *Nacionalnu i sveučilišnu knjižnicu* te *Hrvatski državni arhiv*. Organizaciji njegova boravka i obilaska najreprezentativnijih kartografskih zbirki umnogome je pridonio i predsjednik *Hrvatskog kartografskog društva*, M. Lapaine.

U sobi dekana *Geodetskog fakulteta* Toma i Jeanne Sander su 23. ožujka 2003. primili M. Lapaine, D. Novak i D. Mlinarić. Nakon izlaganja M. Lapainea o ustroju i djelovanju *Geodetskog fakulteta Sveučilišta u Zagrebu* i *Hrvatskoga kartografskog društva*, našeg smo gosta izvijestili o aktivnostima na području kartografije u Hrvatskoj, posebno o pripremama na izdanju najnovije knjige "Pet stoljeća starih geografskih i pomorskih karata u Hrvatskoj" u nakladi Školske knjige. Naš se gost posebno zanimao za iskustva vezana uz izdavanje prvog broja časopisa Društva, *Kartografija i geoinformacije* jer je i sam angažiran oko izdavanja časopisa *Portolan*, što ga uređuje posljednjih šest godina.

Načelno je dogovorena razmjena tih dvaju listova, kako bi članovi obaju kartografskih društava mogli



razmjenjivati spoznaje i kako bi imali što bolji uvid u široki spektar mogućih aktivnosti.

Sljedećeg dana gospodina Sanderu su ugostile M. Miletić Drder, voditeljica Kartografske zbirke Nacionalne i sveučilišne knjižnice, i M. Slukan Altić, voditeljica Kartografske zbirke Hrvatskog državnog arhiva u Zagrebu. Gospodin Sander se zanimao za organizaciju i strukturu zbirki, njihovu povijest te neke od najznačajnijih i najrjeđih primjeraka starih karata Hrvatske koji se u njima čuvaju.

Kao jedan od mogućih oblika suradnje, naš je gost uputio sve mlade istraživače na natječaj za najbolji rad iz područja kartografije *Walter W. Ristow Prize*, što ga svake godine provodi *Washington Map Society*. Natjecati se mogu dodiplomanti i postdiplomanti, te studenti na prvoj godini postdoktorskih studija, a rok za slanje teksta do 7550 riječi na engleskom jeziku je 1. lipnja. Sve zainteresirane za daljnje informacije o aktivnostima Kartografskog društva Washington upućujem na stranice društva (<http://www.washmap.org/>) i časopisa *The Portolan* (<http://home.earthlink.net/~docktor/portolan.htm>).

I konačno, zaključujem ovo izvješće motom gospodina Toma Sanderu, kojim završava sve svoje pisane radove: "Without geography, you're nowhere." Parafrazirajući tu tvrdnja, mogu nadodati da se zahvaljujući prije svega kartografiji i skupini predstavnika *Hrvatskoga kartografskog društva*, koji su gosta iz Washingtona ugostili, ona pokazala sasvim ispravnom.

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