

2nd International Conference on Cartography and GIS

Borovets, January 21-24, 2008

The 2nd International Conference on Cartography and GIS was held in Borovets, Bulgaria from January 21 to 24, 2008. The former president of the International Cartographic Association (ICA) Milan Konecny was the president of the International Organization Commission, and Temenoujka Bandrova from the University for Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy in Sofia was the president of the Local Organization Commission.

At the opening ceremony, the twelve year old Joanna Ivanova was awarded the award for the best children's drawing of the Barbara Petchenik competition held in Moscow in 2007. The opening ceremony also featured speeches by notable people and a performance by a folklore ensemble.

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The conference lasted three days. Almost 100 lectures were held and there were following keynote lectures:

- M. Nagy-Rothengass: Information and Communication Technologies for Sustainable Growth: Future Challenges and GIS Perspectives
- W. Reinhardt: Current Issues in GI Quality Research
- M. Phoenix: GeoSpatial Education: A Global Summary
- A. Annoni: INSPIRE and GEOSS: Why Geo-Information is becoming so important?
- K. Iliev: Digital Camera - New Challenge in Geodata Acquisition
- R. Russinov: www.bgmaps.com - Bulgarian Online Maps and Mapping Services

Croatia was represented in the conference with one invited lecture:



I. Racetin, M. Lapaine: Spatial Data Updating in the Frame of EU Requests.

All lectures were published in the Proceedings.

Within the frame of the conference, there was a Seminar on early warning and disaster/crisis management in collaboration with the European Union and sponsored by the ambassador of the Czech Republic Mr. M. Klepetko, who is also an academic musician, conductor.

In addition to lectures, the working part of the conference encompassed sessions of the ICA Commission on Cartography and Children, the ICA Commission on Planetary Cartography, and the ICA Working Group on Cartography and Early Warning and Crises Management. There was also a technical exhibition, a map exhibition and a retrospective exhibition of the Barbara Petchenik Children's World Map competition.

There was also an opportunity for a meeting of the Management Board of the Association for Geospatial Information in South-East Europe – AGISEE.

In addition to the working part, the conference also featured the welcome reception, a gala dinner and the closing ceremony.

The conference was held at the Zodiak hotel in the beautiful skiing resort Borovets, located on northern slopes of

the Rila mountain, 1350 m altitude, just 70 km away from the capital, Sofia. Rila is the highest mountain in Bulgaria and the Balkan Peninsula. The highest peak Moussala is 2925 m high. The mountain is also called the Water Mountain. Springs of three large Bulgarian rivers, Marica, Iskr and Mesta are located on the mountain. There are over 140 brilliantly blue lakes on Rila. With its forests, mountain peaks, lakes, meadows and rivers, Rila is an ideal place for hiking, mountaineering and skiing. Spending time there leaves memorable impressions.

At the end of this brief report, I wish to thank Prof. Dr. Milan Konecny, the former president of the ICA and Mr. Alessandro Annoni, head of the Spatial Data Infrastructure Unit of the Institute for Environment and Sustainability, Joint Research Centre, Ispra, Italy, for their invitation to Borovets and help in cofinancing my travel expenses and accommodation by the European Commission.

Special praise goes to conference organizers led by Prof. Dr. Temenoujka Bandrova who did everything to make the participants' stay in Borovets as comfortable and as nice as possible.

It would be nice to participate in the next, 3rd International Conference on Cartography and GIS in two years in Borovets.

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2. međunarodna konferencija o kartografiji i GIS-u

Borovec, 21-24. siječnja 2008.

U Borovcu u Bugarskoj održana je od 21. do 24. siječnja 2008. godine 2. međunarodna konferencija o kartografiji i GIS-u. Predsjednik Međunarodnog organizacijskog povjerenstva bio je prethodni predsjednik Međunarodnog kartografskog društva (International Cartographic Association - ICA), Milan Konecny, a predsjednica Lokalnog organizacijskog povjerenstva bila je Temenoujka Bandrova sa Sveučilišta za arhitekturu, građevinarstvo i geodeziju u Sofiji.

Na svečanom otvaranju konferencije, uz govore važni osoba i nastup folklornog ansambla, službeno je uručena nagrada 12. godišnjoj Joanni Ivanovoj za najbolji dječji crtež na natječaju Barbare Petchenik održanom u Moskvi, 2007.



Konferencija je trajala tri dana. Održano je gotovo 100 predavanja, a među njima su ova bila glavna:

- M. Nagy-Rothengass: Information and Communication Technologies for Sustainable Growth: Future Challenges and GIS Perspectives
- W. Reinhardt: Current Issues in GI Quality Research
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Hrvatska je konferenciji bila zastupljena s jednim pozvanim predavanjem:

I. Racetin, M. Lapaine: Spatial Data Updating in the Frame of EU Requests.

Sva održana predavanja objavljena su u Zborniku radova.

U sklopu konferencije održan je seminar o ranom upozoravanju i upravljanju katastrofama/krizama u suradnji s EU i pod pokroviteljstvom ambasadora Češke Republike gospodina M. Klepetka, koji je inače akademski glazbenik, dirigent.

Osim izlaganja referata, radni dio konferencije obuhvatio je sjednice Povjerenstva za kartografiju i djecu ICA-e (Commission on Cartography and Children), Povjerenstva za kartografiju planeta ICA-e (Commission on Planetary Cartography), Radne skupine za kartografiju i pravodobno upozoravanje i upravljanje kriznim slučajevima (Working Group on Cartography and Early Warning and Crises Management). Mogla se pogledati manja tehnička izložba, izložba karata i retrospektivna izložba dječjih radova s natječaja Barbare Petchenik za najbolju dječju kartu svijeta (Barbara Petchenik Children's World Map).

Ukazala se također prigoda za sastanak upravnog odbora Društva za geoprostorne informacije jugoistočne Europe – AGISEE.

Osim radnog dijela konferencija je imala domjenak dobrodošlice, svečanu večeru i svečano zatvaranje.

Konferencija se održala u hotelu Zodiak u prekrasnom skijališnom mjestu Borovcu, smještnom na sjevernim padinama planine Rila na nadmorskoj visini od 1350 m, a udaljenom od glavnog grada Sofije samo 70 km. Rila je najviša planina u Bugarskoj i na Balkanskom poluotoku. Najviši vrh Moussala je na visini od 2925 m. Drugo ime za tu planinu je Vodena planina. Na njoj izviru tri velike Bugarske rijeke: Marica, Iskr i Mesta. Na Rili je više od 140 briljantno plavih jezera. Sa svojim šumama, vrhovima planina, jezerima, livadama i rijekama, Rila je idealno mjesto za šetnje, planinarenje i skijanje. Boravak u tom kraju ostavlja nezaboravne dojmove.

Na kraju ovog kratkog izvještaja želim zahvaliti prof. dr. Milanu Konečnom, prethodnom predsjedniku Međunarodnoga



kartografskog društva (International Cartographic Association - ICA) i gospodinu Alessandru Annoniju, voditelju Jedinice za infrastrukturu prostornih podataka Instituta za okoliš i održivi razvoj (SDI Unit, Institute for Environment and Sustainability), Joint Research Centre, Ispra, Italija, na njihovom pozivu u Borovec uz sufinanciranje putnih troškova i smještaja od strane Europske Komisije.

Posebno treba pohvaliti organizatore konferencije na čelu s prof. dr. Temenoujkom Bandrovom koji su učinili sve da bi sudionicima učinili boravak u Borovcu što ugodnijim i ljepšim.

Bilo bi lijepo sudjelovati na sljedećoj 3. međunarodnoj konferenciji o kartografiji i GIS-u.

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