



International Map Collector's Society

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To:

... from your Editor

The birth of a Society augurs well for a hobby. The I.M.C.S. will hopefully fill a need in the Map-collector's world that will complement rather than compete with any existing organisations and publications. Success—and failure—are finally dictated by those involved in the running of an organisation and, once ratified during our September meeting, the officers of this Society look well qualified and are greatly enthusiastic to ensure success. Time will tell.

A Society's publication, be it an elaborate journal or a simple news-sheet, is its mouthpiece . . . maybe more . . . it could become the Society's very heart-beat. Through it members learn of the Society's affairs, communicate with each other and convey information and knowledge.

As modest as our first issues may have to be, every member is urged to contribute. There is no item that is too small or unimportant for publication; the Editor will welcome news, views, articles and comments of every nature. Your contributions will determine the standard and quality of your journal. Please let me hear from you.

Elsewhere in these two sheets comments are made of the Society's *raison d'être*. Suffice it to say that we are about to embark on a journey the purpose of which is simple and clear cut: greater enjoyment of a great hobby—may we be well guided!

Welcome to the I.M.C.S. — Y.B.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The formal I.M.C.S. meeting will be held on Saturday 13th September at the **Lincolnshire Room, National Liberal Club, 1, Whitehall Place, London S.W.1**. Members will be gathering at approximately 2 p.m. when we hope to inaugurate the formation of the Society in a formal manner by the election and appointment of officers. This will be followed by an illustrated talk: "*Before the Map—Some reasons for the making of Maps*" to be delivered by Mr. Bruce Marsden, already known to many of our members. Time allowing, we shall hold a mini-auction of members materials. Please bring items of interest with you, even if not for sale. The meeting is expected to end at about 5.00 p.m.

We very much hope to see you there.



Material for publication should be addressed to:
The Editor, I.M.C.S. Newsletter, Box 70, London N3 3QQ.

Articles of approximately 500 words with one illustration and news items are solicited for our next issue planned for publication in November 1980. Please do not hesitate to telephone the editor if so inclined:— Office 01-836 8444; Home 01-349 2207.

APPLICATION FORM

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□ The Cyprus Association of Map Collectors can be contacted at P.O. Box 4506 Nicosia Cyprus. It was formed in 1978 with aims and ambitions not unlike those of the I.M.C.S. but on a local basis. The Society invites correspondence and points out that the prime interest of its members revolves around the Island itself and on town and city plans as well as prints of local interest.

□ The Chicago Map Society has been active some years now and has published a dealer's directory available to those interested. The Society's Address is 60 West Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610.

□ The Royal Geographical Society holds regular lectures for its fellows and members. The Society recently celebrated its 150th anniversary.

□ The British Library, and its map room, are soon to change address. At present at the British Museum, in Great Russell Street, plans have been implemented for a move to Euston Road, into a building under construction between The Shaw Theatre and St. Pancras Station.

□ The International Society for the History of Cartography was formed in 1974 to take over the publication of "Imago Mundi" an academic English Language journal first published in 1935. Volume 35 is due for publication in October. Details of membership and supply of journal can be obtained from Harry Margary, Lympne Castle, Kent, England.

Matters arising — from Birmingham by Malcolm Young

The successful Symposium held at the Albany Hotel, Birmingham in June this year highlighted the need for a society of map collectors to include all levels of map collecting. The society should be closely related to dealers, publishers (who are themselves collectors) and those involved in the academic study of cartography. With the increase in leisure time there is a growing number of people taking part in the study of maps and atlases in all its many aspects. This interest generally leads to a person becoming a collector. One only has to visit any map shop to see the number of people interested in buying and collecting maps.

The need for the society is there. What activities should it be involved in and encourage? Here are some suggestions:—

1. People with common interests like to meet one another for general discussion.
2. Some collectors would like the society in its newsletter to give advance information regarding exhibitions, details of dealers, new books published in this country and overseas.
3. Many members may like to know the whereabouts or in which library are housed the various collections of maps, how access can be obtained, and whom to contact.
4. It might be possible to arrange visits to libraries for a limited number of members at any one time, to examine map collections, systems of cataloguing, and methods of restoring and preservation of old maps.
5. The society would no doubt like to hold regular meetings and to have guest speakers address the members on specific subjects in depth.
6. Those members travelling overseas may like the addresses and details of similar societies in other countries and collections of maps on view.
7. Members might envisage a collectors Map Centre or meeting place. A small lending library could be established for those who find difficulty in obtaining books or cannot afford to buy some of the more costly reference books.
8. One of the objects of the society would be to assist in helping and education the younger and new collectors of the future.
9. Another object should be to encourage not only the collection of maps, but the preservation of atlases and maps for future generations.

As a collector I have always received encouragement and help from the many shops and dealers; they seem to be ready to give their time so freely. Many of us as collectors would also like to give our time freely to make this society worthwhile and successful. No doubt many of our members have other ideas and suggestions which need to be considered and discussed at our meeting on September 13th.

21st July, 1980.



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