

NATIONAL PROGRESS REPORT OF SWITZERLAND, 2004-2006

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1. Activities of the map curators group

The map curators group held two meetings in 2004-2005 and has thus far held one meeting in 2006.

- 7 June 2004 in the Bibliothèque cantonale et universitaire (BCU) Lausanne with a visit to a map exhibition in the Musée historique de Lausanne
- 15 November 2004 in the Stiftsarchiv St.Gallen
- 25 April 2005 in the Mission 21 in Basle (with visits to map exhibitions of mission maps and the precious maps of the Universitätsbibliothek Basle) and 26 April 2005 Zurich (with visits to the map libraries of the ETH-Library and the Zentralbibliothek) together with the German Kommission Kartenkuratoren in the Gesellschaft für Kartographie (s.Cartographica Helvetica 32(2005),p.44-45)
- 7 November 2005 Zentralbibliothek (Central Library) in Zurich
- 29 May 2006 in the Eidgenössische Militärbibliothek (Federal Military Library) in Berne.

Hans-Peter Höhener from the Central Library in Zurich resigned as president of the map curators group because of retirement. The new president is Jürg Bühler from the ETH-Library.

There exists within the map curators group also a discussion group about map cataloguing which has two or more meetings a year.

2. Activities in map libraries

Alpines Museum (Swiss Alpine Museum), Berne

There is a project to catalogue the foreign maps.

Stadt- und Universitätsbibliothek (City and University Library), Berne

In 2005 the library edition of the Siegfriedkarte was put on to the internet

(www.stub.unibe.ch/maps/ta/)

and the Ryhiner Collection was scanned. In the same year the collection "Rossica Europeana" of Peter Sager was purchased, which also contains maps.

Bundesamt für Landestopografie (Federal Office of Topography), Berne

The data archive of the Federal Office contained at the end of 2005 ca. 37 000 records

(www.alexandria.ch).

At the beginning of 2006 15 collaborators of the Landesgeologie were transferred from the Abteilung Geologie of the Bundesamt für Wasser und Geologie to the Bundesamt für Landestopografie (Federal Office for Water and Geology).

"Siegfriedkarte digital" can be seen in the internet under

www.swisstopo.ch/de/products/digital/maps/hiks/Siegfried).

A digitalization of all editions of the Dufourkarte was carried out (Project HIKS = Historische Karten scannen)..

Eidgenössische Militärbibliothek (Federal Military Library), Berne

In October 2004 the library was transferred to a renovated arsenal (address: Papiermühlestrasse 21A).

ETH-Bibliothek (Library of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology), Zurich

In 2004 the Library began with the digitalization of old maps. The CD-ROMs of this are available for sale at a reasonable price.

The digitalization of the 3000 aerial pictures of the map department is anticipated.

The map libraries of the Geographical Institute, of the Geobotanical Institute and of the chair of forestry were given to the map department and have to be integrated.

Zentralbibliothek Zürich (City, Cantonal and University Library)

The Central Library began in 2005 with the digitalization of its ca. 1000 manuscript maps.

3. Obituary

On 15 April 2004 the publisher and map collector Alfons Cavelti died (*21.4.1916) (See: Cartographica Helvetica 30/2004).

On 11 February 2005 Alfred Oberli, engraver, cartographer and map collector died (*3.5.1916). He gave his map collection to the Bundesamt für Landestopographie, where it is now catalogued. (See: Cartographica Helvetica 32/2005).

4. Activities of the Working Group on the History of Cartography (Arbeitsgruppe für Kartengeschichte) within the Swiss Society of Cartography

Under the presidency of Martin Rickenbacher various events and visits to exhibitions were organized. For details see: www.stub.unibe.ch/dach/ch/

5. Conferences in Switzerland

10 to 11 September 2004: Colloquium in Lugano "Gebirgswelten im Zimmer. Die kulturelle Bedeutung der Reliefs in Europa, 16.-20. Jahrhundert".

Swiss papers:

- Felix Büchler: Reliefs von und für Schulkinder: Eine Laubsägearbeit im historischen Kontext;
- Madlena Cavelti Hammer: Xaver Imfeld als Reliefbauer
- Jana Niederöst: Franz Ludwig Pfyffers Relief der Urschweiz. Vom Original zum Computermodell, vom Computermodell zur neuen Information
- André Streilein-Hurni: Digitale Geländemodelle der Landestopografie: Gebirgswelten im 21. Jahrhundert
- Bruno Weber: Gelände im Relief und Panorama als wissenschaftliche und künstlerische Ausdrucksform der Erdoberfläche.

6. Papers

At the map curators meeting of the German Society of Cartography in Hannover on 26 to 28 April 2004, Jürg Bühler presented a paper on the map library as centre for geodates service (Die Kartensammlung als Zentralstelle für einen Geodaten-Service).

At the 12th Colloquium for map historians in Frankfurt on Main on 30 September to 2 October 2004 the following Swiss papers were presented:

- Jürg Bühler: Report on the digitalization of old maps in the ETH-Library (Alte Schweizer Landkarten auf CD-ROM und auf DVD: ein Angebot der Kartensammlung der ETH-Bibliothek Zürich)
- Madlena Cavelti: Rigi-Panoramen des 19. Jahrhunderts
- Hans-Uli Feldmann: Der Topograph Charles Jacot-Guillarmod (1868-1925): Einer der Pioniere der Schweizer Felsdarstellung
- Florian Mittenhuber: Verhältnis von Kartentradition und Texttradition in der Geographie des Ptolemaios

At the 21st Conference on the History of Cartography in Budapest 17 to 22 July 2005 Florian Mittenhuber presented a paper on a “New edition of Ptolemy’s geography”, Philippe Forêt on “The discovery of climate change: the mapping of the Edsin-Gol River (Inner Mongolia) and the political significance of the work done by the Sino-Swedish Expedition (1927-1935)”, and Martin Rickenbacher on “DigiMeyer – a digitizing project for the large-size map of the territory of Basel from the 1680s”.

7. Exhibitions

Rigi im Focus – Panoramen einst und jetzt: 1 May to 15 November 2004: Hotel Rigi-Kulm Hotel

Images du Monde: 4 June to 31 October 2004: Images du monde – une histoire de la cartographie : Musée historique Lausanne. With catalogue.

Die Juragewässerkorrektion: Permanent exhibition since 23 October 2004: Schlossmuseum Nidau

Plat comme un globe: 5 March 2005 to 30 July 2006: Espace des inventions, Lausanne

Tschudi, Aegidius – wer? Ein Glarner Multitalent, 1505-1572: 2 April to 30 October 2005, Museum des Landes Glarus, Näfels. With catalogue.

Mapping Switzerland 2: 13 August to 24 September 2005: Seedamm Kultur Zentrum Pfäffikon SZ

Himmel und Erde: Ptolemaios, der Astronom und Geograph: 29 April to 14 October 2006: Stadt- und Universitätsbibliothek Bern

8. New publications:

Atlases

Hydrologischer Atlas der Schweiz, 2005-

Maps

New editions of the „Geologische Karte der Schweiz 1:500 000“ and the „Tektonische Karte der Schweiz 1:500 000“ were published in 2005 by the Bundesamt für Landestopografie.

Panoramas

On 25 May 2005 the Swiss military academy presented to the ETH (on the occasion of their 150 jubilee) with an almost three metre long panorama by Thomas Germann (manual silk screen print). This was installed on the roof terrace of the building.

Monographies

Huggel, Doris: Johann Jacob Fechter, 1717-1797, Ingenieur in Basel. Lindenberg im Allgäu: Josef Fink, 2004

Kobler, Hans: Graubünden in der Kartographie: Wegleitung. Strada, 2005

Niederöst, Jana: Das Relief der Urschweiz von Franz Ludwig Pfyffer (1716-18202): 3D-Rekonstruktion, Analyse und Interpretation. Zürich: Institut für Geodäsie und Photogrammetrie, 2005. (IGP Mitteilung Nr. 89)

Saiz-Lozano, Angel: La cartographie du Léman 1500-1800. Genève: Slatkine, 2004

The Schweizerisches Alpines Museum (Swiss Alpine Museum) is preparing a catalogue of all Swiss reliefs, which will be published in the autumn of 2006 (Mair, Toni, and Susanne Grieder. Das Landschaftsrelief: Symbiose von Wissenschaft und Kunsthandwerk. Baden: hier+jetzt, 2006)

Facsimiles and Reproductions

Johann Baptist Altermatt und seine "Carte topographique du Canton de Soleure", 1795-1798. Solothurn: Hugo Stüdeli, Frölicherweg 14, 2005. Facsimile edition with commentary

Oppikofer, Johann Jakob: General Charte der Jura Gewaesser 1:50 000, 1816/17. [Murten]: Cartographica Helvetica, [2005]. With commentary by Daniel Vischer and Hans-Uli Feldmann.

DVDs

Atlas der Schweiz: 2 D-Karten und 3 D-Karten. Version 2.0 DVD. Wabern: Bundesamt für Landestopographie, 2004

Swiss Map 50. Version 3.0 DVD. Wabern: Bundesamt für Landestopographie, 2005

Swiss Map 25:.. Wabern: Bundesamt für Landestopographie. 7 of 8 sections were published since 2005. Section 8 will be published in November 2006.

See also: Jahresberichte der Schweizerischen Gesellschaft für Kartographie (www.kartographie.ch/jahresberichte)

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