In the context of the 27th International Cartographic Conference (ICC) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the Center of Corporate Intelligence (CIC) of the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) hosted, also at Rio de Janeiro, the Pre Conference Symposium on Atlases, Toponymy and the History of Cartography, from 19 to 21 of August, 2015. The symposium was organized by the Reference Center on Geographic Names (CRNG) and was attended by numerous national and international experts.

The event featured diverse and insightful presentations with interesting themes and important content, followed by lively debates.

The already replete 23-presentation program also included a special technical visit to the Historica Cartographica Brasiliis exhibition at the National Library, with rare cartographic items like a first edition piece of the Geographia of Ptolemy, and a visit to the memorable inauguration of the “Rio de Janeiro in Nautical Charts” exhibit at the Navy Museum, to which all the participants of the Symposium received a special invitation.

The IBGE also attended the 27th International Cartographic Conference. The conference was coordinated by the International Cartographic Association (ICA), with IBGE being a member of the local organizing committee.

According to João Bosco de Azevedo, deputy director of the DGC, organizing an event of this size has brought many benefits for the institution. The participation of technical experts presenting papers and attending technical presentations from other countries, the learning of different ways to produce, and disseminate, cartographic information and the working meetings are some examples of the advantages.

Part of the the Reference Center on Geographic Names (CRNG) team around the IBGE’s posters, produced by the CRNG, displayed at the Technical and Commercial Exhibition session of the conference.