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1999 International Cartographic Association Conference

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## 1999 INTERNATIONAL CARTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The 1999 International Cartographic Association Conference was held in Ottawa, Canada. In addition to Natural Resources Canada, several other federal government departments with an interest in cartography participated in the organization of this event. Activities included presentation of papers, posters, and workshops, along with a Carto Exhibit. Staff from the Geographical Names Section participated in the conference by providing a workshop about developing a geographical names data base, presenting a technical paper about the past, present, and future of the Canadian Geographical Names Data Base, and chairing the conference session concerned with geographical names, boundaries, and quality.

The 19<sup>th</sup> International Cartographic Conference (ICA) and the 11<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICA were held in Ottawa, Canada, on August 14 to 21, 1999. The principal role in the organization and administration of the 1999 ICA Conference was provided by the Earth Sciences Sector of Natural Resources Canada in conjunction with the conference management services of the Canadian Institute of Geomatics. Federal government members of the Organizing Committee included the Department of National Defence, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Statistics Canada, and the National Archives of Canada.

The theme of the conference was *Touch the Past, Visualize the Future*. In total, there were 1,540 participants, including 85 students, from 79 countries. Some 500 posters and papers were presented (256 papers/oral presentations) and 1,683 items included in the Carto Exhibit. Eight workshops were given with 104 participants and 10 technical tours given with 500 participants.

As part of this conference, the Geographical Names Section of the Centre for Topographic Information, Earth Sciences Sector, Natural Resources Canada, held a six-hour workshop entitled *Developing and Maintaining a National Geographical Names Data Base*. The workshop was aimed at those individuals involved with geographical names, mapping, charting, and GIS.

A staff member presented a paper entitled, "The CGNDB: Its Past, Present and Future" at the conference. Copies of this paper are available from the GNBC Secretariat, Natural Resources Canada, 615 Booth Street, Room 634, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E9 Canada. Another staff member chaired the session called *Geographic Names, Boundaries, and Quality*.

For further information about the workshop, please see the paper under agenda item 17b.