Introduction

Together with the growing social and economic importance of mountain areas, the demand for adequate cartographic base data with respect to its contents, graphic design and the media is also increasing. Especially the visualization of a large spectrum of new themes requires new cartographic methods and approaches which go beyond classical topographic cartography. During the 19th International Cartographic Conference in Ottawa in 1999, the ICA Commission on Mountain Cartography was established in order to meet these demands. Since then the commission has organised a series of highly successful workshops. The following Terms of Reference have been accepted by the ICA General Assembly for the period 2003-2007:

Terms of reference

To further define the topics of Mountain Cartography and to promote the methods and knowledge of mountain cartography among scientists and professionals in cartography and related fields by providing:
- an updated, attractive web-site with information about Commission activities, links to other events and theme-specific knowledge,
- an updated web-based compendium with links to related web-sites and bibliographic information,
and by continuing the well-established workshop series and by promoting publication activities (proceedings, web-proceedings, journal articles and special issues) and common research activities.

Publications

- 4th ICA Mountain Cartography Workshop, Vall de Núria, 2004
  Proceedings edited by M. Pa & B. Baella
- Book contribution
  5th ICA Mountain Cartography Workshop, Bohinj, Slovenia, 2005
  Proceedings edited by D. Petrović

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Workshops, research

Participants at 4th ICA Mountain Cartography Workshop
Vall de Núria, Catalonia
Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2004

Participants at 5th ICA Mountain Cartography Workshop
Bohinj, Slovenia
March 29 - April 1, 2006

New commission website http://www.mountaincartography.org

Flyer pre-announcement next workshop

Website www.terrainmodels.com:
History and tutorial covering the art and techniques of terrain modelling