National map days

Find out what is happening in your country during IMY, consult the IMY website

- National, local and historical map exhibitions
- Children's map drawing contests
- Lectures on cartography, and on history of cartography
- Demonstrations of GIS and Mapping systems
- Treasure hunts: find the cache
- Visits to map producing companies or state mapping agencies:
  National cadastral office, national mapping agency, national hydrographic agency
- Map fairs

More information: www.mapyear.org
How can you contribute to national map days?

- Open up your map production company for visits by the public
- Have open days in your cartographic education establishments
- Have a map exhibition in your local library
- Organise local map days (or not just complete programs – any contribution is welcome!)
- Distribute ICA-IMY freeware
- Organise map reading courses
- Distribute/show maps and atlases to the public
- Have special cartography issues for your journal
- Contribute to national IMY website
- Add IMY to your company website

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Why are maps unique?

› They help us find our way
› They help us understand
› They help us decide
› They help us dream
› They help us help

They model reality

They help us envisage the past

They show us what to expect about a specific topic at a specific time and place

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How do maps contribute to a sustainable earth?

- Thriving lives and livelihoods
- Sustainable food security
- Sustainable water security
- Universal clean energy
- Healthy and productive ecosystems
- Governance for sustainable societies

Six sustainable development goals for integrated delivery of Millennium development goals and Global Sustainability objectives. Source: Global Change IGBP March 22, 2013

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- Create a textbook on Cartography and Geographic Information for the general public
- Elaborate plans for national activities and establish national contacts
- Involve the ICA commissions in the work
- Find sponsors among the affiliate members

The textbook The World of Maps is written in English and translated into French and Spanish, and will also come out in Chinese and Arabic.

IMY WG terms of reference

- Establish contacts with the UN and the sister organizations (through the ICA Executive Committee and the JBGIS)
- Produce information that can be used at national Map Days
- Follow up and update the working plan at the ICC in Dresden 2013

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Maps gives an actual or historical spatial image of the World for:

› Navigation on land, on water or in the air
› Spatial planning of infrastructure
› Emergency or disaster support, like for UN activities for food delivery

When are maps useful?

Google has enabled a Navigation feature in India, which means along with getting driving directions you will also have a voice reading them out.

Red lines show shorelines as depicted before the updates. NOAA cartographers applied corrected shoreline and feature positions to new charts in the Great Lakes Region.

Flight radar showing location and directions of aeroplanes. Note that there are no planes over Ukraine.

Riga Planning Region Spatial Plan (2005-2025)
Perspective transport infrastructure. The yellow arrow indicates potential climate change problem area in the River Salaca basin in connection to the location of Via Baltica motorway (Riga Planning Region, 2006).

Map produced by UNOCHA (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) to monitor the regional humanitarian situation in Eastern Africa, as it developed in the first half of 2015.

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