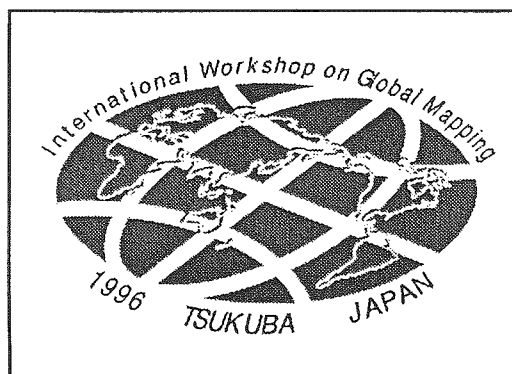


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## Greeting from Secretary General

Kunio NONOMURA  
Secretary General

It is my great pleasure to introduce to you the first issue of International Steering Committee for Global Mapping (ISCGM) Newsletter. This Newsletter will be published at least 4 times a year by the Secretariat of ISCGM as part of its activities, and distributed to ISCGM members and advisors and to those people and organizations who are interested in Global Mapping. I would appreciate your information of other people and/or organizations who you think should obtain a copy of this Newsletter.

The ISCGM Secretariat also plans to set up a Home Page of Global Mapping by the end of April. Your suggestions and comments on the Home Page would be also greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Kunio NONOMURA  
Secretary General

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**International Steering Committee for Global Mapping  
Established, the First Meeting held Feb. 14**

The Geographical Survey Institute (GSI), Ministry of Construction of Japan held the Second International Workshop on Global Mapping on February 13-14, 1996 in Tsukuba, Japan.

In this Workshop, a Preparatory Meeting for the establishment of International Steering Committee for Global Mapping (Chairperson : Dr. Jiro Kondo, President of the Central Environmental Council of Japan) was held in the morning of 13th. It was decided that the International Steering Committee for Global Mapping should be established on Feb. 14, 1996. Dr. John Estes, Director of Remote Sensing Research Unit, University of California, Santa

Barbara, the United States of America was elected as Chairperson of the Committee together with Dato' Abdul Majid Bin Mohamed, Director General of Department of Survey and Mapping, Malaysia as the Vice Chairperson. The First Meeting of International Steering Committee for Global Mapping was held on the 14th in an attempt to coordinate information exchange between national mapping organizations and projects associated with Global Mapping development. It was decided that GSI shall be working as the Secretariat.

The list of participants of the First Meeting with entry members is provided on Page 4.

**Resolution of the First Meeting of the International  
Steering Committee for Global Mapping**

Recognizing the lack of global geographic data for understanding global environmental problems, mitigating natural disasters and realizing economic growth within the context of sustainable development, and further recognizing a number of different existing projects for global geographic data development with little coordination and/or harmonization, the First Meeting of the International Steering Committee for Global Mapping (here-in-after referred

to as "the Committee") discussed specific measures that national, regional and international organizations should take to develop Global Map, truly global geographic data sets of known and verified quality. The heads and experts from national mapping and related organizations of 10 countries, three international organizations and one international academic society met hosted by the Geographical Survey Institute of the Ministry of Construction of

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Japan on February 14, 1996 in Tsukuba, Japan. To facilitate comments GSI provided the Committee a draft background paper on global mapping issues. Based on discussions at the Meeting, and conscious of the issues of exist-

ing and ongoing activities for global geographic data development and recommendations of international workshops, symposia, and conferences, the Meeting resolves that:

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- a) recognizing the necessity of clarifying the availability of global data sets, the Committee should conduct a survey to identify requirements for and the current status of key global data sets.
  - b) the Committee and appropriate organizations should encourage governments and industries to make existing data sets, especially those whose spatial resolution is approximately 1 km on the ground, openly available and easily accessible through international organizations such as UNEP and other organizations. Information on newly available data sets should also be reported to the Committee.
  - c) national mapping and related organizations should assist in the development of non-existing or missing global data sets, keeping their efforts harmonized with other existing data development projects. The Committee and appropriate organizations should encourage governments and international development agencies to assist in the funding of data development activities.
  - d) when involved in data development projects relevant to Global Mapping, organizations should avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts through communicating and exchanging information, including data on future projects. The Secretariat of the Committee will act on behalf of the Committee as a clearinghouse for this information.
  - e) national mapping organizations should take positive steps to release geographic data sets of their countries at scales relevant to Global Mapping which are considered necessary and useful for the global data development. When doing so, national mapping organizations should take care to use a data specification compatible with the requirements of Global Map. The Committee should conduct a survey of detailed specifications that provide the best possible compatibility.
  - f) given that the United Nations will hold a Special Session of the General Assembly in 1997 on the Follow-up to Agenda 21, the relationship between the Agenda 21 follow-up efforts and the activities of national mapping and related organizations in global data development should be well defined at the national level and reported to the Special Session. In addition the Committee should endeavor to get international recognition for the Global Mapping efforts as one of the positive activities toward addressing global concerns.
  - g) The Secretariat working with the Committee should begin to draft a strategic plan.
- February 14, 1996  
Tsukuba, JAPAN
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## List of Participants of the First Meeting of ISCGM

|                                     | <i>Nation</i>     | <i>Organization</i>  | <i>Name</i>  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| <b>&lt;Chairperson&gt;</b>          |                   | Director of Remote Sensing Research Unit,<br>Dept. of Geography, Univ. of California                                     | Dr. John E. Estes  |
| <b>&lt;Vice<br/>Chairperson&gt;</b> | Malaysia          | Director General, Dept. of Survey & Map-<br>ping Malaysia  | Dato' Abdul Majid Bin Mohamed  |
| <b>&lt;Member&gt;</b>               | Bangladesh        | Surveyor General, Survey of Bangladesh   | Brig. Shahedul Islam Mondal  |
|                                     | Canada            | Director of Topographic Mapping, Geo-<br>matics Canada   | Mr. Francois Faucher   |
|                                     | China             | Advisor on Science & Technology to the<br>Director General of NBSM, National Bureau<br>of Surveying and Mapping          | Prof. Chu, Liangcai  |
|                                     | France            | General Manager, IGN France Interna-<br>tional   | Mr. Alain Couzy  |
|                                     | Japan             | Director General, Geographical Survey<br>Institute, Ministry of Construction   | Mr. Yoshio Warita  |
|                                     | Korea             | Director General, National Geography<br>Institute  | Dr. Kim, Wonik   |
|                                     | New<br>Zealand    | Group Manager Land Data Services, De-<br>partment of Survey and Land Information<br>(Director General, Surveyor General) | Mr. Johnny Edmonds<br>(Representative)<br>/ Dr. William A. Robertson |
|                                     | United<br>Kingdom | International Business Manager, Ordnance<br>Survey<br>(Director General)   | Dr. Nick Land (Representative)<br>/ Dr. David Rhind                  |
|                                     | Australia         | Manager, International, Australian Survey &<br>Land Information Group  | Mr. Bill Harvey (Entry)  |
|                                     | Kenya             | Director of Survey, Survey of Kenya  | Mr. Walter Juma Absaloms (Entry)                                     |
|                                     | Niger             | Institut Geographique National du Niger,<br>Director General   | Mr. Waziri Maman (Entry)   |
|                                     | U.S.A.            | Acting Chief, National Mapping Division,<br>U.S.G.S.   | Dr. Richard Witmer (Entry)   |
| <b>&lt;Advisor&gt;</b>              |                   | President, Central Environment Council   | Dr. Jiro Kondo   |
|                                     |                   | Director, DEMSD/DDSMS, United Nations  | Ms. Beatrice Labonne   |
|                                     |                   | Ag. Director, GRID /Division of Environ-<br>mental Assessment  | Mr. Barry L. Henricksen  |
|                                     |                   | United Nations University  | Prof. Iwao Kabori  |
|                                     |                   | Vice President, International Carto-<br>graphic Association  | Mr. Toshitomo Kanakubo   |
| <b>&lt;Secretariat&gt;</b>          |                   | Deputy Director General, Geographical<br>Survey Institute, Ministry of Construction,<br>Japan                            | Mr. Kunio Nonomura   |
|                                     |                   | Geographical Survey Institute, Ministry of<br>Construction, Japan  | Dr. Hiroshi Murakami   |