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Dear National Member (Bulgaria)

This message is sent from the Secretariat of the International Cartographic Association. We welcome your participation in ICA activities this year.

1. Your subscription has not been paid for the year 2011: to be fair to those members who do pay regularly, the invoice does include arrears of your account. If you have difficulty with payment please let me know. It may be possible to arrange payment in instalments.

Attached I send you the invoice for 2012 and the previous year.

Our subscription rate and the method of payment have remained unchanged. We will be pleased to receive your subscription through the ICA bank, or by cheque to the address of the Treasurer above.

2. Your subscription covers the costs of running ICA, including such important activities as outreach programmes (including Travel Awards for young cartographers and educational activities), Commissions and Working Groups, our involvement with international agencies, the publications programme, and the administration of ICA.

3. All of these activities are reported in our ICA Newsletter and on the re-designed **website** at [www.icaci.org](http://www.icaci.org). This website is meant as a modern tool for getting information about ICA and all its activities as well as allowing for more interactive and dynamic tools reflecting opinions, comments and discussions. We reserved a special section on our website for relevant news of our members and you are invited to make use of this opportunity. We would like to invite all your national colleagues to stay connected with ICA by taking advantage of the offered options on the website including e-mail subscription, RSS, LinkedIn or Twitter. We are also looking forward to comments and suggestions for developing the website further.

4. We have released the regular December issue of ICA News to reflect on our General Assembly and the International Cartographic Conference (ICC) in Paris in July 2011. This issue, which has a detailed account of the conference and the General Assembly, was sent to you in March.

Please let me know if you are not receiving **ICA News**: this outstanding publication is distributed in hard copy to each ICA member, and is also available through the website. Please also check your affiliate information on the ICA website (we are going to collect and publish the web addresses of our national members and their periodicals even if the publication is available only in the local language).

5. The next **International Cartographic Conference** will be in **Dresden, Germany** in **August 2013**. The conference website (<http://www.icc2013.org/>) is already in place. Please make the cartography and GI science community in your country aware of this great event and also the upcoming related deadlines: the **Call for Papers** will be open in the middle of April and will close at the end of September this year.

6. If there are cartographers in your country who are eligible for **ICA Travel Awards to participate in ICC 2013**, they are invited to make themselves familiar with the application procedure. The details will be available on the ICA website at [www.icaci.org](http://www.icaci.org) soon. Note that the late September deadline for submitting papers also applies to Travel Award applicants.

7. National members of ICA can **bid to host** the next International Cartographic Conference 2017. The call was sent to each national member in December 2011, but it is also available on the ICA website ([http://icaci.org/files/documents/various/icc2017\\_call\\_for\\_bids.pdf](http://icaci.org/files/documents/various/icc2017_call_for_bids.pdf)). Such bids must be received before 30 April 2012 by the Secretary-General. The Executive Committee of ICA will make a decision on the location of the ICC 2017 in June 2012. The result will be published on the ICA website soon after.

8. Our association invited students, young cartographers and enthusiasts to express their vision on modern cartography through the development of a video in a contest titled *Modern cartography and the ICA*. What is the role of cartographers and how does cartography relate to daily life situations? The deadline is 1 June 2012, and the call is available on the ICA website ([http://icaci.org/files/documents/various/ICA\\_video\\_contest\\_2012.pdf](http://icaci.org/files/documents/various/ICA_video_contest_2012.pdf)). Please encourage your colleagues to submit their contribution to this contest.

Finally I would like to express my sincere wishes to all colleagues of the community of cartography and GI science in your country, the thanks of the current Executive Committee and president Georg Gartner for the ongoing cooperation, and our wishes for a fruitful further cooperation, as modern cartography is attractive, relevant and needs joined efforts!

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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