

FOREWORD

There is nothing more precious in the world than ties joining human beings together. To a great extent this holds true about ties among professionals and hence among cartographers too. This publication, among others, is a reflexion of this endeavour. It is intended for anyone interested in cartography as a sphere of science, technology, production and utilization of cartographic products.

The most progressive scientific methods and technologies of contemporary “multiscale” cartography are heterogenous. They comprise methods of topography (topographic or geodetic cartography) related to mapping, drawing survey originals, creating databases of elements which model real spatial system, but also methods of geographic (thematic) cartography showing strong integration with diverse natural and social sciences and last but not least various technologies of map processing realized in different technical and economical conditions. In the effort to manifest professional solidarity among cartographers especially within the framework of the Cartographic Society of the Slovak Republic and in accordance with activities of the International Cartographic Association (ICA) we decided to publish Cartographic Letters as an yearbook which should reflect the professional standard and activity of our cartographers.

With the understanding of the Institute of Geography of the Slovak Academy of Sciences as a co-editor, we present the first number of this periodic publication (miscellany, yearbook). Its purpose is to offer a publishing scope to proficient cartographers, to stimulate less experienced colleagues and also to draw attention of the family of cartographers to differently oriented specialists.

The contributions of some cartographers we addressed build up the contents of this first number. The fitting and the layout makes the periodical accessible also to the foreign readers. The papers reflect broad range of interests and activities of our cartographers - from historically focused essays through professional reports and information contributions to scientific studies.

Our goal is to provide a picture of cartography (as well as cartographers) in Slovakia unadorned - just as it is.

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