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- IEEE Geoscience & Remote Sensing Society (IEEE-GRSS)
- International Association of Geodesy (IAG)
- International Cartographic Association (ICA)
- International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)
- International Geographical Union (IGU)
- International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)
- International Map Industry Association (IMIA)
- International Society of Photogrammetry & Remote Sensing (ISPRS)
- International Steering Committee for Global Mapping (ISC-GM)



- Organizations of JB GIS
  - Speak for the broad disciplines of geospatial information sciences, industries, professions & applications, at the International Level
  - Where necessary engage in joint activities
  - Contribute to the UN-GGIM initiative both as a grouping & as individual organizations



## Individual organization reports

- Conferences, seminars, publications, etc
- Outreach activities, workshops, capacity building, etc
- Advocacy activities
- Membership issues
- Project progress status
- Discipline & technology trends, etc

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# How can we unleash the potential of geospatial information?

How can we make sure that geospatial data is really **applicable for governments, for decision makers, for planners, for citizens** through applications, products, and systems, which are easy to use and efficiently support the human user?

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# Maps and Cartography are key.



# International Map Year 2015/16

The main purpose of the International Map Year (IMY), to be launched at the 28th International Cartographic Conference in Rio de Janeiro in August 2015, is **to expose the importance of maps and geographic information in human society.**

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# International Map Year 2015

The United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference (UNRCC) in Bangkok in October 2012 adopted a resolution stating that, on behalf of UNRCC, the International Cartographic Association (ICA) should organise the International Map Year 2015.



## What is the International Map Year?

- IMY is a worldwide celebration of maps and their unique role in our world.
- IMY provides opportunities to demonstrate, follow, and get involved in the art, science and technology of making and using maps and geographic information.
- ICA expects that all its members (about 80 member nations worldwide) will participate in order to give each citizen a broader knowledge of geoinformation and maps.



## What are the specific purposes of IMY?

- make maps more visible to citizens in a global context
- give all an opportunity to learn more about associated geospatial sciences
- show how maps can be used in society
- encourage all to experience how information technology can be used in acquiring and handling geographic information, and how it is possible to produce one's own maps
- demonstrate the necessity of a sustainable development of geographic information infrastructures.

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## What are the specific purposes of IMY?

IMY activities will focus on children and the general public, but also involve professionals and government agencies,



## Why an endorsement of UN-GGIM?

- to provide recognition by UN and its entities and Member States of the importance of maps and geospatial information
- to ask Member States to encourage NMAs and relevant government offices to take part in IMY
- to motivate member states to improve the overall knowledge of the general public in how to use maps and geospatial information
- to provide recognition among geospatial professionals and local governments on the status of their work.

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# Organisation of Work

- ICA Working Group
- Website online (<http://internationalmapyear.org>)
- National Committees
- Activities

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# Draft Resolution

Endorse and participate in activities recognizing the  
International Map Year, 2015-2016