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- MA, map historian
- Education: teacher (in history, etc.) and librarian;
- Worked in the field of history of cartography since 1963, including research, and teaching and lecturing during several years e.g. at Helsinki University, Helsinki Open University, Helsinki University of Technology, etc;
- Author of more than 30 publications concerning the history of cartography;
- Main career: Curator of the A. E. Nordenskiöld Collection at the Helsinki University Library (now the National Library of Finland), and, with two colleagues, compiler of the catalogue of the collection vols. 1-3.; the annotated catalogue contains some 24 000 maps in atlases, books and loose maps printed before 1800, the notes written mostly by herself;
- Member of ISBM(CM) = International Standard Bibliographic Description for Cartographic Material - working group of the IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) 1974-1978;
- Member of the standing committee of the Geography and Map library section of the IFLA 1977-1990, chairmanship 1987-1990;
- National representative of Imago Mundi since the 1970's;
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