



## NEWSLETTER N° 7, MAY 2000

Dear Map Friend,

In this issue our series *Exploring Places with Maps* takes a short-cut to the Netherlands : we present a guide to some 250 Institutions which hold topographical maps, atlases and globes – a real challenge for the map enthusiast and researcher since it is known that hidden treasures still come to light today, occasionally.

From a flying visit to Brazil one of our Members brings back his impressions of two map exhibitions, mingled with tropical souvenirs of the Carnival in Rio. Closer to home we look back on the two events we staged earlier this year, the Study Session *Understanding Maps*, and our traditional map evening. As promised, and for the benefit of the growing number of cybernauts, there is a good range of sites that you can surf to, established with the help of our map friends in Washington.

Apart from the usual diary and auction items you will notice two late entries. One invites you to Utrecht in the international

events column ; the other is in our BIMCC programme : thanks to the efforts of our Member in the Grand Duchy, a special guided tour of an exhibition of globes has been foreseen on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September in Luxembourg. This exhibition was last on display at Christie's in London, in 1994 ; a rendez-vous not to be missed.

Our excursion to the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris (6th October) promises to be a highlight in this year's schedule – see details and inscription requirements below. We will be travelling abroad again in December, *From the Low Countries to the High Seas*, guided by eminent Map Historians – the Caravelle will be ready for boarding on 9<sup>th</sup> December (or is it a Galleon ?).

In any case, here's wishing you a happy summer season – see you then.

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