



# NEWSLETTER N° 9 , JAN. 2001

Dear Map Friend,

Here's welcoming *you* to a New Year, and a new *Millennium* into our lives – I am confident that we shall cope adequately, maybe even successfully, with the challenges before us.....

Many map collectors at some time during their 'careers' develop an impulse to learn more about the maps they possess, about their makers, the context in which they were created, the atlases they originally came from. Our Study Session last year (« Understanding Maps ») was the beginning of a cycle we continue this February with « BOOKS ON MAPS », a day of lectures, displays and sale of reference works on cartography – a congenial way towards understanding what maps are all about. The rest of this year's programme falls into what is now a well-established routine : a map-evening in March, a map excursion, maybe two, in autumn. And two more Newsletters, in May and September.

In this issue we review two exhibitions, three books, give you an account of IMCoS' and our own excursions abroad, and of our major event last year, the Conference « From the Low Countries to the High Seas ». Plus all the other regular features.

Just two remarks in closing : make yourself known to our Sponsors and Benefactors when you meet them at antiquarian fairs or when you pay them a visit in their shops, you'll be well received. And : please remember to renew your Membership, all details within – we can't live without. Greetings and best wishes to all of you. WB

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