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Dear Map Friends,

Our Autumn Issue contains a number of significant events organised by the BIMCC, firstly our Excursion to the private collection of Mr Bohrmann in Hasselt on Saturday morning, 12 October; as places are limited, we would suggest early registration. Apart from this collection, there are other also interesting places of local interest to visit during the afternoon. Our major event is our December Conference "Mare Nostrum – Maps of the Mediterranean", at 9.30 on Saturday, 14 December at College St Michel, Brussels; our event co-incides with the Mechelen International Antiquarian Book Fair. Full details on P19.

The First Paris Map Fair, to be held in the prestigious Hotel Ambassador, on Saturday 16 November 2002, preceded by an auction preview of maps, atlases and views at 6, Rue de la Grange-Bataliere, is organised by our Sponsors, Miss Beatrice Loeb-Laroque and Paulus Swaen. BIMCC will have a manned stand at this Fair.

Members are active on various fronts; Marcel Watelet spoke on "Les Sources Cartographiques : leur histoires, leur fabrication, leur lecture" in Mariemont, Belgium, at its Conference on Cartography on 28 September 2002. Our frequent contributor, Johan Vanvolsem lectures on cartographers and surveyors, during the Halle, Belgium, Cultural Week, on Tuesday, 1 October at 20.00. Finally, Rene Tebel, of the University of Vienna, will speak at the Warburg Institute in London, on the "Significance of the ship image in early modern maps from the 10th to the 17th C" on 1 May 2003. Further details in Events.

Nearer home, Brecht Devroe, son of our Sponsor, Filip Devroe, of Gent, has opened his new Map Gallery in 35 Rue St Jean-Janstraat, near the Brussels Grand Place. Brecht has a fine selection of prints, maps and rare books from all over the world.

This Newsletter contains a wide range of articles, in line with many of your wishes, as expressed in your replies to our Questionnaire. The incisive article on Mercator by Rodney Shirley, who spoke at our Conference two years ago, shows the range of Cartographic activity in the Netherlands region during the 16th C, a fact reflected in Jan Willem van den Brandhof's article on Page 3. Finally, thanks again to those assiduous members who completed our Questionnaire.

Brendan Sinnott, *Editor*



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