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Intro

Dear Map Friends,

Historical research most of the time involves patient, systematic work in dedicated institutions such as archives and libraries. Sometimes, however, a researcher makes an unexpected find in an unexpected place. Historical gems lay hidden or even in plain sight in small museums and private residences, awaiting the expert eyes that will spot them and bring their value to light. This month’s article by Marguerite Silvestre and Caroline De Candt is a case in point.

I hope you will share the excitement they felt at their discovery and during the ensuing detective work they undertook.

On a quite different note, Francis Herbert shares a detailed description of a book with maps from his personal collection. Please do not hesitate to follow Francis’s example and submit to Maps in History descriptions of particularly rare, valuable or just interesting items your (or your employer’s) library may contain.

In this issue you will also find, along with a couple of Looks at Books and an exhibition report, news from the Malta Map Society, with which we share so many members and interests; plus information on the IMCoS International Symposium this coming October in Brussels. Preparations are going smoothly for an event that is shaping up to be unforgettable.

We look forward to seeing you all here in October.

Luis A. Robles Macías
Le Nord de la Renaissance :
La carte, l’humanisme suédois et la genèse de l’Arctique

[The Renaissance North: Maps, Swedish humanism, and the genesis of the Arctic]

by Pierre-Ange Salvadori

— 972 pages, 17 black-and-white illustrations, paperback, 16 × 23 cm

This hefty volume of almost a thousand pages is the fruit of four years of research carried out by Pierre-Ange Salvadori, a PhD candidate at Sorbonne University. One of the goals of this research was to explain how Europeans ‘discovered’ Scandinavia during the Renaissance. Another goal was to challenge the conventional historiographic view of Swedish imperialism, which is normally considered to have emerged in the 17th century. Salvadori manages to trace the intellectual origins of this ideology to the 16th century thanks to an original approach: the study of key contemporary maps. Such sources are as he observes ‘insufficiently studied by historians despite their ability to epitomise historical impulses’. In particular, Salvadori has focused on the Carta Marina of 1539, and on a number of 16th-century maps that place the North Pole at their centre.

Our readers should however note that this book is not a history of the cartography of Scandinavia but, as the author puts it, ‘a cartographic history’. Salvadori is not particularly interested in the material production of maps, has not compiled a comprehensive list of maps of Northern Europe and does not devote much ink to the ‘details that are of interest mainly to map history specialists’. On the contrary, he focuses on deciphering mapmakers’ motivations and intentions. For that, he draws on methods from philosophy and literature and places his book ‘under the auspices of antipositivism’.

The Magnus brothers and the Carta Marina

The Carta Marina is a wall map of Scandinavia published by Olaus Magnus in Venice in 1539. It stands out due to its large size (125 × 170 cm), its accurate geographical content and its rich iconography. Salvadori surveys past scholarship regarding the sources of the map and observes that, beyond the content, the inspiration for its design clearly came from Laurent Fries’s 1525 edition of Waldseemüller’s Carta Marina, as the two works share the same title, similarly large size, ‘same cartographic projection’, and the same imitation of nautical style charts and similar images. To understand the more profound meaning of Magnus’ map it is necessary, nevertheless, to study the life and works of its author.

Olaus Magnus was a well-educated Swedish Catholic who had been forced into exile when King Gustav Vasa imposed Lutheranism on his kingdom. Olaus’s brother, Johannes Magnus, likewise exiled, was the Archbishop of Uppsala and therefore the highest-ranking Catholic authority of Sweden. Salvadori calls the Magnus brothers history’s losers because, due to their religious affiliation, they have been neglected by Nordic historiography practically up to this century. To fill this gap, he narrates their biographies and shows that the Magnus brothers were part of the tiny elite of Swedes who had a humanist education, equalled in prestige only by another pair of brothers: the Lutherans Olaus and Laurentius Petri.

In the context of the Council of Trent, the Magnus brothers strived to mobilise Catholic Europe in order to take back Scandinavia. One obstacle was that, until the 15th century, the Nordic lands had been rather marginalised in European intellectual circles. To excite the curiosity and the ambition of the Catholic clergy and Catholic monarchs, the Magnuses needed to project a more appealing and glorious image of Scandinavia. Salvadori shows how the Carta Marina contributed to this goal in parallel with the books published by both Olaus and Johannes Magnus during their exile, in particular Olaus’s Historia de gentibus septentrionalibus (Rome, 1555), which can be seen as a vast encyclopaedic commentary of the Carta Marina.

The works by the Magnus brothers presented Scandinavia as a huge territory, much larger than in earlier maps and ‘given by God to all Christendom’. Its history was made respectable by building on a revisionist current—initiated in Germany a few decades before—that turned the ancient people of the Goths from evil hordes of Rome into the saviours of classical civilisation as well as the ancestors of most European peoples. All this aimed, according to Salvadori, ‘to reform the North as a cardinal point in the geographical culture of humanism (...) as a necessary prelude (...) to its Catholic reconquest’.

Another political goal was to generate sympathy for Sweden in its struggle against Muscovite Russia. Salvadori...
shows how the Carta Marina does this by means of a clearly marked border between powerful-looking Swedish defences and Russian attackers that are depicted as hostile, rude and Turkish-looking (Fig.1).

At an even deeper level of interpretation, Salvadori finds that the Carta Marina is a triple act of resistance. First of all, of psychological resistance as it gives the author the illusion of travelling back to his homeland and connecting with his abandoned countrymen. Second, of homeland and connecting with his own Lutheran humanist Olaus Petri because the Magnus brothers, was eventually recognised as the most important cardinal point and was therefore assigned the place of honour at the top of every map made after the mid-16th century. Salvadori highlights three ideas that contributed to this perceived importance of the North. First, the expectation that Arctic maritime passages would connect all continents, which is found in for example John Dee's works. Second, the location in the Arctic of a mountain responsible for the Earth's magnetism. Finally, Postel's 'discovery' that Paradise was not located in the 'Mohicans' - as he had initially believed - but in the North Pole.

The connections between Dee and Mercator, and between Postel and Abraham Ortellus are well known, but they are viewed here from an unusual perspective: the shared passion of all these men for the occult he's his astrology, Kabbalah or unorthodox religious ideas. Salvadori makes good use here of his core expertise in Early Modern occultism and formulates an interesting novelty—each chapter can be purchased as a separate PDF file. This has the advantage of enabling the reader who is interested in only some specific topic to acquire those pages inexpensively but is also probably the reason why the introductions of several characters and concepts seem to be repeated throughout different chapters.

On the bright side, map enthusiasts


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should note that, even if Salvadori has deliberately not carried out a thorough search of all relevant maps, he does report one intriguing discovery: a manuscript map bound in an atlas, kept in Venice, that may be a copy of the lost world map published by Gemma Frisius in 1540.

**Conclusion**

Le Nord de la Renaissance looks at maps from fresh perspectives while inserting them in broader narratives, as key documentary sources and sometimes even as objects with their own agency. This is a welcome change from the too frequent practice of writing either histories of maps or histories without maps, the author’s prose is rich, sometimes lyrical, but also rather complicated. Sentences of more than 100 words are not rare. In general, text clearly has the upper hand over images. While textual sources are cited in extenso in block quotes, images of maps are relegated to a final appendix at low resolution and in black-and-white. The book does provide hyperlinks to images available online, but these are of limited use to the reader of the paper version. This allows me to point out that the book is also available in digital format and—an interesting novelty—each chapter can be purchased as a separate PDF file. This has the advantage of enabling the reader who is interested in only some specific topic to acquire those pages inexpensively but is also probably the reason why the introductions of several characters and concepts seem to be repeated throughout different chapters.
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**Historical Sea Charts. Visions and Voyages through the Ages**

by Katherine Parker and Barry Ruderman

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This book will be of interest for lovers of antique nautical charts. Most of the maps featured in it come from the extensive collection of co-author B.L. Ruderman. It is a beautiful album presenting an anthology of 92 commented maps (twenty of which are manuscript), together with a summary history of nautical charts and atlases. This review is of the French translation of the book *Historical Sea Charts. Visions and Voyages through the Ages*.

The sea chart has been highly valued throughout history, first for its aesthetic aspect, then increasingly for its utilitarian role. It became an instrument among all the tools and techniques of navigation, in addition to intuition, observation, experience and calculations. As time passed, journeys grew longer and more precise maps were needed, with directions to follow, distances, positions, obstacles to avoid (sandbanks, reefs), winds, tides, access to ports, etc.

Katherine Parker and Barry L. Ruderman have divided their work into six parts, ranging from portolanos to the internationalisation of cartography from the 16th century onwards. They present some portolan charts dating from the 16th century drawn by Piri Reis (Adriatic coast), Benedetto Bordone (Scandinavia and North America), Mateo Prunes (Europe) and Joan Rìces Oliva (Mediterranean). They then describe the golden age of maps drawn in the Netherlands, which in the 17th century had the largest merchant fleet owned by powerful private trading companies, who were also suppliers of nautical charts. Then came the time for multiplication and rationalisation of maps, in the 18th century, with the development of the British and French empires and the exploration of still unknown lands. Next, the authors turn to national hydrographic organisations that were evolving during the 19th century. They recall their origins: in Spain, the Casa de la Contratación created in 1505 in Seville; in France, the Écoles royales d’hydrographie, then the Dépôt des cartes et plans de la Marine, initiated by Colbert in the second half of the 17th century. On British soil, there was nothing until the beginning of the 19th century. Some maps created in 1807 by President Thomas Jefferson. It became the US Coast Survey in 1872. Maps have benefited from increasingly visible standardisation (for example, sounding points, symbols for seabirds, tides, prevailing winds, sea currents, magnetic declination, lighthouses, etc.). As practical information has been on the increase, decorative elements have decreased, and corrections and updates have multiplied, making maps more sober and more scientific, with all the elements now drawn to scale. The map has become an essential aid to navigation and is no longer merely prestigious decoration intended for wealthy people.

Despite these technical advances, national and regional peculiarities and oddities still appear in the 19th century. Some maps have several reference zero meridians, for example those of Washington, Paris and Greenwich, the latter ultimately prevailing. It became necessary to create an international hydrographic organisation. After several international conferences, this was done in 1921, with the International Hydrographic Bureau having its headquarters in Monaco.

This evolution towards institutional scientific maps did not prevent private cartography from continuing in the 20th century. Some maps still show beautiful old features, such as cartouches, rhumb lines or compass roses. There are even still manuscript maps! One might have thought they would have gradually disappeared after the invention of printing. Not at all. Some are in the style of portolan charts, presented as luxury articles. Others are hastily drawn (yet very valuable as historical sources) by a navigator arriving in sight of a coast he does not know. In addition, many commercial companies began to publish maps of all kinds, increasing demand, and maps became part of everyday life.

Growing demand for globes, atlases and schoolbooks, development of sea travel, transport of migrants to the United States, expansion of the whaling industry into increasingly remote waters were all reasons for producing maps in large numbers.

This book is interesting on several counts because it describes and shows the evolution of nautical charts over time very clearly, focusing on the aesthetic, even artistic side, for some of them, but also on their technical aspects, conception and use. In particular, the evolution towards more and more sophisticated and detailed content, is well explained in the introductions and comments. Some shortcomings to mention are the lack of an index, a summary list and the dimensions of the maps shown. The binding sometimes makes it difficult to see the maps that are spread over two pages as it hides a small part of the reproduction. Aside from these few remarks, we are here in the...
presence of a very beautiful book, which allows us to admire some precious maps, which are rarely represented and commented on. Through their nautical charts and plans, navigators and mapmakers describe in a captivating way their perception of seas and oceans over time. As manifestations of past traditions, these documents are, moreover, historical sources of major importance and sometimes surprisingly, even of great beauty.

In these times of pandemic, when cultural institutions have been forced to cancel most events, I felt lucky to be able to visit the exhibition La Fábrica del Mundo at the Archivo General de Indias (AGI) in Seville, Spain. Probably due to COVID-19 restrictions, or perhaps just because it was a rainy weekday in December, I was totally alone. Not a single soul showed up the entire time I was there. This gave me ample time to check every map and document, but I could not help feeling a bit uneasy.

The official theme of the exhibition was the evolution of the image of the world throughout the Early Modern period, from a Spanish perspective. It was structured in three spaces, arranged roughly in chronological order. Welcoming the visitor was a space devoted to the first decades of Spanish overseas expansion until around 1530. While Seville was a major mapmaking centre at the time, very few of those maps have been preserved in local archives or libraries. One of the rare exceptions is a portolan chart made by Juan Vespucci, which is now at the AGI and was given a place of honour in the exhibition (Fig. 1). Several contemporary planispheres were shown in facsimile - which for us map enthusiasts, is less exciting than originals - but at least provides an easy visual comparison of their relative sizes.

The real forte of the AGI are nevertheless the paper documents it preserves. Among those on display we find traces of important official decisions such as a copy of the Treaty of Tordesillas of 1494, the 1503 ordinances for the Casa de la Contratación (the institution that oversaw exploration and trading trips to the Spanish Indies) and Amerigo Vespucci’s appointment as ‘Pilot Major’ in 1508. Less well-known and more personal are other documents related to individual seamen and mapmakers. One document is Portuguese cosmographer Rui Faleiro’s Regimiento, containing his instructions for longitude measurement for the expedition to the Spice Islands he was going to co-lead with Ferdinand Magellan, but which finally sailed without Faleiro in 1519.1

Another is the record of an examination taken by a pilot in front of the experts of the Casa Patronato,262,R.3. Unsigned and undated, ca.1519. A transcription was published in Portugal in the 19th century, but the original was reproduced only in 2019.

1 Patronato,262,R.3. Unsigned and undated, ca 1519. A transcription was published in Portugal in the 19th century, but the original was reproduced only in 2019.
de la Contratación. It provides a glimpse of the tension that existed between theoretical geographical and astronomical knowledge, monopolised by state cosmographers, and the practical navigational knowledge gained by pilots and transmitted by word of mouth over generations. The contrast between theory and practice was the intended objective of the exhibition’s second space; but I am afraid that the topic was introduced in such a subtle way that some visitors may have overlooked it.

Among the AGI’s documents I particularly enjoyed ‘meeting in person’ two sketch maps I had only seen digitally till now. Both were drawn in ink on paper in the 16th century. One is the earliest known map of the Gulf of Mexico. The second is a series of notes a pilot took before setting out on a transatlantic trip to South America.1

The last space of the exhibition covered the 18th century, a period from which the AGI possesses an extensive collection of manuscript maps made by the Spanish administration of the Americas.

These maps are little known in general and, while many of them are now digitally available online, few have ever been discussed in print. I bring three noteworthy examples here.

• A map of the Pacific archipelago of the Palaos, nowadays the Republic of Palau, drawn shortly after a Spanish expedition arrived there in 1710. It is probably based on local geographical knowledge and includes valuable ethnographic information (Fig. 2).4

• Depiction of an encounter with icebergs south of Cape Horn in 1770.5

• A map of North America’s west coast drawn in 1779 by two naval officers. It is interesting to see how they critique earlier cartography, indicating where a certain river or gulf is located according to such and such an author, even though the two officers clearly doubted it (Fig. 3).6

The exhibition was initially scheduled to close on 28 March 2021 but, after having received more than 12 000 visitors, it has been extended to 31 May.

Note: Digital images of every cited document can be found at http://pares.mcu.es/ParesBusquedas20, the search engine of Spain’s State Archives. Just copy the indicated call-mark without changing anything (e.g. for MP-México,5 do not insert a blank space between the comma and number five) and paste it in the field Signatura [Call-mark] at the bottom of the form; select Signatura completa next to it and click on the Buscar [Search] button below.
The Big Four*

A story about the discovery of an unknown globe by Vandermaelen, Belgian cartographer, involving the detective skills of Hercule Poirot, famous Belgian detective

by Marguerite Silvestre and Caroline De Candt

The Find

On a rainy Sunday in October 2020 Caroline De Candt was visiting the castle of Freyr, the charming summer residence of an aristocratic family, located along the river Meuse not far from Dinant in Belgium. The castle has medieval roots but was rebuilt and refurbished in the Renaissance, and the 17th and 18th centuries. It hosted Louis XIV and other royal guests and boasts the oldest orangery in the Low Countries. Although it is small, it is well worth a visit.

While visiting the bedrooms on the first floor, she came across one that was adorned with 19th century furniture and objects. Prominently displayed was a globe. A big one. It had a wooden support, which looked like mahogany and was clearly 19th century. Also, it looked strangely familiar. Caroline immediately thought of Vandermaelen, Belgium’s greatest cartographer of that time, but the visitor guide was not giving any useful information. Although the entrance to the room was blocked by the traditional rope, she could not resist jumping it to peek at the cartouche, which was invisible from the door. Some quick (and bad) photographs later, she sneaked out again.

Once back home, Caroline consulted the handout of the Brussels Map Circle’s international annual conference in December 2016, dedicated to Globes and Instruments. Marguerite Silvestre (the then Vandermaelen specialist of the KBR, the Royal Library of Belgium) and Wulf Bodenstein (former President and founder of the Map Circle) had presented a topic on Vandermaelen globes and indeed, the Freyr globe was remarkably similar. But since they had emphasised that only three examples were known to exist, Caroline was suitably both impressed and puzzled.

A couple of emails later, after sending the bad pictures to Wouter Bracke (Curator, Maps and Plans, at the KBR and President of the Brussels Map Circle) - who immediately contacted Freyr castle and obtained better pictures and then subsequently contacted Marguerite - it was confirmed. This indeed looked like a hitherto unknown globe by Vandermaelen. Unfortunately, at Freyr castle no-one was able to give any further information about the date of acquisition or the provenance. Further field research was then undertaken by Marguerite. To start with, she confirmed that it was indeed an authentic Vandermaelen globe.


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Philippe Vandermaelen (1795-1869) knew all about globes. At the beginning of the 1820s, while he was still a dealer in dye in Brussels, but also passionate about geography, he began to manufacture on his own an enormous globe, some four meters in diameter. This was followed by another, slightly smaller, which he exhibited later in the commercial institution which he founded in 1830.

Continuing the momentum and drawing on his experience, he drew up and published, between 1825 and 1827, an *Atlas Universal* in a conical projection, which made it possible to assemble the 400-odd sheets into a gigantic globe, 7.55 m in diameter.

Being the first universal atlas with a unique scale and projection, the first lithographed universal atlas, and the first representation of the world on such a large scale (1:1 640 000), the work immediately had an impact internationally. Vandermaelen became a world-renowned cartographer.

In 1830, a few months before the Belgian Revolution, he inaugurated the sumptuous *Établissement géographique de Bruxelles* [Geographical Establishment of Brussels] at the gates of the city. It housed his engraving workshops and lithographic presses and also a rich library and an opulent ‘mappothèque’, a documentation centre, a natural history gallery, an ethnographic museum, a free school, a botanical garden, and greenhouses. All at his own expense. Sadly, nothing of it remains today.

In 1834 he went back to a more modest production of globes intended for schools, from 1 meter in circumference to 2.5 m in circumference and 80 cm in diameter. At the same time, he also produced *fins de cabinet* globes, of the same size but luxuriously made, intended for wealthy clients.

In 1835 the man who would become the Mercator of young Belgium delivered a *Globe terrestre* / *Publié en 1835* / *Dessiné par H. Renaud* / *Delahoese scripsit*, which measured 2.5 m in circumference and rested on a base of precious wood. It was shown, along with two other globes and two maps of Brussels, at the National Industry Products Exhibition, where Vandermaelen received a silver medal.

However, the history of this globe was not over. It went through several reprints and editions, including the one discovered at the castle of Freÿr.

Besides its provenance, a lot of questions needed to be answered: Where did it fit in Vandermaelen’s series of big globes? Why was its existence never referred to earlier? Also, comparing it to the other three known globes, it presented some specific characteristics in cartouche and content that couldn’t be explained at first glance. Hercule Poirot needed to step in.

A Globe is a Globe ...

Before our unexpected find, what did we know about Vandermaelen’s globes? We knew of three specimens.

The first is the original 1835 edition, kept in Greenwich, at the National Maritime Museum (inv. GL.B1012). It is drawn by Henri Renaud, and engraved by Jean-Baptiste Delahoese, whose signature ‘Delahoese scripsit’ is inscribed in small characters under the cartouche. Renaud and Delahoese were both trained in the Vandermaelen establishment.

Unlike other later known examples, the globe is not mounted in a mahogany pedestal (‘mahon’ according to the *Établissement’s* catalogues), but in wood painted in empire style green and enhanced with giltling. The Louis-Philippe style that characterises mahogany pedestals was probably not yet in vogue in 1835.

The second globe is situated in the Royal Palace of Laeken, residence of the Belgian sovereigns (inv. Globe CVSL II). The fixing joining the globe to the mahogany pedestal, Louis-Philippe style – contemporary therefore – had collapsed, so that the globe sank about twenty centimetres. The globe itself is in fairly good condition. The cartouche bears the date 1839, but the number 9 seems to have been written on the scratched-out number 5. Oddly, a handwritten mention 3 from humble origins, they benefited from free instruction at the *Établissement* in lithography, drawing, cartography, mathematics and natural sciences. For more information, see Marguerite Silvestre, Autour de Philippe Vandermaelen. *Rapport biographique des collaborateurs de l’Établissement géographique de Bruxelles* et de l’École normale bruxelloise, KBR, 2014, 584 p. (Inventory of the Vandermaelen cartographic collections kept at the Royal Library of Belgium, VI). Note that Delahoese became the chief engraver of the official topographic map of Belgium at the Dépôt de la Guerre.

The three great cabinet globes known until then in the literature.

... From left to right, the globes of Greenwich (1835), Laeken (1839), Tervuren (1846). One will not fail to notice the similarity between the style and the very first of 19th century maps and the base of the globe discovered by Caroline at the castle of Freÿr (1841). The material used was most probably supplied by Jean-François Vandermaelen. Philippe’s brother, who operated, right next to the *Établissement*, a sizable steam sawmill, which operated from 1837 to 1846, importing exotic woods4 (photo left Greenwich, National Maritime Museum, other two photos Etienne Wauty).

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HISTORY AND CARTOGRAPHY

We approached, confident.

The Terrestrial Globe presented at the Brussels’ BRAFA Fair in 2009 (image Etienne Wautry)

The globe appeared to be in excellent condition, but it was a disappointment. The cartouche which, from a distance, resembled the cartouche of the large cabinet globe — same oval, same size, same border with Établissement géographique de Bruxelles — Fundé par Ph. Vandermaelen en 1830 — bore an unexpected title: Géode terrestre à l’usage de l’instruction (terrestrial globe for educational use).

We knew that, at least from 1834 on, Vandermaelen had been producing globes intended for schools, including a version of 2.5 m in circumference. However, these globes were not mounted in a luxurious mahogany pedestal, but, much more simply, “dans un cercle en bois, avec les cartouches de mét en fer” (in a wooden circle, with iron hooks). So, intended to be suspended, surrounded by the students.

A 2.5 m ‘fin de cabinet’ globe sold for 600 francs with a copper meridian, while 600 francs with a copper meridian, 350 francs for a wooden meridian, while an instructional globe of the same size cost only 70 ½ francs. There was manifest incompatibility between the title of the globe and its finish.

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A small change in cartouches...

The four globes now known, to which we can add the gore globe from the KBR, have a similar cartouche. In all cases, it is oval, of the same size, surrounded by a border displaying ‘Établissement géographique de Bruxelles’ at the top and ‘Fondé par Ph. Vandermaelen en 1830’ at the bottom. In the centre of the cartouche, the sober title ‘Globe terrestre’, is followed by the words ‘Publié en [date]’ and ‘Dessiné par H. Renaud’.

However, there are a few variations that distinguish the cartouches from each other. The publication date is the most remarkable variant: the Greenwich globe indicates ‘1835’, that of Laeken ‘1839’ - but the number 9 seems to override another number (the number 7 in this case) - that of Freyr ‘1841’ and that of Tervuren ‘1846’ - but, here too, the unit digit seems to override another digit. Finally, it should be noted that the tens and units digits have been scratched on the gore globe of the KBR.

There is another variation in the cartouches. A discreet mention has been added below the cartouche: ‘Delahouse scriptit’. The signature of Philippe Vandermaelen’s engraver appears on the first edition of 1835, as well as on the globe of Laeken (1839); it disappears from 1841 (Freyr). This could logically be explained by the fact that in 1841, the globe was re-engraved, at least partially, by another collaborator.

... but a giant leap in geographical knowledge!

If there are several successive editions, if another engraver had to intervene, it is because the geographical content had changed. This would not be surprising given the many geographic discoveries that took place during this period. However, given the poor quality of the images of the surface of the globes (see insert) we had no choice but to select some comparison points at random. These geographical points of comparison are five in number:

1. Antarctica, Victoria Land
2. Australia, the main toponyms
3. Australia, South Australia
4. Africa, the Kalahari Desert
5. Africa, Congo
6. Antarctica, Victoria Land

Victoria Land is a region of Antarctica, bordered to the east by the Ross Sea, some 3 000 km south of New Zealand. It was discovered by Captain James Clark Ross in January 1841 and named in honour of his sovereign. This land therefore cannot have been drawn on the original 1835 edition. Moreover, the Greenwich Museum’s online catalogue tells us that ‘The south polar region is empty. The discoveries of 1832-33 by D’Iscoor are not yet recorded’. So, how can an 1839 globe contain geographical information that is still unknown at that moment? The answer is the already mentioned handwritten annotation in Antarctica, around 160° East longitude (Paris meridian) and between 70° 30’ and 78° 00’ South latitude: the drawing of a coast, with the caption ‘Terre découverte par le Capitaine James Ross en janvier et février 1841’. It is reasonable to assume that the globe was delivered after 1839, date indicated in the cartouche. Vandermaelen, whose obsession with keeping his maps up to date is known, wanted to update his work by writing down a recent discovery by hand.

Not surprisingly, on the 1841 Freyr globe, the mention of Ross’s discoveries, handwritten on the 1839 globe, was lithographed. It reads: ‘Terre Victoria découverte par James Ross’. Same mention on the globe of Tervuren (1846).

The 1850 KBR gore globe has a surprise in store for us. We are obviously here in the presence of a new engraving since the mention has been split. While the text itself has not been changed, the two elements that comprise it have been separated. We now read: ‘Terre Victoria’ to the left of the coast labelled ‘Découverte du Capitaine Ross’. Will the other points of comparison confirm this finding?

A systematic comparison is unfortunately difficult because the photos of each globe are necessarily partial, often dark and of relative sharpness given the amateur material used and the roundness of the subject. The fragmentary aspect of the photographic coverage is due in particular to the inability to rotate the globe, to the fact that some areas are concealed by the horizon or by the meridian, and others located at the bottom remain in semi-darkness. In addition, the globes are rarely placed in the centre of a room, it is often impossible to go around them and therefore to photograph them as a whole. This is the case with the one at Laeken, kept in a corner, a few centimetres from an Empires-style pedestal table, and also collapsed on its axis. This is also the case with that of the Tervuren globe, placed in the corner of a mezzanine, between a wall, a railing and a door. Large areas of the earth’s surface are therefore overlooked.
2. Australia, the main toponyms

On the Laeken globe (1839), the toponym ‘Nouvelle Hollande’ occupies the entire interior of the Australian continent, which is almost empty. Other general toponyms indicate coastal regions (Terre de Witte, Terre de Nuyts, terre de Flinders, etc.). It is likely that this globe conforms to the princeps edition of 1835 (Greenwich).

On Freyryck’s globe (1841), the toponym ‘Nouvelle Hollande’ is retained in its original position, but two toponyms appear to designate two interior provinces: ‘Western Australie’ (named in 1832), on the one hand, and, on the other hand, ‘South Australie’ (created by the British Parliament in 1842). No change in 1846, neither on the gore globe.

3. Australia, South Australia

In addition, in this ‘South Australia’ introduced on the 1841 Freyryck edition, Vandermaelen drew, north of Adelaide, a characteristic loop of lakes, which was not found on the previous versions - and for good reason - including Lake Torrens. This lake is rather a salty lagoon, largely parched, in fact an immense expanse of salt 240 km long, reported by the British explorer Edward John Eyre in 1840. It is therefore a very recent discovery that Vandermaelen recorded on this edition of 1841. South-southwest of this lake, another novelty: a relief in the shape of a horseshoe, ‘Gawler Range’ (now ‘Gawler Ranges National Park’), named in 1839 by this same explorer Edward John Eyre in honour of the Governor of South Australia George Gawler.

On the Tervuren globe (1846) and that in gores of the KBR (1850), no change was noticed compared to the edition of 1841 (Freyryck). A more detailed comparison proved impossible because the east of this loop of lakes introduced in 1841 is concealed by the meridian.

4. Africa, the Kalahari Desert

Let’s change continents and now head to southern Africa, particularly the Kalahari Desert, an area roughly corresponding to the present states of Namibia and Botswana.

In 1841 (Freyryck), the region was re-engraved. Towards the north of the desert, a lake named ‘Demboaa’ was drawn on the hypothetical course, still shown in dotted lines, of the Cunene river. A little further south, a mountain range with an east-west orientation has been introduced, which is added, perpendicularly to the north, another mountain range. There was no change in 1846 (Tervuren), nor on the 1850 KBR gores.

5. Africa, Congo

No apparent change in the area in 1841 (Freyryck). On the other hand, on the globe in gores at the KBR an area engraved around the letter ‘Q’ of the word ‘Affrique’ traced vertically across the continent, west of a north-south oriented mountain range, has been completely erased: a cluster of tributaries more or less parallel to the ‘Zaire or Congo’ river, whose sources seem to group together in the ‘Coutona’ lake, gives way to a vast virgin expanse.

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In ‘The continent of Europe’ itinerary guide, what concerns Belgium and Brussels? ‘An Englishman’ writes –

- ‘Belgium. Climate. – More favourable to health than that of Holland, but humid compared with France and Germany. Somewhat similar to that of England.’ [..] (column 165).
- ‘Brussels. General Description. – Lever has truly written, “I thought Brussels, taking it for all in all, the most beautiful town I had ever seen. It has its defects, no doubt, [..] But I know no place which combines so much of modern elegance with quaint antiquity, [..]”’ (columns 166-167). Charles James Lever (1806-1872) studied medicine in Dublin and Göttingen, resided at 16 rue Ducale, Brussels, partly as British Ambassador’s physician (1817-1842), with a brief return in 1845. Listed in ‘Contents’ as ‘City of Brussels’ (with Map) and its Principal Objects of interest’ is a good example of essential touristic mapping (Fig. 3).

The Ravenstein firm’s home city of Frankfurt is on a regional map in the section ‘Rhenish Germany (with Map of the Rhine)’ showing the still usual route to Brussels via Cologne and Aachen (Fig. 4), South of the named ‘Taunus’ [mountains], nearer Wiesbaden than Frankfurt and northeast of Hochheim, is where Ravenstein died at Hofheim. The Brussels Map Circle’s May 2016 Dispatch for the 6 January 1861 issue of Weekly Dispatch (Fig. 9) was also a good example of legible drawing and printing – unlike the inking for ‘Constantinople’ (Fig. 6). Both the main text and maps in these itinerary guides were nearing the end of their useful life by 1880.

For Ravenstein’s adopted city the London guide illustrates, in the section ‘Central London’, a map including his German Gymnasium (Fig. 7). The London ‘Turnhalle’ was designed by E. A. Grüning for the Deutsche Turnverein (founded 1863) and opened in 1865; Ravenstein was first president (1862-1871) of the German Gymnastic Society. A walk along the Strand and Fleet Street to Saint Paul’s Cathedral is illustrated by a larger-scale plan where ‘Salisbury Square,’ the location of the printers/distributors (Thomson Brothers and Poulton) of the three itinerary guides for tourists, is marked and named (Fig. 8). Ravenstein’s venues of employment from 1815 until 1872 by the War Office may be illustrated twice here: the central of the 9-sheet ‘London’ plan by Edward Weller FGS for the 6 January 1861 issue of Weekly Dispatch (Fig. 9); and on the map to the ‘St. James’s’ section of the London guide – keyed feature number 14 (Fig. 10). The relevant text is in column 121, where is also noted Marlborough House (‘Marl. Ho’ on plan): ‘... Marlborough House, the residence of the Prince of Wales [later: King Edward VII... In 1872, it was purchased by the Crown, and granted as a residence to Prince Leopold, subsequently King of the Belgians.’
The ‘United States...’ itinerary guide begins with an in-text map of ‘New York’ – a major passenger port for European immigrants – at scale [ca 1:200 000] in column 9. This is followed by an (un-numbered) full-page map ‘The United States and [southern] Canada’, signed by E. G. Ravenstein, on verso of the columns 9-10 page and opposite a recto of columns 11-12. A smaller unsigned map of north central ‘California’, from Russian River eastwards to the Sierra Nevada, to illustrate the section ‘VII. – Great Western Tour’ (Fig. 11) contrasts greatly with Ravenstein’s coloured ‘Map of the south-western portion of the United States... Illustrating Travels of Dr. W. A. Bell’ (Fig. 12.a & Fig. 12.b). This was for Bell’s book New tracks in North America: a journal of travel and adventure whilst engaged in the survey for a southern railroad to the Pacific Ocean during 1867-87. A footnote on page 374 states: ‘A correct map of the [Lower California] peninsula was for the first time compiled from the results obtained by...’

south from German town to Red Bank (Fig. 13). Note, west of ‘Red Bank’, the miniscule crossed-swords symbol and date ‘1777’. This commemorates the 22 October battle between the British (with a Hesse-Kassel and Hanover contingent) and the colonial (revolutionary) Americans for Fort Mercer: the final digit ‘7’ bears evidence of having been corrected from ‘6’. Column 40 carries a [central Philadelphia] plan, scale [ca 1:16 500], centred on Penn Square.

The participation, in these itinerary guides, of E.G. Ravenstein - ‘First Victoria Gold Medallist of the Royal Geographical Society, 1902, Hon. or Honorary Corresponding Member of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society and the Geographical Societies of Amsterdam, Berlin, Frankfurt-am-Main, and Lisbon’ - seems worthwhile to bring the notice of them to a wider readership.

Note: All the illustrations are from the author’s collection.

Fig. 11. ‘California’, scale 40 Miles = 18 mm [ca 13 600 000]: 48 × 108 mm; over columns 77-78. In text column 76 the River is referred to twice as ‘Russia’ and once as ‘Russian’ river - as it is generally called today.

Fig. 12.a North-west extract from Ravenstein’s folded ‘Map of the south-western portion of the United States... Illustrating Travels by Dr. W.A. Bell’, from the 2nd edition (1870) of Bell’s book: Extract size 150 × 105 mm

Fig. 12.b The completely redesigned title cartouche area of the ‘Map of the south-western... United States... Illustrating Travels by Dr. W.A. Bell’ in the 2nd edition. The legend’s ‘Other Routes described’ (in broken line) was absent from the map’s state in Journal of the RGS. The red overprinting of the two sets of routes is a good example of bad lithographic registration

Fig. 13. Philadelphia; scale 2 miles = 14 mm [ca 1:250 000]: 75 × 55 mm; column 39.
Mapping the World, the Belgian contribution

11 – 14 October 2021, Brussels, Belgium

38th IMCoS International Symposium

Hosted by the Royal Library of Belgium (KBR) and the Brussels Map Circle (BIMCC)

Registration is now open!

As many potential participants have expressed their interest by pre-registering, we have continued the preparatory work for the Symposium and opened registration officially on our dedicated website, http://imcos2021brussels.org.

In view of the uncertainty concerning the evolution of the Covid19 pandemic, we have adopted a cancellation policy to reassure participants and guarantee that they take no financial risk. Our Terms and conditions (mentioned on our webpages) state: ‘In case of cancellation of the symposium, in particular due to sanitary restrictions associated to the Covid-19 pandemics, all payments will be refunded’. In addition, participants may cancel their participation for any reason, until 1 September 2021; they will receive a refund of their registration fee (less a EUR 15.00 administration charge).

The full symposium registration fee is EUR 350.00, including the opening reception and the formal final dinner (plus optional charges for the post-symposium tour). Participants may attend only part of the Symposium; accompanying persons may participate in the opening reception and in the final dinner.

To encourage early registrations, we are offering reduced fees for ‘early birds’ who register and make their payments before the end of May.

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In addition, Members of the Brussels Map Circle will be invited to the opening reception, free of charge (when registering, just use the discount code “IMCoS21-BMCMCF”).

Consolidated Symposium programme

This Symposium is planned as a three-day event, commencing with an opening reception on the evening of 11 October 2021 at the KBR, comprising speaker presentations at the KBR and visits to collections/institutions holding remarkable map collections in Brussels. An official dinner will close the symposium on 14 October 2021.

- **Monday 11 October 2021**
  - Registration and Reception at the Royal Library of Belgium

- **Tuesday 12 October 2021 - Day 1**
  - Registration (continued)
  - Opening
  - Where are you? Introduction to Belgium by Prof. Wouter Bracke (KBR and ULB)
  - Darkness there and nothing more? Medieval cartography and the Liber Floridus by Dr Karen De Coene
  - Intersections of military architecture and cartography in the Low Countries (1540-1625), from Jacob van Deventer to Pierre Le Poivre by Prof. Pieter Martens (VUB)
  - Lunch at your leisure
  - Guided visit to the Library of the Dukes of Burgundy exhibition at the KBR museum
  - Guided visit around the KBR Map Room

- **Wednesday 13 October 2021 - Day 2**
  - Ortelius: the man and his world by Curator Joost Depuydt (Museum Plantin Moretus)
  - Gerard Mercator as a maker of Scientific Instruments: aspects of materialised knowledge by Prof. Koenraad van Cleemput (Universiteit Hasselt)
  - Northern Europe in sixteenth-century nautical cartography: a comprehensive review by Luis Robles (ULB)
  - Between Heaven and Earth. Michel Florent van Langren and his Map of the Moon. by Prof. Geert van Paemel (KU Leuven)
  - Lunch at your leisure
  - Visit to the scientific instruments section of the Art & History Museum
  - Visit to the Map Room of the Royal Army Museum War Heritage Institute.

- **Thursday 14 October 2021 - Day 3**
  - The Ostend East India Company 1722-1742 by Dr Jan Parmentier (Museum aan de Stroom)
  - From a 1761 Venus transit to the Second Military Survey — the century of the Habsburg Empire in cartography by Prof. Gábor Timár (Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary)
  - Congo at the time of Leopold II by Dr Jan Vandersmissen (Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences)
  - The Mapping of the Antarctic Peninsula by European Nations around 1900 (Belgium, France, Sweden, and Russia) by Robert Clancy
  - Civil Aviation Maps: from verbal notes to full-fledged paper charts and digital death? by Hans Kok (Former chairman of the IMCoS Executive Committee)
  - Lunch at leisure
  - Visit to the Map Room of the State Archives of Belgium
  - Reception and official dinner at the Cercle Gaulois

- **Friday 15 to Sunday 17 October 2021**
  - Optional touristic excursion around Belgium (Antwerp, Bruges, Ghent, In Flanders Fields) organised by a travel agent (see description on the following page).

Any updates to this programme will be posted on the Symposium website, http://imcos2021brussels.org, which also provides further details on the practical organisation of the Symposium, optional tours and registration.
Optional excursions
15 - 17 October 2021

In spite of the uncertainty concerning the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have put together a programme for a three-day coach tour which will focus on three historical landmarks in Belgium: Antwerp, Ypres (Flanders Fields) and Ghent.

Of course, this programme may have to be adapted to the prevailing circumstances.

- The first day (Friday 15 October 2021) will focus on Antwerp, a major European port, an important diamond industry centre and home of the sixteenth century school of Flemish cartography.

- The second day (Saturday 16 October 2021) will bring us to Flanders Fields, near Ypres, the site of several battles of the First World War. We will start with a guided tour of the In Flanders Fields Museum; it gives a comprehensive presentation of the successive Battles of Ypres which took place in the vicinity between October 1914 and November 1918.

- The third day (Sunday 17 October 2021) will be dedicated to the visit of Ghent, one of the most beautiful historical cities in Europe, as former French president François Mitterrand once said. We will have a guided boat tour of the historical centre of the city, built at the confluence of the rivers Scheldt and Lys, to admire its medieval castle, cathedral, belfry, main square, its eighteenth-century patrician palaces and nineteenth-century bourgeois houses.

Participants will then have some free time to walk around the city centre and have a quick lunch (on your own). From 13.00, we will be able to visit St Bavo’s Cathedral to see the world famous Adoration of the Mystic Lamb, painting by Hubert and Jan van Eyck (audio-guide supplied).

On 9 March 2021, his 97th birthday, Dr Albert Ganado, Founder and President of the Malta Map Society, stepped down as President to become Honorary Life Founder President.

At 97, he will be taking a well-deserved back seat. Nevertheless, he will continue to help the society with their activities. As a lasting commemoration of the event, the Society presented a memento to Dr Ganado in recognition of his sterling work in founding, nurturing and sustaining the Society throughout these last ten years.

Joseph Schirò, who has been Honorary Secretary of the Malta Map Society since its foundation, has now taken over the role of President.

The other members of the Board are Ivan Psaila, Vice-President; Krystle Attard Trevisan, the new Honorary Secretary; Claude Micallef Attard, Honorary Treasurer; Rod Lyon, Press Officer, and members Rilene Ganci, Bernadine Scicluna, William Soler and William Zammit.

The Malta Map Society was founded by Dr Ganado in November 2009. Over the last ten years, the Society has managed to publish erudite in-depth studies of maps of Malta, many of which continue to be discovered in various archives and libraries in Malta and abroad. This research work is ongoing; there are more scholarly publications on the way. In addition the Society publishes a highly-respected journal once a year. The Society is among the most active cartographic societies in the world.

A keen collector of Melitensia, including books and manuscripts, maps and prints, portraits, autographs, postcards and philatelic items, Dr Ganado has written extensively on Maltese history, art, legislation, politics and philately, authoring fourteen books and well over 200 articles of academic interest in journals and books published in Malta, London, Rome, Vienna and Leipzig.

In 2008 Heritage Malta acquired Dr Ganado’s colossal collection of 450 antique Malta maps, all different, from the sixteenth to the nineteenth century, which is now known as The Albert Ganado Map Collection.

Housed at MUZA in Valletta, his collection, together with other maps which form part of the national collection, is now the largest collection of maps of Malta in the world. In 2011 the International Map Collectors’ Society (IMCoS), London, awarded him the prestigious Helen Wallis Academic Excellence Award.

The new President of the Malta Map Society, Joseph Schirò, presenting a memento to Dr Ganado on his appointment as Honorary Life Founder President on his 97th birthday.

Award for his lifetime contribution to the history of cartography. In October 2013 the University of Malta conferred on him a Doctorate in Literature (Honoris Causa), while in 2017 the Faculty of Laws honoured him with the Academic Excellence Award.
Dear Joseph

You will recall I had talked to the committee some months ago I would like to stand down as President of the society. I take this opportunity to convey a farewell message to members of the committee I had worked with so pleasantly these last years. I thank them for all they did and I am grateful for their wholehearted support and for their valid contribution to make the society such a successful venture. It is my ardent wish to see the society flourish even more and I offer my best wishes to all the committee members present and future. I am sad I cannot take my part in the activities of the society but I am always ready and happy to offer a helping hand wherever possible.

With my kindest regards

ALBERT

Dr. Canado’s letter to Joseph Schirò, dated 15 February 2021, read at the Malta Map Society meeting two days later.