

# International Map Year



**International Cartographic Association**  
Commission on Cartography and Children



## **BARBARA PETCHENIK INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN MAP DESIGN COMPETITION 2017**

### **INVITATION**

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the International Cartographic Association and the Commission on Cartography and Children, it is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the next Barbara Petchenik Map Competition 2017, an event created with the aim of promoting the creative representation of the world in graphic form by children.

In 2017, this biannual international award has a special connotation, because it is organized on the frame of activities programmed within the *International Map Year*. By this reason, the theme for the 2017 competition is the motto of the International Map Year: “**We love maps**” and the entries can be nominated in four age groups: under 6 years, 6-8 years, 9-12 years and 13-15 years. The deadline for the participation in the contest is **1 May 2017**.

Winner drawings selected at national level will be displayed in the International Exhibition to be held during the 28<sup>th</sup> International Cartographic Conference in Washington DC, USA from 2 to 7 July 2017. An international jury will select the best entries by each age group. Also there will be a public vote open to all participants for a dedicated public prize and by first time the ICA Commission on Art and Cartography will also give a Creativity Award. If you are interested in using children maps in your context, e.g. with publications, we would like to encourage you to contact us.

For more detailed information about the competition, please visit the ICA website of the International Cartographic Association (<http://icaci.org/petchenik/>), the Commission on Cartography and Children (<http://lazarus.elte.hu/ccc/ccc.htm>) or their Facebook profile (<https://www.facebook.com/icaccc/>).

If you are interested to see the drawings made by children in the previous competitions, you can find all of them on the “Archive of the Barbara Petchenik Children's Map Competition” website, maintained by the Maps, Data and Government Information Centre at Carleton University Library (<https://childrensmaps.library.carleton.ca/>).

ICA hopes that we can count on the participation of your country in the competition 2017.

Yours sincerely,

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