



The Cartography and Geographic Information Society



Cartography and Geographic Information Science archive

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The *Cartography and Geographic Information Science* archive project has been completed. CaGIS members can now access all back issues of the *CaGIS* journal online for free at <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/acsm/cagis>.

The *CaGIS* journal has seen several transformations since 1974 when its first issue was published under the name *The American Cartographer*. In 1989, the journal's name changed to *Cartography and Geographic Information Systems* (1990-1998), and then again to *Cartography and Geographic Information Science* (1999-present). With each title change, the content and reach of the journal have changed as well.

From its inception, the journal focused on promoting the advancement of cartography in all its aspects. Over the years, the journal's coverage has expanded to include papers that deal with all aspects of cartography, geographic information systems (GIS), and geographic information science (GIScience). Research addressing the interface between cartography and GIScience has featured prominently in the journal.

In 2004, *CaGIS* became one of the three official journals of the International Cartographic Association (ICA). This distinction has allowed the journal to expand its reach worldwide; this is demonstrated by increased international submissions.

Since 1995, *CaGIS* has been the home of the U.S. National Report to the ICA. This special issue is distributed every four years to an international audience at the Assembly of the ICA and the concurrent International Cartographic Conference.

Since 2005, the *CaGIS* journal has also published selections of papers presented at the biannual

AutoCarto Research Symposium, as part of an effort to highlight research trends in cartography.

An important milestone was reached in 2003, when the *CaGIS* journal started its online publication at www.ingentaconnect.com. The online *CaGIS* journal now comprises 119 issues of which 93 form the archive of 29 volumes. Members and subscribers have access to the entire back file at no additional cost.

Apart from being part of Ingenta Connect's online database, the *CaGIS* journal is searchable through CrossRef, the official Digital Object Identifier (DOI) registration agency for scholarly and professional publications (www.crossref.org). The journal has been submitted to the Social Sciences Citation Index early this year for full-text inclusion in the Index.

The *CaGIS* archive project is one of the major accomplishments of the Cartography and Geographic Information Society since incorporation in 2004. The project, which began in December 2007, was completed in December 2008.

Another major accomplishment of the Society is free online access to the complete archive of proceedings from the AutoCarto symposia which began in 1974. This archive is available at <http://www.cartogis.org/autocarto-proceedings/autocarto-proceedings-1974-1997/autocarto-conferences>, with additional links to the most recent symposia. The 1974-1997 proceedings are also available for a small fee on CD.

CaGIS is proud to offer these valuable resources to the cartography and CGIS community, and we hope that you will find them useful and interesting!